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Andrea Dougan Guest Speaker

Analyzing Handwriting – What handwriting really says

The program on April 12th will be a first for our group ...something new and exciting. Guest speaker Andrea Dougan will analyze excerpts from documents, journals and letters and read between the lines about the author of these items.

Andrea Dougan has been analyzing handwriting since the early 1970's when interviewing prospective employees for her husband's firm. When analyzed correctly a person's handwriting tell a lot about an individual and could add some interesting data to a family history research project.

Members interested in submitting something to be analyzed should do so in advance. Please scan your letter or handwritten document and send the image to Celeste Guillory cacese36@gmail.com. Once received, a transparency will be produced for Andrea to work with at the meeting on April 12th.

We can't promise that all submissions will be shown due to time restraints that day. Send your scan by Monday April 11 to be processed



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General Meetings held on 2nd 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.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear members,

Last month's meeting with Jacque Campbell was one of our best meetings ever, raised some interesting questions and discussed all three of the DNA testing sites. Her wealth of knowledge is a great resource for local researchers. Plan to attend Jacque's DNA classes on Saturday April 9, 16 and 23 at the Family History Center from 10-12. Reservations required at: bevvel@gmail.com Also, plan to attend her other classes at the October 8th Community Seminar.

Going out with this newsletter are suggested revisions to the bylaws. I want to thank Garnet Rigby-Wharton and Jeanne Kengla for their efforts to update the rules of our group. We'll vote on these changes at the May 9th meeting.

Also coming up is a one-day trip to the Oregon State Archives in August. More on this later as details are worked out.

Don Ness and I will make a presentation at Countryside Village on Tuesday April 26 about our club. While there we'll do some ancestry.com look-ups for the residents.

Looking for someone to help Pat Heumann get a ride to and from our meetings. Contact her at (541) 441-6737 if you can bring her to the meetings.

Later on in the newsletter are some interesting websites I hope you will try out. I am always amazed at how many resources there are on the Internet. These resources help make family history research much easier and also a lot of fun. Thanks to Laura Dunwald-Uhlig for her commitment to finding these websites.

Best wishes to all,

Celeste Guillory

GPGS President

Any family tree produces some lemons, some nuts, and a few bad apples



LAURA KNOWS INTERESTING WEBSITES
by LAURA DUNWALD-UHLIG

<http://amberskyline.com/treasuremaps/> - a new genealogy website that hasn't been gobbled up by ancestry.com yet. They offer a handwriting class among other courses.

http://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy_news/2016/02/a-guided-tour-of-cyndis-list-20-free-webinar-by-cyndi-ingle-now-online-for-limited-time.html - a guided tour of Cyndis' list

<https://www.relativefinder.org> Login using your FamilySearch login info to see who you are related to that are famous.

www.Books.familysearch.org - Family History Books is a collection of more than 200,000 digitized genealogy and family history publications from the archives of some of the most important family history libraries in the world. The collection includes family histories, county and local histories, genealogy magazines and how-to books, gazetteers, and medieval histories and pedigrees. The valuable resources included in Family History Books come from many partner institutions. Click on the listed libraries for their online collection

<http://theoldentimes.com> -Old obituaries, birth & marriage announcements, old news stories, old advertising, recipes, cartoons and humor, and more. All are scanned from a personal collection of original issues of 18th, 19th and early 20th century newspapers from the U. S., England, Scotland, Australia & Ireland. Most of the newspapers date between 1788 and 1920

<http://ilgensoc.org> - doing research in Illinois? Go to this site - The Illinois State Genealogical Society for a wide variety of resources. Good homepage with a lot of choices.

**Genealogy: Collecting dead relatives and sometimes
a live cousin! (familytreequotes.com)**



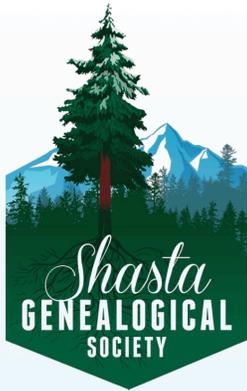
Yard Sale – July 9th Washington Federal Bank Parking Lot 4th & “G” Streets

**Do you have something for the yard sale on July 9th?
Clean out those closets and collect the extra stuff in
your garage and bring it the day of the sale..**

This year we have a great spot for the sale – Washington Federal Bank at the corner of 4th and “G” Sts. (busy location) across from the Growers Market. We need things to sell, people to set up before and take down after the sale. Bring sale items on the day of the sale ... please mark a price on each item and don't forget a lunch and a comfortable folding chair if you volunteer to work that day

This is our only source of revenue other than dues

For more information contact cacese36@gmail.com



Passenger Lists & Locating Place Names

Presented by Melinda Kashuba

April 9, 2016

2PM-5PM

Redding Library—Community Room
1100 Parkview Ave. Redding, CA 96001

Finding Your Way through Passenger Lists, Immigration and Naturalization Records

In this lecture Melinda will present an overview of three major record groups that pertain to the immigrant and the traveler. The focus is upon passenger lists, immigration records created since 1820, and naturalization records since 1790. Strategies are presented to help you locate immigrants among surviving passenger lists. American laws permitting immigration and naturalization will be discussed as well as how they affected our immigrant ancestors. Records created during their relocation and residence in the United States will also be featured.

Locating Foreign Maps for Genealogical Research

If you have a good map, genealogical research in a foreign country is much easier. In this lecture Melinda will teach you how to locate foreign maps and interpret them. There are plenty of online sources, libraries, and retailers that sell foreign maps depicting locations where your ancestors lived. The Library of Congress and the National Archives maintain large collections of foreign maps and maps created by United States agencies to serve American interests in other parts of the world. A bonus to collecting foreign maps: they can help you plan research trips abroad or assist you in directing others to do research on your behalf.

Melinda Kashuba holds a PhD in Geography from the University of California, Los Angeles. She is a popular lecturer and author of *Walking with Your Ancestors: a Genealogist's Guide to Using Maps and Geography* (Family Tree Books, 2005) plus numerous articles in genealogical magazines and other publications. Her specialties include nineteenth and twentieth century American records and maps. She performs genealogical research for clients and is a member of the National Genealogical Society, the Association Professional Genealogists, and the California State Genealogical Alliance.

Hosted by the **Shasta Genealogical Society**

Visit their website at: www.shastagen.org

It's Not To Late To Sign Up!

www.gcoconference.com

Calling all Intermediate and Advanced Genealogists! July 28 and 29, 2016 Lane Community College, Eugene, OR This is a two-day Institute. The fee covers both days of instruction, as well as lunch and snacks. We are bringing in nationally known and well-respected genealogists, authors and educators to share their knowledge with us. You pick the track and you stay in the same classroom for two insightful days with your instructor.

Is it time to expand your research outside your normal comfort zone? Are you ready to take your writing skills up a notch or two? Are you hoping for personal growth in your genealogical pursuits?

Write it Up! A Workshop for Family Historians

Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS -Through genealogical examples and exercises, participants will learn how to get started, how to write clearly and concisely, and how to organize their writing for publication. This two-day interactive workshop will include feedback on participants' writing samples.

“Records Created by the Federal Government: Essential Sources for Reconstructing Ancestors’ Lives.”

John Philip Colletta, Ph.D., FUGA This course examines a broad sampling of federal records available in a variety of media: online, on microfilm, in books, as well as originals. Discussed are passenger arrival lists, naturalizations, military pension and bounty land, court records, passport applications, homestead files, Civil War income tax records, the Journals of Congress, appointments of postmasters, and Civil War draft registrations. Lessons describe the records in detail and the finding aids, such as online databases and microfilmed indexes, for accessing the ones you need. Engaging examples and case studies illustrate the wealth of biographical information these records contain about our ancestors. The final session demonstrates how to use the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and the twelve Regional Archives across the country to delve into the millions of federal records that have never been published.

*Friends come and go, but relatives
tend to accumulate.*



HAPPENING AT THE JACKSON COUNTY

GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

3405 South Pacific Hwy – Medford

541-512-2340

Classes, Interest Groups and other activities sponsored by the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society

Sun, Apr 10 The Chinese in Oregon and the Chinese Exclusion Act Case Files, 1:00-2:30 This presentation is provided by the Oregon Historical Society Visiting Scholars program. The speaker is Patricia H. Nicola of the Seattle Archives. At the Medford Library.

Tue, Apr. 12 German Interest Group, 3:30-5:30. Mary Robsman facilitates this group of people interested in researching their German ancestors. Please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Thu, Apr. 14 Irish Interest Group, 1:00-3:00 Bruce McGarvey facilitates this group interested in researching Irish ancestry. Please bring your suggestions of software for Irish research you have used to share with the group. Please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Tue, April 19 All about the Berlin Wall, 1:30pm – 3:00pm Why was the Berlin Wall built? How did it look? Why did it fall? What was the "price" to the residents? Udo Gorsch-Nies will share his

memorable, first-person account of the events that tore his native Germany apart between August 1961 when he was a physics student in Bonn, and November 1989 when he was working in Berlin at the fall of the wall. Admission is free.

Thu, Apr. 21 Researching the FAN Club, 10:30 - 12:00 Family historians often begin in genealogy by researching only their direct ancestors. The ancestors they search for may have left few records. This lecture shows how to reconstruct the life of an ancestor by using records of their ancestor's friends, associates, and neighbors (their FAN Club). Melinda Henningfield, CG is a board certified genealogist, professional researcher, lecturer and author who will present this fascinating way of researching. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-member. Pre-register: email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person

Sat, April 23 Let's Talk about it! Facebook, 10:30am – 12:30pm David Hodson will present the ins and outs of using Facebook for your genealogy research. The popular social media platform is used by many with good success. Bring your questions and comments to this session. Free to members, \$20 for non-members. Please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Mon, Apr 25 Beginners DNA Interest Group, 1:00–3:00pm Lorita Cushman will facilitate discussion of DNA tests and their purposes for those who have not yet had their DNA tested. Free for members and first time non-members, the fee for non-members after first time is \$5 per session. Please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Tue, April 26 Quilts and Genealogy Talks: "Medford's Centennial Quilt and the Early Years of Medford," 1:30pm – 2:30pm Medford grew from two families in 1883 to a thousand souls in a few short years. How? Why? What drove the railroad to start a town in the middle of nowhere – and why did anyone move there? A talk by Ben Truwe. Free.

Sat, April 30 Family Tree Maker - Including Media Items, 10:30am – 12:30pm Charleen Brown explains the process of illustrating your family history with pictures, important documents, and possibly video and sound clips. Because FTM helps you organize your multimedia items all in one location, you can link media items to particular individuals, use images in selected family trees, reports,

charts and more. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Wed, May 4 Using the JCGL Effectively, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Anne Billeter will show you what's where at the Jackson County Genealogy Library, hidden treasures, and how to use the library's online catalog. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members, free for new librarians. Please register in advance by email: reception.jcgl@gmail.com, by telephone, 541-512-2340, or in person.

Great Local Resource

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society (RVGS) is located at 3405 South Pacific Hwy. Medford. RVGS was founded in 1966 and now owns and operates the Jackson County Genealogy Library which houses the largest genealogical collection between Portland, Oregon and Sacramento, California.

This collection has become available to researchers worldwide through indexes posted on their website with Oregon pioneer records and vital records (births, marriages, deaths).

Access the library website at www.rvgslibrary.org

The library is open Monday thru Saturday from 10am until 4pm and on Tuesday evening until 9pm.

Bend Genealogical Society



2016 Spring Seminar

Featuring

Lisa Louise Cooke

International Genealogy Speaker



Lisa Louise Cooke's
Genealogy Gems

Visit Lisa's website at:
<http://lisalouisecooke.com/>

Lisa's presentations are designed for both beginning & advanced genealogists.

Lisa is passionate about genealogy!

Lisa Louise Cooke is the owner of **Genealogy Gems**, a genealogy and family history multi-media company. She produces and hosts the **Genealogy Gems Podcast**, an online genealogy audio show that brings research strategies and expert interviews to genealogists in 75 countries around the world, and recently celebrated 1.5 million downloads!

Lisa digs through the myriad genealogy questions & resources to deliver special **gems** to add to your family history trove!

Do you want to say, "WOW, I learned a lot from Lisa," on April 23? Come to the BGS Spring Seminar for these presentations:

- **Get the Scoop on Your Ancestors with Newspapers** — Yearning to “read all about it?” Newspapers are a fantastic source of research leads, information and historical context for your family history. Learn Lisa's approach to achieve success in locating news about your ancestors.
- **Genealogy Podcasts 101** — Learn everything you need to know about how to find and listen to genealogy and history podcasts.
- **Time Travel with Google Earth** — Experience historic maps, images and videos coming together to create stunning time travel experiences in the free Google Earth program.
- **Inspiring Ways to Capture the Interest of the Non-Genealogists in Your Family** — Learn how to capture the imagination of your non-historian friends and relatives. Lisa's projects are guaranteed to inspire your family to ask you to tell them more about the family tree!

SATURDAY – April 23, 2016 <> 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
At the Bend Golf & Country Club

Registration Required – Seating is Limited – See Registration Form for Cost

Call BGS at (541) 317-9553 for more information

Find the Registration Form Online at: www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs

The Typewriter

Leroy Anderson (1908-1975) was an American composer of short, light concert pieces. Leroy Anderson wrote *The Typewriter* for orchestra and completing the work on October 9, 1950.

The Boston Pops Orchestra, under the direction of Arthur Fiedler, introduced many of his other compositions.

This particular orchestration was performed in a June 12, 2011 concert by members of the National Orchestra and Chorus of Spain in Madrid. The (typewriter) soloist is Alfredo Anaya. Watch his expressions and actions throughout the video...wonderful!

Many of the younger crowd who may see this video won't remember the ole typewriter. But us geezers remember it well. That was a long time ago.

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=G4nXOXrn-wo&sns=em

Thanks to LaVona Ness for providing this interesting presentation