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President's Message

As we conduct our genealogical research we review death records to trace the events of the subject we are documenting. Those events are interesting but don't often evoke tears and a emotional sense of loss.

Feelings come into the picture when the death date is recorded for someone we know and bonded with and this is certainly the case with the passing of Don Fairchild last month.



Donald Howard Fairchild
August 18, 1934 - March 19, 2013

Don could always be counted on to know an answer or he would get an answer for every question I asked of him. He was a frequent guest speaker at our meetings and taught those classes with many years experience as a genalogist and Family History Center Director. He gained that knowledge and experience in Grants Pass and other locations where he and his wife Shar lived over the years.

Don's memorial service was beautiful with many friends and family speaking words of comfort as they recalled special memories they shared with him. I am

always cheered to remind people when a genealogist dies they are still hard at work and most surely are easily getting the answers to all their questions.

Our affection and support goes out to Shar Fairchild and her family at this sad time in their life.

Celeste Guillory
President GPGS

April 9th Program Information:

Many of our members are curious about documenting their kin who fought in the American Revolution. To answer these questions, long-time members Barbara Johnson and Don Thomas will present an information session at the April 9th meeting about both organizations.

Both the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) and the SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) have excellent websites:

DAR - www.dar.org/
SAR - www.sar.org/

Daughters of the American Revolution

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



DAR Constitution Hall, Washington, DC

The **Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)** is a lineage-based membership service organization for women who are directly descended from a person involved in United States' independence.[1] A non-profit group, they work to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. The DAR has chapters in all 50 U.S. states as well as in the District of Columbia. DAR chapters have been founded in Australia, Austria, the

Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Spain, and the United Kingdom. As of 2012, over 850,000 women have been able to trace their lineage to join this organization. Although it is referred to as the DAR, the official name of this organization is the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR).

In 1889 the centennial of President George Washington's inauguration was celebrated, and Americans looked for additional ways to recognize their past. Out of the renewed interest in United States history, numerous patriotic and preservation societies were founded. The First Lady, Caroline Lavina Scott Harrison, wife of the United States President Benjamin Harrison, lent her prestige to the founding of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR). She served as its first President General. She had initiated a renovation of the White House to update its infrastructure and was interested in historic preservation. She helped establish the goals of NSDAR. Four Washington, DC women founded the first chapter on October 11, 1890. The National Society of the DAR was incorporated by congressional charter in 1896.

DAR's motto is "God, Home, and Country."

Sons of the American Revolution

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



The **National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)** is a Louisville, Kentucky-based fraternal organization in the United States. It is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation that describes its purpose as "maintaining and extending the institutions of American freedom, an appreciation for true patriotism, a respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of *e pluribus unum* that has created, from the people of many nations, one nation and one people."

The first organization of descendants of Revolutionary War patriots was established in San Francisco, California in 1876. A group of men who were descendants of Revolutionary War veterans gathered to celebrate the centennial of the Declaration of Independence and

the founding of the United States. They also wanted to honor the men and women who pledged their lives, fortunes, and livelihood to the striving for independence from Great Britain.

The history of the SAR can be traced to the founding of the Sons of the Revolution the New York Society of which was organized in 1883. The SR was founded by John Austin Stevens who envisioned an aristocratic social and hereditary organization along the lines of the Society of the Cincinnati. In 1889 William Osborn McDowell, a New Jersey financier and businessman, organized the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the Revolution but was unwilling to accept the SR's requirement that other state societies be subordinate to the New York society. Furthermore, McDowell wanted the society to become more of a mass movement of descendants of Revolutionary patriots rather than an exclusive social club. As a result, McDowell organized the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) at Fraunces Tavern in New York on April 30, 1889. This was the centennial for the inauguration of George Washington as the First President of the United States of America in 1789. SAR member Number #1 was McDowell. William McDowell worked with six women to organize the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution on July 29, 1890.

The SAR was formally granted a congressional charter by an act of Congress under Title 36 of the United States Code on June 9, 1906. The act was signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, who was a member.

Related Websites:

www.americanancestors.org

New England Historical and Genealogical Society. Founded in 1845, NEHGS focuses on New England ancestors, but has coverage of American family history from 17th century colonial times through twentieth-century immigration research. Subscription site, but has free information as well.

www.fold3.com

Fold3, formerly called Footnote, bills itself as the web's premier collection of original military records (think Revolutionary War). This is also a subscription site, but it contains free records and has a seven-day free trial period if you want to try it out. Just be sure to cancel on time if you don't want to continue!

www.archives.gov/research/arc/topics/revolutionary-war

National Archives and Records Administration.

Free Webinars:

I would like to thank Barbara Basden of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society for pointing out the upcoming FREE Family History Webinars provided at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com. Barbara mentioned several of them in the latest issue of RVGS April 2013 Classes and Events, which piqued my interest to look into it further. I discovered that following each live presentation scheduled for 2013, the webinar is free to view for seven days and is then archived for purchase. Since I found the upcoming topics so appealing, I am attaching a list of both future and archived webinars at the end of this newsletter.—*Editor*

“Digital Imaging Essentials” by Geoff Rasmussen:

Although I haven't had much time for reading recently, I have made an exception for this new book on digital imaging. I had been struggling (like a lot of other people) with how to convert 150 years of family photos to digital format so they could be shared with other family members and so that my one and only hard copy wouldn't be the only copy in existence. Not being very much of a technology whiz, I wanted something simple, “just the facts, ma'am.” I think I have found it in this book. It is not boring! It covers how to scan, what file formats to use, how to organize and save your images so you can always locate them, and how to develop a backup strategy to protect them from catastrophic loss. The author covers how to use Adobe's Photoshop Elements and Google's Picasa programs with easy step-by-step illustrated instructions. The 150-page black-and-white book costs \$19.95 and is available at www.legacyfamilytreestore.com. There is also a full-color PDF version of the book which you may still be able to get for free when you order the hard-copy book.--*Editor*

Upcoming Events:

GPGS (Grants Pass Genealogical Society) meetings are held at the LDS Church, corner of Harbeck Road and Williams Highway in Grants Pass. Board of Directors Meetings are held at 12:30 PM preceding General Meetings and are open to any members who wish to attend.

RVGS (Rogue Valley Genealogical Society) meetings and classes are held at the Jackson County Genealogy Library (JCGL), 3405 South Pacific Highway, Medford.

Apr 8-15 You may still be able to join the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society on their Salt Lake City research trip. The cost is approximately \$850 per person double occupancy, \$1,175 single occupancy. That includes all motel lodging and the bus transportation. Contact Betty Miller at 541-245-3427 or millerba1@hotmail.com if you are interested in going.

- Apr 9 GPGS monthly meeting at 1:45 PM. *Daughters of the American Revolution* and *Sons of the American Revolution*. Guest speakers Barbara Johnson (DAR) and Don Thompson (SAR).
- Apr 16 General meeting of RVGS, 1:30 to 3:00 PM at JCGL. *Capturing Oral History on Video: Tips for Storytellers and for Behind the Camera*, by speaker Dan Shaw (free). Stay to participate in *Diggin' In the Dark, Genealogy After Hours* from 3:00 to 9:00 PM. Free genealogy research and assistance at the Genealogy Library.
- Apr 20 *Beginning Genealogy* taught by Charleen Brown from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at JCGL. Call 541-512-2340 to reserve a space. Free.
- Apr 27 Spring Seminar to be held at Bend Golf and Country Club, featured speaker Christine Rose, CG, CGL, FASG. Event sponsored by Bend Genealogical Society. Last day for discounted early registration is April 12th. **See attached flyer and registration form.**
- Apr 26 *Using the Library Effectively*, taught by Ann Billeter at the JCGL from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Call 541-512-2340 to register. Cost is \$10.00 for members of RVGS and \$20.00 for non-members.
- Early May Keep an eye out for details of a mini-seminar to be presented by the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society!
- May 8-11 *Building New Bridges*, a Family History Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada sponsored by National Genealogical Society. **See attached flyer.**
- May 14 GPGS monthly meeting at 1:30 PM. *Solving a 40-Year Brick Wall*, speaker Don Ness. A tutorial video will also be shown.
- May 18 *Brick Wall Roundtable*, 10:30 AM to 12:00 noon, JCGL. Conducted by members of the RVGS. (Donation suggested.)
- Jun 7-9 *44th Annual Southern California Genealogy Jamboree* hosted by the Southern California Genealogical Society. Event to be held at Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel. This year's theme is "Follow the Path to the Past." More information can be found at www.genealogyjamboree.com.
- Jun 11 GPGS monthly meeting at 1:30 PM. *Digital Photo Know-How*. Guest Speaker Valerie Brown.



Bend Genealogical Society

2013 Spring Seminar

Featuring
Christine Rose

Certified Genealogist
Fellow, American Society of Genealogists
Certified Genealogical Lecturer



Christine is coming to Bend for a stimulating day of genealogy!

Christine has extensive national lecturing experience and is the author of many acclaimed genealogy books, including: *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Genealogy*; *Military Bounty Land 1776-1855*; & *Genealogical Proof Standard*.

Christine will be presenting on four topics at the 2013 Spring Seminar:

- **Genealogical Proof Standard: Building A Solid Case** – Do you have enough evidence? Is it all circumstantial? What if there are conflicts? How do you make a decision? Is your case convincing? Christine uses many specific examples to demonstrate how to build a solid case.
- **Avoid the Crooked Path! Genealogical Problem-Solving** – Christine uses case studies to demonstrate how to zero in on your goal and stay on the path to reach it.
- **Leaping to Erroneous Conclusions: What Did the Record REALLY Say?**
We often look at a document and quickly come to a conclusion about what it means. But...did it really mean that? Christine examines how evidence can be misinterpreted.
- **Solving the Problem Onsite in 25 Hours or Less** – Featuring a case study, strategies are presented to maximize onsite research. The same strategies can be used when not onsite.

SATURDAY – April 27, 2013 <> 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 Information/Registration Form Online: www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2013 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE



Building New Bridges

The NGS 2013 Family History Conference brings together genealogists and family historians — experienced researchers and those new to research, professionals and non-professionals — who share a common desire to learn how to share information about their ancestors. The conference will include programs for all skill levels and will feature tracks on

DNA, ethnic research, the law, migration, methodology, the West, women, and more. Lectures, meal events, and social events all provide opportunities to learn from and network with other genealogists. For additional information, please visit

http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info

**Mark Your Calendars - National Genealogical Society (NGS) Family History Conference
8-11 May 2013, Las Vegas, Nevada**

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An online seminar/class that you watch from your computer. You can also type your questions for the presenter to answer during the live presentation.

What do I need?

Internet connection and speakers.

What is the cost?

There is no charge to register and view the live webinar. If you cannot make the live event, CDs of the recording are just \$9.95 each or yearly memberships give you access to everything..

Quotes

"I learned more in this 60 minutes than ever before."

"Love seeing real-life situations and learning how I can apply the techniques to my work."

"I am a beginner and I think the webinar helped beginners as well as seasoned researchers!"

"I never knew such a thing existed. Thanks again for educating me on this."

January 2013

- **Successful On-site Research** by Marian Pierre-Louis. 1/16
- **Best Internet Resources for East European Genealogy** by Lisa Alzo. 1/23
- **Inheritance in Scotland: Wills, Testaments and Land Records** by Marie Dougan. 1/30

February 2013

- **Online Genealogy: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly** by Linda Geiger. 2/1
- **YouTube Your Family History** by Devin Ashby. 2/6
- **Pre-1850 U.S. Research Methodologies** by Karen Clifford. 2/13
- **Making the Most of Canadian Census Records** by Kathryn Lake Hogan. 2/20
- **Annie Moore of Ellis Island: a Case of Historical Identity Theft** by Megan Smolenyak. 2/27

March 2013

- **A Look at Wisconsin Genealogy Resources** by Thomas MacEntee. 3/6
- **Blogs: Easy-to-Make Web Pages** by DearMYRTLE and Carrie Keele. 3/8
- **Breaking Down Your Irish and Scottish Brick Walls** by Judy Wight. 3/13

April 2013

- **Evidence: Guidelines for Evaluating Genealogical Evidence** by Linda Geiger. 4/3
- **That First Trip to the Courthouse** by Judy Russell. 4/10
- **A Treasure Trove of Irish Websites** by Judy Wight. 4/17
- **What's New at FamilySearch** by Devin Ashby. 4/24

May 2013

- **Researching Your Roots in Rhode Island** by Maureen Taylor. 5/1
- **Blogging for Beginners** by DearMYRTLE. 5/3
- **Land Records Solve Research Problems** by Mary Hill. 5/15
- **Ten Hidden Resources Every Genealogy Should Know** by Lisa Alzo. 5/22
- **The New Frontier in Genetic Genealogy: Autosomal DNA Testing** by Ugo Perego. 5/29

June 2013

- **The Genealogy of Your House** by Marian Pierre-Louis. 6/5.
- **Search for Obituaries, Photos, Passenger Lists, Births, Marriages, & More** by Tom Kemp. 6/12

- **Next Exit: Your New Jersey Ancestors** by Thomas MacEntee. 6/14
- **How Knowing the Law Makes Us Better Genealogists** by Judy Russell. 6/26

July 2013

- **Canadian Ports of Entry: Ship Passenger Lists, Immigration and Border Crossing Records** by Kathryn Lake Hogan. 7/10
- **An Overview of Maryland Genealogy** by Michael Hait. 7/17
- **Top 10 Techniques for Finding More in Library Catalogs** by Barbara Renick. 7/19
- **Top 21st Century Genealogy Resources** by Tom Kemp. 7/24
- **Direct Your Research with City Directories** by Maureen Taylor. 7/31

August 2013

- **Recording Family Voices to Preserve and Pass Down** by Marian Pierre-Louis. 8/7
- **Digital Research Guidance, Logs, and To Do Lists** by Geoff Rasmussen. 8/14
- **Colonial Immigrants** by Mary Hill. 8/28

September 2013

- **Getting the Most from Your Records** by Linda Geiger. 9/4
- **More Blogging for Beginners** by DearMYRTLE. 9/6
- **You Use WHAT for Genealogy?** by Thomas MacEntee. 9/11
- **Free and Easy Ways to Share Your Audio Files** by Marian Pierre-Louis. 9/18

October 2013

- **Using Church Records to Identify Ancestors** by Mary Hill. 10/23
- **Using Court Records** by Judy Russell. 10/30

November 2013

- **Ancestry Trees Can Jump Start Your Research** by DearMYRTLE. 11/1
- **Creating a Plan with YOUR Research** by Marian Pierre-Louis. 11/6
- **Researching Your Ohio Ancestors** by Lisa Alzo. 11/13
- **Mind Mapping Your Research Plans and Results** by Thomas MacEntee. 11/20

December 2013

- **How Computers & Gadgets are Changing Genealogy** by Barbara Renick. 12/4
- **Overcoming Lost Records Using Technology** by Karen Clifford. 12/18

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www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com



In the webinar archives ...

Recordings of live webinars are available in the archives at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com free for 7 days. Afterwards they are available on CD for \$9.95 each, or as part of a monthly/yearly membership. Some remain free indefinitely as indicated below.

Technology

- **Mapping Software for Genealogists** by Geoff Rasmussen
- **Sharing Genealogy Electronically** by Geoff Rasmussen
- **Blogging for Beginners** by DearMYRTLE
- **More Blogging for Beginners** by DearMYRTLE
- **Backing Up Your Genealogy Data** by Thomas MacEntee
- **Building a Research Toolbox** by Thomas MacEntee
- **Dropbox for Genealogists** by Thomas MacEntee
- **Facebook for Genealogists** by Thomas MacEntee
- **Let Your Voice Be Heard in the Digital Conversation** by Drusilla Pair
- **Digital Books and Sites for Genealogists** by James Tanner
- **Genealogy on the Go—the Families App** by Malcolm Green
- **Navigating the 1940 U.S. Census** by Thomas MacEntee

Google

- **Google for Genealogists** by Thomas MacEntee
- **Google Docs for Genealogists** by Thomas MacEntee
- **Google Forms for Genealogists** by Thomas MacEntee
- **Google Images and Beyond** by Maureen Taylor
- **Google+ the Next Big Thing** by Paul Allen, Dan Lynch, and Mark Olsen
- **A Closer Look at Google+** by Dan Lynch

FamilySearch (all free)

- **Helping Unlock the World's Records: an Insider's Perspective on FamilySearch Indexing** (free) by Jim Ericson
- **Helping Unlock the World's Records: FamilySearch Indexing for Power Users** (free) by Katie Gale
- **Improving Your Use of New FamilySearch: Data Cleanup Strategies** (free) by Geoff Rasmussen
- **New FamilySearch Made Easy with Legacy Family Tree** (free) by Geoff Rasmussen
- **Leveraging the Power of "We": Research Wiki, Research Courses, and FamilySearch Forums** (free) by Michael Ritchey

Publishing

- **Ready, Set, Write! Share Your Family's Story** by Lisa Alzo
- **Creating a Shareable CD with Legacy and Passage Express Software** (free) by Jefferson Shupe
- **Digital Writing Tools for Genealogists** by Lisa Alzo

Research Methodology

- **Newspapers: Critical Resource to Complete Your Family Tree** by Tom Kemp
- **Chasing Women: Finding Your Female Ancestors** by Leland Meitzler
- **Using GenealogyBank.com to document every day of your ancestors' lives** by Tom Kemp
- **Best Internet Resources for African American Genealogy** by Angela Walton-Raji
- **Researching Your Connecticut Ancestors** by Marian Pierre-Louis
- **The Three Cs of Irish Research: Civil Registration, Church Records, and Census** by Judy Wight
- **Brick Walls: Cracking the Case of Nathan Brown's Parents** by Marian Pierre-Louis
- **Finding Ancestors Amid the Rubble of Disaster and Misfortune** by Thomas MacEntee
- **Tracing Immigrant Ancestors** by Lisa Alzo
- **Children and Genealogy in the Classroom** by Maureen Taylor
- **Discovering Your Massachusetts Ancestors** by Marian Pierre-Louis
- **Ten Brick Wall Tips for Beginners** by Marian Pierre-Louis
- **Reverse Genealogy: Finding the Living** by Megan Smolenyak
- **Researching Your Scottish Ancestors** by Marie Dougan

Photographs and Digital Images

- **Organizing and Sharing Digital Images** by Geoff Rasmussen
- **Organize, Share, and Publish Your Digital Photos with Heritage Collector Suite** (free) by Marlo Scholdt
- **Preserving Family Photographs: 1839 to the Present** by Maureen Taylor
- **New Genealogy Technology: Flip-Pal Mobile Scanner** (free) by Gordon Nuttall
- **Further Your Research and Unify Your Family Reunion with Beautiful Genealogy Charts** (free) by Janet Hovorka

Watch Geoff Live

- **Adding a Death Certificate**
- **Adding a Marriage Record**
- **Adding an Obituary**
- **Adding a Census Record**
- **Cemeteries**

Organization

- **Organizing for Success** (free) by Karen Clifford
- **FamilyRoots Organizer System** by Mary Hill

DNA

- **The Power of DNA in Unlocking Family Relationships** (free) by Ugo Perego
- **DNA: Beyond the Basics** by Ugo Perego

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