



# Genealogy Journal

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## ***Grants Pass Genealogical Society Meeting***

***Tuesday May 9th 2017 - 1:30 - 3PM***

LDS Church 1969 WILLIAMS HWY GRANTS PASS  
(East Side of the Building)

### **“Using the Portal”**

**Presented by Family History Center Consultants**

Take a tour of “The Portal” - a collection of 14 fee-based programs available for free at all Family History Centers.

Ancestry.com, Fold3, MyHeritage, Newspaper Archive, *Geneanet* and *19<sup>th</sup> Century British Newspaper Digital Archive*

This program scheduled to be held in January was cancelled due to extreme weather conditions.

Members and the public are invited to attend. For more information contact [cacese36@gmail.com](mailto:cacese36@gmail.com)

**Board of Directors Meeting starts at 12:30**



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General Meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month (except July, August, December) at 1:30 PM at 1969 Williams Highway (corner of Harbeck), Grants Pass, Oregon. The Board of Directors meets at 12:30 PM before the General Meeting. All are welcome to attend the Board of Directors meeting.

Annual membership - \$15.00 for one individual, or \$20.00 for two  
Individuals living at the same mailing address.

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## President's message

Dear Members,

We're moving closer to our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in April of 2018 and the board of directors is working on some very interesting ways to celebrate that special date. How would you like to celebrate our birthday? All ideas are welcome.

I recently had a phone call from Jean Davis who was a member of GPGS many years ago. Her call got me to wondering who are the "seniors" in our group as the membership records don't reflect when people before the year 2000 joined. If you've been a member as far back as the 20<sup>th</sup> Century send me an email and let me know when you joined.

At the last meeting I announced GPGS plans to endorse a scholarship at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Because this expense is over \$200.00 it must be approved by the membership upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors. We'll discuss this briefly at the May general meeting and vote at the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The yard sale is planned for July 8<sup>th</sup> and will be held in the Juvenile Justice Center parking lot at 4<sup>th</sup> and "F" Streets across the street from the Growers Market. As you clean out your garage save some special items for the yard sale. This is our only fund raising activity and past years brought money to help fund the free Workshop in September and the website ([www.gpgenealogy.org](http://www.gpgenealogy.org)) throughout the year.

I hope to see you all at the meeting on Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.

Cheers,  
*Celeste*



Cindy Suda  
 Facebook Coordinator  
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## Facebook Update

It seems everything is budding and blooming this time of year—and I hope your family research is as well! There has been quite a bit of growth on our Facebook page also as we had four more people like our page in April, which brings us up to 109 followers. During the last four weeks, we've had 19 people go directly to our page and we've reached 520 on their news feed—up 85% from last month. Additionally 373 people engaged with our 18 April posts by liking, clicking on links or sharing our posts, a 425% increase from March!

The most popular posts in April were:

1. Great WWI Resources—Ancestry's Transport Lists & Internet Archive's Memorial Books Online with Photographs—Reached by 260
2. 5 Photos You Should Take at a Cemetery—Reached by 147
3. 7 Little-Used Tricks for Finding that Missing Maiden Name—Reached by 117

Besides the latest Society news and meeting information and links to a couple of touching stories, one a mother & daughter adoption reunion made possible by DNA testing, and the other, a daughter's reunion with her mother's missing wedding photograph, highlights of this month's posts include: 9 Can't-Miss U.S. Genealogy Libraries; 5 More Things You Can Do in Genealogy When You're Short on Time; 3 Overlooked Clues in Genealogical Documents; How Your Teeth Reveal Clues About Your Ancestry; and How Many Ancestors Do You Have? And perhaps because it feels like Spring Cleaning time, my personal favorite, the video link "Organize Your Genealogy: Tips from a Professional Organizer."

Remember that all these topics and much more are available to you by scrolling back down our page. As always, I'm happy to assist you if you have any questions about our Facebook page. May your Family Tree grow with newfound limbs and your research blossom with beautiful new finds! Happy Spring!

Regards,  
 Cindy Suda, Facebook Coordinator  
[www.facebook.com/gpgenealogy](http://www.facebook.com/gpgenealogy)



**Grants Pass Genealogical Society  
Minutes  
Board Meeting-Tues April 11, 2017  
1969 Williams Hwy. Grants Pass  
12:30**

**Officers and Board Members**

Celeste Guillory-Pres present Jan Franz- VP present  
Joan Edwards-Sec present Polli Kucharik- Treas. present  
Cindy Suda-Facebook Manager absent Laura Dunwald-Uhlig-Senior Advisor present  
Janis Seaton-Research absent Don Ness-Research absent  
Garnet Rigby Wharton-Advisor present Bev Wellington-Advisor present  
Mary Ann Blackledge- Membership present Jan Hansen-FHC absent  
Heide Conrad-FHC absent

**Announcements:** DNA Interest Group meeting this evening from 6-8 PM in FHC.

Janis Seaton is recovering from a medical setback.

Free Family Tree DNA.com Webinar-now to April 12. It's available 24 hrs. a day. Celeste sent a link that just needs to be clicked.

Mary Ann Blackledge volunteered to be the Membership Chairman. (Thank you ☺)

Thanks also to Don Ness for his help researching the 19 WWI vets.

**Approve the Minutes from 14 Mar 17 meeting- sent to all members via email.** Polli approved minutes and Laura seconded the motion.

**Treasurer's Report- Polli Kucharik**

There are no outstanding bills. As of today, the checking account has \$1,310.45.

The tax paperwork has been sent off. Federal was free and state was \$20.00

Fred Meyers Info: Recipients are paid within 90 days after the end of a quarter. \$25.00 is the minimum payout. If the contribution is under that amt., it is carried over the next quarter. Even though it appears that you can have 2 recipients, it's best to have just one at a time. A suggestion would be to alternate recipients each quarter. To sign up, go to Fred Meyer.com home page, select rewards, and then follow the prompts.

**Old Business:** Scholarship info went out to the members in the newsletter. Celeste will design a short video about the proposed GPGS \$500 scholarship and the Josephine County Educational Foundation. A motion was made by Celeste for the members to vote on this in June. Polli approved and Bev seconded the motion. Bev Wellington said the LDS church approved having a donation jar available starting in May for the scholarship.

The GPGS Potluck luncheon is confirmed for 14 Aug at Countryside Village per our sponsor Don Ness.

The proposed keynote speaker for the October Seminar is John Hudick. John is a member of the GP Historical Society. When Don Ness researched WWI vets from Grants Pass for the Courier, he found information about Mr. Morrison who had served. Don wrote a short biography about him, which John will portray. The Courier will continue WWI coverage until it reaches info. for Nov 11, 1918.

Yard Sale- GPGS lost our original location for the Yard Sale but Celeste contacted the Juvenile Justice Center at 4<sup>th</sup> and F Streets and was told we could use their parking lot on Sat, 8 July. The only stipulation was that a "Hold Harmless" letter be written to Josephine County.

Laura suggested Connie Lenzen from the Oregon Forum (Portland) as a possible speaker. Celeste has her contact information and will give it to Jan.

Bev mentioned that Find A Grave has been taken over by Ancestry.com and the Beta portion of it is new and different.

Celeste read Elizabeth Dean's email and pointed out that the original purpose of having a same address rate was to increase membership. This topic was tabled until the next GPGS meeting.

Polli would like to discuss when dues are due at the next meeting. GPGS's fiscal year is Jan 1-Dec 31.

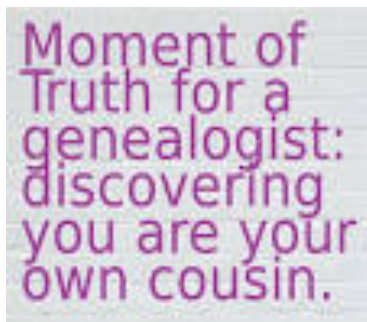
Jan and Celeste attended the German Genealogy Seminar/Workshop at RVGS and shared some facts they learned. From about 1400-1870 citizens had to get permission from their feudal lord to marry and travel. There was also a potato famine in Germany about the same time as the Irish one. Then there were religious issues. At first, Germans tried to move to neighboring countries but were not always welcome then they began migrating to America. They both said the information was quite interesting.

The meeting ended at 1:23.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Edwards

GPGS Secretary





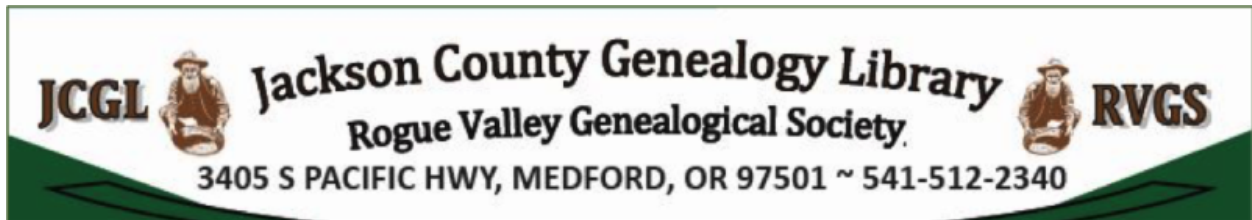
### DID YOU KNOW ?

AncestryDNA has exceeded four million samples in its DNA database!

The local DNA Interest Group meets Tuesday evening May 11<sup>th</sup> 6-8PM at the Family History Center. Bring your laptop, password for your account and questions.

Family Tree DNA, 23&Me and other DNA tests are covered.

### What's going on at the Jackson County Genealogy Library?



#### **May 7-May 14, RVGS Research Trip to Family History Library (FHL) in Salt Lake City**

Be there to research your own family history at FHL. Contact Betty Miller at RVGS for details.

#### **Monday May 8, 1:00-3:00 PM, DNA Interest group (already tested)**

Lorita Cushman will facilitate an advanced DNA Interest Group for those who have had their DNA tested and are interested in sharing information about DNA and related topics. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

#### **Tuesday May 9, 1:30-3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker User Group for MAC.**

This group meets to discuss the FTM program and share ideas with each other. Free to members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

**Tuesday May 9, 3:30-5:00 PM, German Interest Group**

This month Pat Jenkins facilitates the interest group concentrating on German history and research. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

**Thursday May 11, 1:30-3:00 PM, Irish Interest Group**

Bruce McGarvey moderates this interest group concentrating on Irish history, culture and researching Irish ancestors. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

**A SERIES OF THREE CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS WILL BE OFFERED IN MAY**

An Introduction to Genealogy, our popular three-class series, is back again to help one and all spring into family research. These three classes are a great way to get started - or to refresh your memory about the wonders hidden in our library - or getting some clues on how to organize your research.

**Saturday May 13, 10:30-12:30 PM, Introduction to Genealogy (First in the Series)**

Denise Saltmarsh will present the first class in the series, which will give you the basics of ancestor charts, family group sheets, building trees, logging research and where to look for records. Free to all. Register in advance.

**Tuesday May 16, 1:30-3:00 PM, Program for the Public and General Membership Meeting, "Collars, Coiffures and Corsets."**

Is a picture worth a thousand words? Our May program "Collars, Coiffures and Corsets" is a delightful journey into the secrets of fashion and hairstyles to help date old photographs. Speaker Kate Eakman, Senior Researcher for Legacy Tree Genealogists, is visiting us from Portland to offer tips and information on the styles of the past. She kindly invites one and all to bring in any mystery photos to look over at the end of the program. A fun afternoon for a May day! Free to everyone.

**Wednesday May 17, 10:30-12:30 PM, "Finding Your Native American Ancestry."**

Kate Eakman, Senior Researcher for Legacy Tree Genealogists, has an M.A. in History from the University of North Carolina. She specializes in

Native American research and in this informative class will discuss the key first steps of Native American research: examining your family stories; tracing your lineage to that specific person, noting race/color in birth, marriage, death, and census records; the geography of a particular tribe; the history of a particular tribe; and comparing the facts to the story. This class is an excellent starting point for researching Native Americans.



Kate Eakman is an interesting and entertaining speaker. Cost is: \$20 for non- members and \$10 for members. Register in advance. .

**Thursday May 18, 10:30-12:30 PM, Introduction to the Library (Second in the Series)**

Anne Billeter, RVGS president, instructor. This class for beginners will give you Tips and Tricks for how the library is organized and reveal research treasures you can use. Free to all. Register in advance.

**Saturday May 20, 10:30-12:30 PM, Organizing your Genealogy (Third in the Series)**

Barbara Northrup, instructor. Useful, practical strategies to organize your records, documents, and materials offline, using paper folders, notebooks and other tips for successful retention of your research. Free to all. Register in advance.

**Monday May 22, 1:00-3:00 PM, DNA Interest Group (new to subject)**

Lorita Cushman facilitates this group who have not yet had their DNA tested or who are beginners. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

**Tuesday May 23, 1:30-2:30 PM, Quilt and Genealogy program, “Grandma Homer’s Quilts”** by Melinda Fuhrer. Proud descendent of Pocahantas, Martha Mariah Homer’s interesting history includes 12 children and creativity through quilting.

***MONDAY May 29, MEMORIAL DAY. THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED.***

## Info from the Shasta Genealogical Society in Redding California

We would like to inform you and your society members about our upcoming **free online** research seminars. The first is the Western European Family History Conference, on May 15-19. This is for anyone who has German, French, Belgium, Dutch, Swiss, and Luxembourger ancestry. It is 5 days of classes in order to help you find your ancestors. You can attend in person or online. Check out the FamilySearch Wiki for class descriptions and registration links:

[https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Western\\_European\\_Family\\_History\\_Conference](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Western_European_Family_History_Conference).

You might also want to save the date for two more weeks – long seminars.

- Sep 11-15, **Nordic Research Seminar**
- Oct 2-6, **US Research Seminar**



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 Use this registry number - **90538**

**You know you are a Genealogy addict when....**

- .... **You brake for libraries.**
- .... **You hyperventilate at the sight of an old cemetery.**
- .... **You would rather browse in a cemetery than a shopping mall.**
- .... **You would rather read census schedules than a good book.**
- .... **You are more interested in what happened in 1699 than in 1999.**
- .... **All your correspondence begins with "Dear Cousin".**
- .... **You have traced every one of your ancestral lines back to Adam and Eve, you have it documented and still don't want to quit.**
- .... **Your most important social life is meeting people who you run into while searching a family line.**