



# Genealogy Journal

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You are invited to attend a Christmas luncheon at the Grants Pass Golf Club on Tuesday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 2:30  
230 Espy Drive Grants Pass

\$15.00 per person - send check to PO Box  
214 Grants Pass, OR 97528

Last minute reservations can be made  
until Monday 12-10 -  
[cacese36@gmail.com](mailto:cacese36@gmail.com)

Bring a wrapped "robbers exchange" gift  
valued at no more that \$10 to share

**GPGS Officers for 2019 to be sworn in  
during the luncheon**

## **2019 Officers**

**Celeste Guillory, President**  
**Barbara Ruffner, Vice President**  
**Joan Edwards, Secretary**  
**Polli Kucharik, Treasurer**



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

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## *President's Message*

*Dear Members,*

*I'm excited by the response from members about the Christmas luncheon being held on Tuesday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at the Grants Pass Golf Club. I'm sure each of you who attends will enjoy the buffet luncheon, Robbers Exchange and meeting our new V/P Barbara Ruffner. The Golf Club is a very nice place to celebrate the end of a very busy year for our organization. We had a very busy year didn't we?*

*Later in this newsletter is a copy of the minutes from the November 13<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting. The minutes note many new proposed activities and the Board hopes the members will support these events.*

*The Board plans to award another scholarship for a deserving youth again in 2019. Tax-deductible donations can be made by sending a check to PO Box 214 Grants Pass, OR 97528 before the end of December to claim your donation a 2018 tax return.*

*On a sad note we lost Paul Bray, a long-time member who lived in Montana with his wife Juanita. Juanita sent me a message to advise that Paul passed away during the*

*summer. Paul and Juanita underwrote the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Boatnik float in May and we thank them for that donation. I'll have a sympathy card for members to sign to send to Juanita at the luncheon, so please take a minute or two to sign it on Tuesday.*

*The Family History Center will close for Christmas Holidays the week of December 21 thru 31 and reopen on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. If there is a change in the FHC schedule I will advise via a broadcast email to all members.*

*Treasurer Polli Kucharik asks that dues be paid ASAP so she can work with Laurie Neff on the audit of our bank account.*

*When you're shopping this holiday season please go to Fred Meyer so our treasury will reap a reward for shopping there. Information to sign up for this GPGS benefit is mentioned at the end of the newsletter.*

*If I don't see you at the Christmas luncheon be assured I value you as a member and hope your holiday is enjoyable and filled with much happiness.*

*Joyeux Noel,*

*Celeste Guillory  
President GPGS*



## Finding Aunt Florice by Adrienne Pueschel

Over the years, I have become the official guardian of my family photos, my husband's family photos, my Aunt Dot's family photos, as well as a few from unknown relatives, friends, and possibly strangers. They are not yet properly organized by person and date, much less digitized, but at least, I told myself, they are safely stored away.

We received the sad news in mid-October that my husband's Aunt Florice had passed away at age 95 in Sheffield, Iowa. Aunt Florice was the eldest surviving sibling in the Pueschel family. We flew for 4-day trip for her funeral the weekend of November 1-4. We all stayed in nearby big-town Mason City (home of "Music Man" Meredith Willson). We first visited the nursing home where Florice had been staying. The wonderful staff there cried with us as we shared memories of her.

Next we visited the "famous" Rudd, Iowa, where members of the Pueschel family had lived and grown up since before the turn of the 20th century. Rudd's motto is: Not Bigger, Just Better. Indeed, Rudd's highest population was about 450 people in the 1920s, it is now in the low 300s! Incredibly, we found in town the newly established Rudd Historical Society Museum. Our group descended upon it like hungry family history lions.

Thankfully, my camera was charged and ready for all the memorabilia, from vintage clothing to postcards. They had a complete poster-sized collection graduating class photos of Rudd High School since WWI, with all Pueschel siblings handsomely represented. They had Aunt Arduth's cheerleading squad. They had Uncle Wayne's Boy Scout troupe. There was the original wooden chicken-hatching box used in the town's main chicken hatchery, with a plaque detailing that my husband's grandparents were the 2nd and 3rd employees there. They even had a rare 1915 farm photo with three rows of people, at least six of

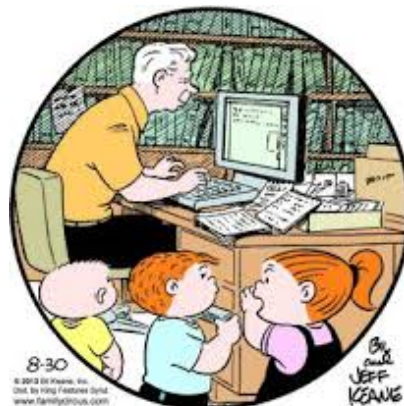
them Pueschel. The Museum director, Joyce, actually gave Aunt Arduth an extra copy of this very photo. Where else would you get that kind of attention?

Meanwhile, Aunt Florice's son-in-law Doug was the hero of the weekend. He had arranged for us to view her collection of family photos, right there in the hotel dining room. They were in typical scattered condition; some duplicates we had all seen but many more were never-before-seen treasures. He said, "Oh just take what you want now because we'll just throw them out otherwise." Oh, no! I frantically managed to convince them to give us the photos, as I was willing to scan them for posterity. So Brad and I carefully arranged them in two USPS boxes the night before leaving town. I now have Aunt Florice's entire photo collection to organize and scan for Christmas, and newfound zeal for finally getting *all* of our photos done.

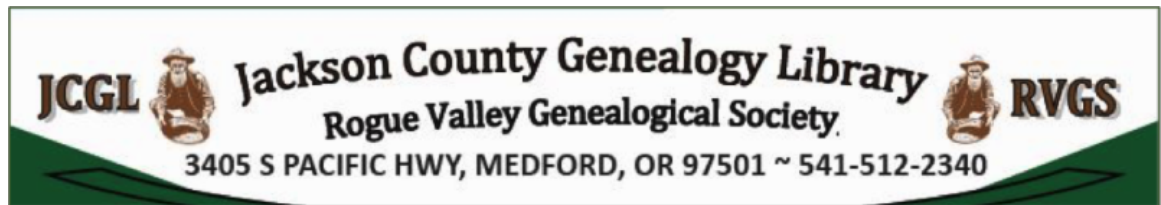
Thank you, Aunt Florice, for leading us to our family stories!

### Editors Note

The January 2019 meeting will feature stories from 3 more members. If you're interested in telling a story about your ancestor contact Celeste Guillory at [cacese36@gmail.com](mailto:cacese36@gmail.com)



"You better be quiet or Granddad will leave you out of the family history he's writing."



## Programs and Events for December

### Special Interest Groups

Free to members and \$5 for non-members. Register in advance.

**Monday, December 10, 1:00-3:00 PM**

Combined DNA Interest Group

**Tuesday, December 11, 1:30-3:00 PM**

Family Tree Maker Interest Group  
PC and MAC users.

**Wednesday, December 12, 1:30-3:00 PM**

German Interest Group

**Thursday, December 13, 1:30-3:00 PM**

Irish Interest Group

For more information call [541-512-2340](tel:541-512-2340)

### Salt Lake City Here We Come!

RVGS members are now finalizing their plans to research at the amazing SLC Family History Library this coming March 3 to 10, 2019. There are still a few dedicated rooms available at the conveniently located Plaza Hotel for our attending members. Now is the time to reserve your room, just call the hotel at 1-800-366-3684.

Be sure to ask for your discounted 2019 RV Genealogical Society rate when you call. Make your reservations directly with the Plaza Hotel before February 1, 2019 to qualify for the special rate. This discount will be



honored even if you stay less than the entire week.

Great News! It looks like we have enough people going to Salt Lake to be able to take advantage of the free seminar offered through the Plaza. The list of topic choices will be emailed to all those listed in the trip binder at the library by December 15. All those attending should review and send their top three seminar choices to [abaracker@gmail.com](mailto:abaracker@gmail.com) before January 1.

For Further Information: Add your name & contact info to the Salt Lake City Trip Binder at the Library Front Desk or contact Ann Baracker at 541-261-4874 or [abaracker@gmail.com](mailto:abaracker@gmail.com). Remember to make your flight and room reservations directly with the hotel and airline of your choice.

## **Surplus Books for Sale to Benefit RVGS**

The Surplus Book Sale continues as new books are added monthly. Most are donations of books already in the collection. A few are discards from the collection. Each book is priced separately at less than the current list price on selected Internet sites. Sale books priced at \$1.00 are not listed.

Check the Book Sale Bookcase for the newest offerings.

*The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy* by Eakle and Cerny  
1984 \$3.50

*The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy* by Szucs and Luebking  
1997 \$7.50

*The Handy Book for Genealogists* 7th ed 1981 #3.50

*The Handybook for Genealogists* 8th ed 1991 \$9.00

*The Handybook for Genealogists* 10th ed 2002 \$12.50

*Immigrants to America Appearing in English Records* by Frank Smith 1976  
\$3.00

*Ordnance Survey Memoirs of Ireland: Parishes of County Donegal I, 1833-5* \$24.00

*Ordnance Survey Memoirs of Ireland: Parishes of County Donegal II, 1835-1836* \$75.00

*Story of the Irish Race* by Seumas MacManus 1921; 1978 printing \$4.00



*Gravestone Inscriptions: County Down*, vol. 17, Barony of Ards \$21.00

*Roger Williams: Prophet and Pioneer* by Emily Easton 1930; reprint 1969 \$3.00

*Early Eighteenth Century Palatine Emigration* by Walter Knittle 1937; reprint 1970 \$27.00

*Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England* by J. Farmer. 1829; reprint 1976 \$12.00

*Beginnings of New England or the Puritan Theocracy* by John Fiske 1899 \$12.00

*History of the Indian Wars* by Samuel Penhallow. 1726; reprint 1973 \$9.00

*What's in a Name? Surnames of America* by La Reina Rule \$6.00

*Nieuwe Kerk Amsterdam* by Ernest Kurpershoek \$9.00

*Nicknames Past and Present* by Christine Rose \$3.00

*Aspects of Irish Genealogy, Proceedings of the First Irish Genealogical Congress* 1993 \$27.00

*Aspects of Irish Genealogy, Proceedings of the Second Irish Genealogical Congress* 1996 \$15.00

*Tracing Your Irish Ancestors* by Peggy Magee 1986 \$9.00

*Passenger Lists from Ireland* by Hackett and Early 1929-31 \$10.00

*Irish Records: Sources for Family and Local History* by James Ryan 1988 \$3.00

*A Concise History of Ireland* by O'Brien \$6.00

*Burke's American Families with British Ancestry* 1939 \$15.00 *Guide to Cartographic Records in the National Archives* 1971 \$9.00



BLAINE BETTINGER, PhD., J.D.  
The Genetic Genealogist

## Rogue Valley Genealogical Society presents **DNA WORKSHOP & SEMINAR**

April 19 & 20, 2019

Smullin Center \* 2825 E. Barnett Rd.

Medford

### **WORKSHOP - USING AUTOSOMAL DNA FOR 18<sup>TH</sup> AND 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY MYSTERIES**

**Friday, April 19, 1:30-3:30pm \* Workshop Fee: Non-Members - \$45; Members - \$35**

- This two-hour unique approach in presenting how to use atDNA will capture your interest. Learn how to use autosomal DNA to attack and potentially solve genealogical mysteries.

### **SEMINAR - CLASSES**

**Saturday, April 20, 2019 \* Seminar Fee: Non-Members - \$60; Members - \$50**

**Registration: 8:30 am; Program: 9am-4pm**

- **Using Y-DNA and mtDNA to Explore Your Ancestry** – Y-DNA and mtDNA testing are the workhorses of genetic genealogy, and have helped genealogists break through thousands of stubborn brick walls. Learn about the unique inheritance of Y-DNA and mtDNA in your family, how these tests can be used to explore your ancient ancestry, and how the results can identify your relatives both close and distant.
- **Using GEDmatch and DNAPainter to Analyze Your Autosomal DNA** – Although DNA testing companies provide their own analysis of test results; there are third-party tools that allow test-takers to learn even more about their genomic heritage, including admixture calculators, the identification of genetic cousins, and segment mapping. Learn how to wring every dollar out of your test results!
- **Advanced Third-Party Tools** – We will examine tools like Phasing, Matching Segment Search, Lazarus, and Triangulation tools offered by GEDmatch, DNAGedcom, and others. These tools are almost always excluded from typical third-party tool lectures.
- **The Danger of Distant Matches** – Those distant genetic matches are exciting, but they can be dangerous! Evidence shows that distant matches sharing a small amount of DNA are often false positives and fail to match either of our parents. We will examine the problems that can arise when reviewing distant genetic matches at your testing company and ways to evaluate and use them.

### **REGISTRATION**

**Dates: Members - November 1, 2018 \* Open Registration: begins January 15, 2019**

Make checks payable to the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, and mail your completed registration form and check to the Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford, OR 97501. Or you may sign up at the library. Cancellation Policy: Refund requests must be in writing and received by April 15; there will be no refunds after April 15.

*Thank you Jackson County Cultural Coalition & Oregon Cultural Trust for your support!*

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Please print legibly. Registration confirmations will be given by email (or in-house receipt).

RVGS Member # \_\_\_\_\_ \*Workshop: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \* Seminar: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Home PH: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### **For Office Use only:**

Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_ Librarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation Email Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Database Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*Grants Pass Genealogical Society*  
will now benefit from the  
**Fred Meyer Community Rewards**  
**program.**

**Link your Fred Meyer Reward**  
**card by going to:**

[www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards)

Use this registry number - **90538**  
**GPGS will benefit and your purchases**  
**your personal rewards will not be affected**

