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OCTOBER PROGRAM

1:30 PM, Tues, October 14
LDS Church
1969 Williams Highway
Grants Pass



"DNA and Me"

Celeste Guillory, GPGS President

I'm no expert on doing family history research, but I learn from my mistakes. This summer as I worked on organizing my paperwork, I reviewed a file not touched for more than 10 years that had many clues. The clues literally screamed at me to do something and **"do it now"**. As I logged on to **familysearch.org** and **ancestry.com** I received almost immediate answers and information. *(Cont'd on Page 3.)*



October is Family History Month

Dear Members and Friends,

October is Family History Month and I'm pleased to announce the Grants Pass City Council recently awarded the Family History Center and Grants Pass Genealogy Society a proclamation declaring it so. It was an honor for Beverly Wellington and me to accept the proclamation on behalf of our two organizations.

October 11th is the day of the annual Community Family History Seminar. A banner across 6th Street announces the event, as did an informative article printed in the Daily Courier on Sunday, October 5th. This newsletter will remind you about the annual seminar, also. **Please register online at www.fhcgp.weebly.com**

Family History Centers and genealogy groups all over the country sponsor yearly events to wake up the genealogist in us all. Please plan to attend our local event and other events sponsored by the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society at their beautiful research library in Medford. Included in this newsletter are listings for *(Cont'd on Page 3.)*



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Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/gpgenealogy>

Meetings held on 2nd Tuesday of each month (except July, August, December) at 1:30 PM at the LDS Church, Relief Society Room, 1969 Williams Highway (corner of Harbeck), Grants Pass, Oregon.

Annual membership is \$15.00 for one individual, or \$20.00 for two or more individuals living at the same address.

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October Program, "DNA and Me"

Last October I had my DNA processed through ancestry.com and I was rewarded by an email from a lady living in the San Francisco Bay Area. Her email said her grandfather lived in Rogue River and the family planned a reunion in August and would I attend. As our DNA was a 98% match, it's assumed we are kin.

Would I attend????? Oh, YES! I went to the reunion and when I entered the house a man who looked just like my father met me at the door. It was uncanny to see the same facial expressions, hand movements and the way he walked and laughed.... Just like my dad. He'd been living in Rogue River for more than 15 years and we meet as a result of a test.

I lost my oldest living relative in May when my dad's sister passed away at age 97. At that time I became the oldest known member of both my parents' lines until my August visit to Rogue River. My cousin Roy and I have a common great grandfather on my father's side and we learned this because we both had a simple DNA test.

I'll be speaking about DNA at the October seminar and again at our October 14th GPGS meeting. I'm no expert on the subject, but I can explain how it worked for me and what information I received from having my DNA tested. -- *Celeste Guillory*

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President's October Message

many fine events in Oregon during the month of October and beyond.

Earlier this year Carol Bray, a long-time GPGS member and former president, passed away. I received a call from her husband Bill offering to donate all of Carol's genealogy collection to our group. Jeri Paradise and I gathered all of Carol's books, software, audiotapes, magazines and research aids and we did an inventory of these items. Many of Carol's collection are destined to go to Medford for the Jackson County Genealogy Library maintained by the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. Other items will be awarded as prizes at our seminar and some items will be retained at the Family History Center here in Grants Pass for us to use locally. I'm sure Carol would approve of how her collection is being used locally.

Our next meeting is being held on October 14th. The Board of Directors meeting commences at 12:30 and the program at 1:30. I will repeat my DNA class next week at our October meeting. I hope many of you will come to hear about this new research tool.

October is also when the nominating committee will announce the names of members willing to run for elected positions in our organization. I hope many of you will step up to keep things going during 2015 and beyond.

I recently came upon a GPGS newsletter published in 2004. The newsletter- a one-page publication – was nothing like the one

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President's October Message

crafted by our present newsletter editor and available as an e-mail publication each month. We didn't have a website in 2004, or a Facebook Page. The Club was much smaller then but still able to present speakers and interesting topics each month. The officers were tenacious and kept things going in spite of other members being unwilling to take the lead. I hope we can continue to present quality speakers to our members and the public in 2015 and that **YOU** will step up and volunteer to be an officer in 2015.

Cheers to all,

Celeste Guillory



Facebook Update

I hope you were inspired by my presentation last month to begin to use Facebook in your genealogy work & have made some new & exciting discoveries! I know personally I have found the specific form to order my family's local religious records, an update to my RootsMagic software, learned about a new religious museum in the area a branch of my family is from that I didn't know about, discovered a lot of information on the time frame & location where my great-grandmother was born by asking questions of a woman who speaks Russian but writes in English on the "Lithuanian Global Genealogical Society" closed Facebook group that I'm on, plus got goosebumps when I saw the passenger list & naturalization papers of my great-grandparents thanks to the incredible local researchers on the "Genealogy! Just Ask!" closed Facebook group I recommended---and that's all in ONE month! And I encourage everybody to share their personal finds on our Facebook page!

We're up to 54 followers on our GPGS Facebook page, up by 7 from last month! It was a very active month with 104 posts & as a testament to the power of Facebook to reach people, thanks to your sharing, our Genealogy Workshop for the Public invite post was seen by 224 people & our post containing the registration link for the upcoming Family History Seminar reached 41! Big in September were maps! Links to historical maps, Norwegian, Prussian, Scottish & Pennsylvania maps, plus old roads & trading paths were shared. There were posts on Irish research, Pennsylvania counties, secrets hiding in English surnames, Children's Civil War Pensions & for those researching in Canada, links to Western Canada info & a Heritage Portal of Western Land Grants. A lot of events are taking place this fall & besides sharing info on them, I shared links to free webinars & posted about the Virtual Genealogy Fair that The National Archives is hosting later this month. And don't miss the fantastic links about Internet Archive's photo feast, Translation Tools for Genealogists, the Power of Pinterest for Family History & the terrific Cheat Notes for great genealogy Google searches posted last month!

As always, I'm happy to assist you if you have any questions about our Facebook page!

Regards,
Cindy Suda, Facebook Coordinator
www.facebook.com/gpgenealogy

Two Conferences, One Location

From February 11-14, 2015, there will be two genealogy conferences going on at the same time at the Salt Palace, Salt Lake City. One is the annual RootsTech conference hosted by FamilySearch and the other is the annual conference of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). The RootsTech classes will focus on technology related to genealogy, and the FGS classes will emphasize methodology. The Expo Hall will be shared by both groups, and there will be many shared activities. Early registration for FGS is \$159, and you can add a registration for RootsTech for only \$39. See the event listed in the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter.

National Genealogical Society Annual Conference 2015--St. Charles, Missouri

Time's a-wasting in case you think you might want to attend this national genealogy conference next May. Several of the hotels have filled up already, although the registration does not open

until December 1. The conference brochure and further information are available at <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>.



ROGUE RIVER CHAPTER

Meets third Thursday of each month

At noon at the Black Forest Restaurant

You are welcome to visit one of our meetings if you think you might have a Revolutionary War ancestor and want to find out more.

Barbara Johnson, Chapter Regent

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Upcoming Events:

GPGS (Grants Pass Genealogical Society) meetings are held at 1:30 PM on the second Tuesday of each month (excepting December, July and August) at the LDS Church, corner of Harbeck Road and Williams Highway in Grants Pass. Board of Directors meetings are generally held at 12:30 PM prior to 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. Much greater detail is provided at the RVGS website (www.rvgsociety.org). Click on "Read Our Blog" from the home page.



- Oct 11 *Family History Seminar*, annual full-day (8 AM to 4 PM) public event sponsored by the Family History Center with help from the Grants Pass Genealogical Society. **FREE. A flyer is attached to this newsletter** See website www.fhsgp.weebly.com for detailed class schedule and sign-up.
- Oct 14 GPGS Meeting at 1:30 PM. *Using DNA As a Tool in Family History Research*, speaker Celeste Guillory, GPGS President.
- Oct 19-25 *Research Trip to Salt Lake City* sponsored by Bend Genealogical Society. Contact Nancy Noble at (541) 593-3585 or email bob.nan@msn.com for details.
- Oct 21 RVGS Monthly Meeting 1:30 PM-3:00 PM. *The Other Bowmer: Gertrude Bowmer, Daughter of the Valley*. Speaker Debra Griffith, Records and Reference Archivist for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.
- Oct 21 Bend Genealogical Society meeting, 10:00 AM at Williamson Hall, 2200 NE Highway 20, Bend, Oregon. *New Enhancements to FamilySearch.org*.
- Oct 25 *Graveyard Tour* presented by the Josephine County Historical Society Living History Players at 4:00 and 6:00 PM in the International Organization of Odd Fellows/Masonic Cemetery, Grants Pass.
- Oct 25 *Bend Genealogical Society Boot Camp*. 9 AM to 3:30 PM at Rock Arbor Villa, Williamson Hall. Cost \$15 for BGS members, \$20 for non-members. **See attached flyer.**
- Oct 25-26 *Genealogical Forum of Oregon Fall Seminar 2014*. Featured speaker Judy G. Russell JD, "The Legal Genealogist." Seminar on Oct. 25 from 9 to 4 at Milwaukie Elks Lodge. Optional workshop at GFO Library in Portland on Oct. 26. **See attached flyer for class descriptions.**
- Oct 28 *Quilts and Genealogy Talk, Table Rock Wildflowers*, 1:30-2:30 PM, Jackson County Genealogy Library.



- Oct 28-30 *National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair*. Please join the National Archives for this virtual genealogy fair starting daily at 10 AM eastern time. See website www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair for detailed class listings. Like going to a faraway seminar, but FREE!
- Nov 18 GPGS Meeting at 1:30 PM. Election of 2015 GPGS officers. Scheduled program is *Ellis Island and Castle Garden*.
- Nov 18 RVGS Monthly Meeting, 1:30-3:00 PM. *The Holly and the Phoenix—Restoration Of the Holly Theatre*, speaker Randy McKay, Executive Director of Jefferson Live! and Manager of the historic Holly and Cascade Theatres. *Diggin' In the Dark* follows at 3:00 PM.
- Nov 18 Bend Genealogical Society meeting at 10:00 AM at Williamson Hall, 2200 NE Highway 20, Bend, Oregon. *Organizing Your Genealogy Project*.
- Nov 25 *Quilts and Genealogy Talk, Growing Up Takelma*, 1:30-2:30 PM, Jackson County Genealogy Library.
- Dec 9 *GPGS Christmas Luncheon and Installation of 2015 Officers* at TapRock Grill from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM.
- Dec 16 *Diggin' In The Dark, Genealogy After Hours*, 3:00 PM at Jackson County Genealogy Library.
- Dec 20 *Celebrate Christmas Past*, from 1-4 PM at the historic Schmidt House and Barn, Grants Pass. Sponsored by the Josephine County Historical Society.

Coming in 2015:

- Feb 11-14 *Two Conferences, One Location (Annual Conferences of Federation of Genealogical Societies and RootsTech)*. Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, Utah. Go to the following websites for brochures, details and registration information:

FGS: <https://www.fgsconference.org/>

RootsTech: <https://rootstech.org/>

May 13-16 *National Genealogical Society 2015 Family History Conference, "Crossroads of America,"* St. Charles, Missouri. Visit www.ngsgenealogy.org for more details, or to download a copy of the conference brochure.



QUILTS AND GENEALOGY TALKS

Most people would not think to connect genealogy and quilting. The quilts in the Jackson County Genealogy Library's collection and other local quilts on temporary loan, depict an event or group of people from early Jackson County history. Please join us at 1:30 pm for a one-hour presentation and learn how these quilts are connected to genealogy.

<p><u>2014</u> September 23</p>	 Sutton-Turner	<p><i>"Pioneer Families"</i> by Anne Billeter - An Oregon Trail diary, an elopement, a newspaper family, a sheriff, and "the best musician in southern Oregon." Learn about the families woven into the fabric of the Sutton-Turner Double Wedding Ring quilt.</p>
<p>October 28</p>	 Table Rock	<p><i>"Table Rock Wildflowers: A Legacy of Beauty and Diversity"</i> by Molly Morison and Marcia Wineteer - Over 200 species of wildflowers grow at the Table Rocks making these iconic landmarks one of the best spots for viewing spring blossoms in the valley. Molly and Marcia will stitch together wildflower stories and relate how the amazing botanical fabric inspires.</p>
<p>November 25</p>	 Living with The Land	<p><i>"Growing Up, Takelma"</i> by Pat Harper - The Takelma people were hunter-gatherers who lived along the banks of the Rogue River and its tributaries for many generations before Europeans came to Jackson County. Can research tell us about the life of a Takelma child, and the child's expectations for life as an adult? Do we know enough to speculate about food, clothing, games and ceremonies?</p>
<p><u>2015</u> January 27</p>	 Postal Friendship	<p><i>"Post Offices in Jackson County"</i> by Nancy Swan - A gift from the Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, the quilt shares local postal history. Learn about Jackson County Post Offices, the ones you have never heard of and those named for local families or leaders - their postmark on the land! A reminder of the significance of postal history to your family research.</p>

Mark your calendar for the 4th Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

at Jackson County Genealogy Library

Seating Limited, make your reservation early

February through June 2015 *Quilts and Genealogy Talks* announced soon

NOW IS THE TIME!



FREE SEMINAR

Optional Luncheon \$3.00
or bring your own

Sponsored by:

Grants Pass Genealogical Society
LDS Family History Center

COMMUNITY FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR

Saturday, October 11, 2014

9:00am to 4:00pm

Registration & Sign-in begins at 8:00am

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

1969 Williams Hwy, Grants Pass, Oregon

Get a class schedule and register now:

On the internet: <http://fhsgp.weebly.com>

Family History Center, Tues. to Fri. ~ 541-476-1926

Josephine County Historical Society, Tues. to Fri.—5th & J Streets

Grants Pass Genealogical Society ~ 541-471-1944

Grants Pass & Josephine County Chamber of Commerce

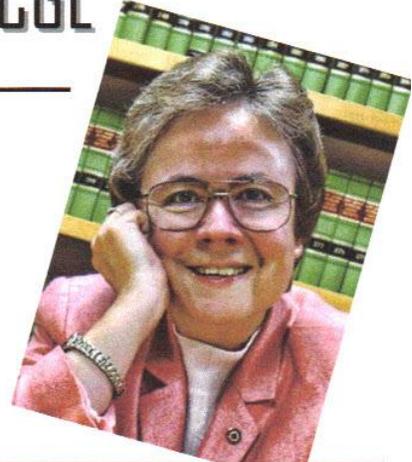


GFO FALL SEMINAR 2014

We welcome ...

JUDY G. RUSSELL, JD. CG, CGL

SATURDAY
25 OCTOBER 2014
9 AM - 4 PM
MILWAUKIE ELKS LODGE



~Workshop on Sunday, 26 Oct 2014 at the GFO Library~
Limited to **40** attendees!

Seminar Topics

~ “Don’t Forget the Ladies”— A Genealogist’s Guide to Women and the Law



~ Polls, Personality and Property—Making Sense of Tax Lists

~ How Old Did He Have To Be....?

~ Facts, Photos and Fair Use: Copyright Law for Genealogists

Workshop Topic

~ No Vitals? No Problem! - Building a Family Through Circumstantial Evidence

See Judy’s webpage for complete descriptions of the topics:

[The Legal Genealogist’s Lecture Topics](#)

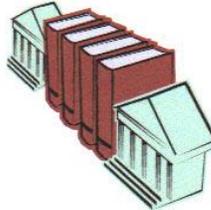
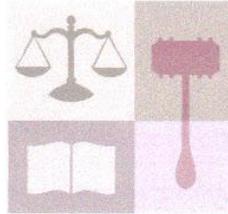
SEMINAR FEATURES:

- ♦ *Nationally Known Speaker* ♦ *Book Vendor*
- ♦ *Genealogical Treasures* ♦ *GFO Surplus Book Sale*
- ♦ *Raffles*

Genealogical Forum of Oregon Fall Seminar 2014

~ Seminar Event Schedule ~

- 8:00 am Registration opens
- 9:00 am Opening remarks
- 9:15 am Session 1
- 10:15 am Morning break
- 10:45 am Session 2
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm Announcements
- 1:30 pm Session 3
- 2:30 pm Break and Treasures
Raffle items claimed
- 3:00 pm Session 4



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Judy G. Russell JD is a genealogist with a law degree, and her purpose at *The Legal Genealogist* (her blog) is, in part, to help folks understand the often arcane and even impenetrable legal concepts and terminology that are so very important to those of us studying family history. Without understanding the context in which events took place and records were created, we miss so much of both the significance and the flavor of what happened. She has spent the last decade learning her trade as a genealogist, and holds credentials as a Certified GenealogistSM and Certified Genealogical LecturerSM from the Board for Certification of Genealogists® where she currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees. She's a member of the [National Genealogical Society](#), the [Association of Professional Genealogists](#), and, among others, the state genealogical societies of [New Jersey](#), [North Carolina](#), [Virginia](#), [Texas](#) and [Illinois](#). She is privileged now to serve on the faculty at Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), at the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), and at Boston University's Center for Professional Education. See her blog at: [The Legal Genealogist](#)

Seminar Site
SATURDAY 25 Oct 2014
Milwaukie Elks Lodge
13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Milwaukie, Oregon
Situated on the west side of McLoughlin Blvd., Oregon Hwy 99E, 1/2 mile south of the town of Milwaukie.
Located between SE Park Avenue (traffic light to the north) and the Bomber (restaurant to the south). Look for Milwaukie Elks Lodge sign. Free parking available.

Workshop Site
SUNDAY 26 Oct 2014
Genealogical Forum of Oregon
2505 SE 11th Ave Ste B-18
Portland OR 97202-1061
Telephone 503-963-1932 Website: www.gfo.org
Email questions to seminar@gfo.org

Lunch
Buffet lunch in the Elks Dining Room with payment of \$12- Includes pot roast, vegetables and salads.
Coffee, hot tea and juices are included.
No lunch available for those who register after 18 Oct 2014.

Breaks
Snacks and beverages (listed above) are included with admission and are available during breaks as well as lunch.

Refund Policy
For cancellations received after 18 Oct 2014, refunds will be made in the amount of the registration fee less a \$10.00 cancellation fee.

Lunch fees are non-refundable if canceled after 18 Oct 2014.

Judy G. Russell JD - Fall Seminar Sign-up Form - 25 October 2014 and/or 26 October 2014

Name _____ Member # _____

Email for confirmation _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

25 Oct 14 Seminar - MEMBERS: { } \$43 received by Oct. 18th { } \$48 received after Oct. 18th (no lunch)

NON-MEMBERS: { } \$48 received by Oct. 18th { } \$53 received after Oct. 18th (no lunch)

LUNCH: { } \$12 must be received by Oct. 18th **SYLLABUS:** { } \$3 for Paper Copy - EMAIL FREE

26 Oct 14 Workshop - MEMBERS: { } \$25 recv'd by **Oct.18th** **NON-MEMBERS:**{ } \$30 recv'd by **Oct. 18th**

TOTAL : \$ _____ Payment enclosed Paid online at PayPal using email address payments@gfo.org

Please make checks payable to Genealogical Forum of Oregon or "GFO"

Questions? Email seminar@gfo.org

Mail to Attn:Fall Seminar, GFO, 2505 SE 11th Ave, Ste B-18, Portland, OR 97202-1061

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Monthly Programs

- Third Tuesday of each month, September through May, unless indicated otherwise.
- Every month, there is a genealogical topic with a special speaker.
- Click **Speakers** to see what's scheduled for the 2014/15 year.

First Tuesday

Hands-On Genealogy

- At First Tuesday, you will work on your own genealogy question one-on-one with a BGS mentor.
- You don't have to be a Society member to take advantage of this opportunity. There is no cost.
- Click **First Tuesday** to check out the dates and find the First Tuesday information form to register for a mentoring session.

Research Trip to Salt Lake City

October 19-25, 2014

Join us for 5 days of research at the LDS Family History Library, the greatest genealogical library in the world!

BGS has a group rate (double rooms) at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, which is right next door to the Library. It's a very short walk between the library and hotel. The BGS group rate at the hotel is a big savings!

Availability is limited. Contact Nancy Noble at (541) 593-3585 (or email: bob.nan@msn.com) for details, costs and to reserve your spot for the trip.



BGS Boot Camp

Make Tracks to the 2014 Boot Camp

**Saturday, October 25, 2014
9:00AM to 3:30PM**

**[Click here to open the
Boot Camp Registration Form](#)**

The 2014 Boot Camp is planned to be a stimulating day of genealogy! Beginning genealogists and experienced researchers should both benefit from the presentations, which will include:

- Starting in Genealogy (How to Begin)
- After You've Started (Intermediate Genealogy)
- A Genealogy Case Study
- Tips for Internet Searches & Free Newspaper Sites
- Panel Discussions

Location: Williamson Hall

Lunch: Bring your own brown bag lunch

Cost: \$15—Member; \$20—Non-Member

To help us plan, register for Boot Camp.

National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair

October 28, 29 & 30, 2014

Please join the National Archives for the 2014 Virtual Genealogy Fair on October 28, 29, & 30, starting daily at 10 a.m. eastern time. This will be a live broadcast via the Internet so you can ask our genealogy experts questions at the end of their talks.

Presenters

Speakers will include genealogy experts from National Archives locations across the nation and U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services.

Live Lecture Sessions

Lectures will feature tips and techniques for using Federal records at the National Archives for genealogy research. Lectures are designed for experienced genealogists and novices.

Day 1 video stream: Tuesday, October 28

[Watch live on YouTube](#) 

Day 2 video stream: Wednesday, October 29

[Watch live on YouTube](#) 

Day 3 video stream: Thursday, October 30

[Watch live on YouTube](#) 

Schedule and Handouts

[See the Lecture Schedule](#)

Online Viewing & Chatting

Instructions for online viewing and chatting will be posted here. Please check this site later. Recorded sessions will remain available online after the event. The webcast will include a closed captioning option.

Background: The National Archives holds the permanently valuable records of the Federal government. These include records of interest to genealogists, such as pension files, ship passenger lists, census and Freedmen's Bureau materials. For information on National Archives holdings see www.archives.gov.

Regarding links outside of the National Archives Website (Archives.gov): We have provided a link to this site because it has information that may interest you. This link is not an endorsement by the National Archives of the opinions, products, or services presented on this site, or any sites linked to it. The National Archives is not responsible for the legality or accuracy of information on this site, the policies, or for any costs incurred while using this site.

<http://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair/>