



# Genealogy Journal

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## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, a group of 19 family historians saw the need to form a genealogy club in Grants Pass in 1968;

**WHEREAS**, this group of family historians met on April 4<sup>th</sup> 1968 and wrote bylaws for their club and named their club the Grants Pass Genealogical Society;

**WHEREAS**, The Grants Pass Genealogical Society has held monthly meetings since May 5<sup>th</sup> 1968 that are open to the public interested in tracing their family history;

**WHEREAS**, The Grants Pass Genealogical Society provides informative speakers and programs at meetings in order to educate those interested in tracing their family history;

**WHEREAS**, The Grants Pass Genealogical Society hosts a free annual genealogy workshop each year for anyone in the community interested in tracing their family history;

**WHEREAS**, Grants Pass Genealogical Society members teach the latest genealogy related information to it's members and the public interested in tracing their family history;

**WHEREAS**, The Grants Pass Genealogical Society mentors those interested in tracing their family history;

**WHEREAS**, The Grants Pass Genealogical Society will award a scholarship to a local high school senior interested in history or library science planning to attend a college of their choice;

**WHEREAS**, The Grants Pass Genealogical Society co-sponsors a free Community Family History Seminar each October that covers dozens of family history related subjects, software and Internet databases;

**WHEREAS**, The Grants Pass Genealogical Society will celebrate its' Fifty Year anniversary as a group on May 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 at an anniversary luncheon at the Taprock Northwest Grill

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Darin Fowler, Mayor of the City of Grants Pass, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim and pronounce May 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 as

### "GRANTS PASS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY DAY"

**In Grants Pass Oregon**, and urge my fellow citizens to support and participate in the observance with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Grants Pass, Oregon to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup>. Day of May 2018

**Mayor Darin Fowler**



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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 or more  
Individuals living at the same mailing address.

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*President's Message*  
*May 2018*  
*Our 50<sup>th</sup> Year*  
*Anniversary*  
*Celeste Guillory*  
*President*

In May 1968 members of the Grants Pass Genealogical Society held their first meeting. There were 18 members that day and I thank them founding our organization.

Mrs. Lyle E. (Iantha) Baker - 20Feb1999  
 Mr. Richard A. Bell - January 1976  
 Mrs. G. Hal (Lillian) Burnet 18Nov1996  
 Mrs. Starr A. (Ellen) Deuel 12Sep2003  
 Mrs. James F. (Gladys) Harris - 28Mar1994  
 Mrs. Elmer L. (Pauline) Harrison 16Mar2012  
 Miss Kitty Harrison Woodden – **Lives in Charden, Nebraska**  
 Mr. S. Paul Killian - 08May1971  
 Mrs. S. Paul (Mary) Killian - 09April2005  
 Mrs. Arthur R. (Estella) Maas – 01Aug2003  
 Mrs. James (Linda) Mayers – 30Aug1999  
 Mrs. John (Ruth) Mayers Sr. – 19April1999  
 Mrs. Donald (Kathleen) Parson – **Lives in Grants Pass**  
 Mrs. Russell B. (Gwendolyn) Peebles - 24May1999  
 Mrs. Oliver H. (Elizabeth) Simon 18Aug1982  
 Mrs. Frank R. (Ruth) Wainwright – 23April2009  
 Mrs. Lloyd E. (Laura) Welter - 25Nov1982  
 Mrs. Ray (Lee) Williams – **Lives in Prineville, Oregon**

**Anniversary celebration events Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup> 1130-2pm at the Taprock Northwest Grill**

**May 22 – Illinois Valley High School GPGS scholarship to Kaya Dooleage**

**Boatnik Parade – May 26 – cheer as our float passes by in the parade**



## UPDATE

### Facebook Update

**Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to us!** I hope you will join us for many of the special events that Celeste and the Anniversary Committee have been busy putting together. Your Society's Facebook page is the go-to spot for all the latest information.

Our Facebook page was visited 54 times during the past four weeks. There were 31 posts during April reaching 163 with 193 engaging in our posts by clicking on links or sharing our posts. We remained steady with 129 people liking and following our page.

The most popular posts in April were:

1. It's Officially our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary—First GPGS Meeting Daily Courier Newspaper Clipping from 1968—Reached by 109
2. Memories Can Pass Between Generations Through DNA—Reached by 54
3. Thank You to Juanita & Paul Bray for their Donation to Fund the Boatnik Parade Float—Reached by 52

I was pleased to announce the recipient of our Scholarship Award, share lots of local news and photos about Society meetings and special anniversary events, local Family History Center information, Jackson County Genealogy Library classes, and DNA test kit bargains. There was information on how you can take part in an upcoming study on "Is there a Southern Oregon Dialect?" and some photographs of a wonderful feature article about the Grants Pass Genealogical Society recently published in the Daily Courier in a supplement entitled "The Good Life!" Article links included "How Many of Me," a site where you can find out how many others share your name, a fun Family

Reunion Thumbprint Tree idea, "Meritorious Service Medals Records Now Online," "Remembering When Americans Picnicked in Cemeteries," Preserving Old Family Recipes," and my favorite, "How to Preserve and Test Old Letters for Grandma's DNA."

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. Wishing you all much success filling in the branches of your family tree and much joy celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

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

*Jackson County Genealogy Society Upcoming Events  
at the Jackson County Genealogy Library  
3405 S. Pacific Hwy Medford*

**Monday, May 7, 1:00-3 PM, Combined DNA Interest Group (Advanced and Beginning)**

This combined interest group is for those who have had their DNA tested or are new and have not yet been tested but are interested in sharing information about DNA and related topics.

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

**Tuesday, May 8, 1:30-3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker Interest Group for PC and MAC users.**

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

**Tuesday, May 8, 3:30-5:00 PM, German Interest Group**

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

**Thursday, May 10, 1:30-3:00 PM, Irish Interest Group**

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

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**Monday, May 14, 9:30-12 Noon, Board Meeting**

Members are welcome to observe. Free to all.

**Tuesday, May 15, 1:30-3:00 PM, Public Program and General Membership Meeting**

“Genealogy and Social Media.” Lena Harmon will present information about using Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, and Blogs with Genealogy, and how to do it safely. Free for everyone.

**Wednesday, May 16, 10:30-12:30 PM, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group**

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

**Saturday, May 19, 1:30-3:00 PM, PROGRAM: “Stage Coaching in Northern California”**

Kathy Graves will present a program on the history of the Stage Coaches in the Northern California area. Free to all.

**Monday, May 21, 10:30-12:30 PM, CLASS: “GED Match”**

Your DNA has been uploaded to GED Match. Now what? This class will be taught by Donna Rae Hayes and covers how to use the chromosome browser and analysis tools to identify your matches.

\$10 for Members, \$20 for non-members. Register in advance.

Donna’s journey into autosomal DNA testing started in the spring of 2014 when she submitted her DNA to Ancestry.com. Donna follows several blogs by respected Genetic Genealogists and attended the week-long DNA Boot Camp by C.C. Moore at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, as well as the i4GG weekend conference by C.C. Moore and Blaine Bettinger. Donna has tested at 23andMe as well as uploaded her results to FamilyTree DNA, My Heritage, and Gedmatch. She is familiar with working with DNA matches on each of these platforms. Donna is the facilitator for the Genetic Genealogy Interest Group as well as a presenter of several DNA related classes. She is passionate about connecting DNA matches to existing family lines and building out family trees with those collateral lines.

**Tuesday, May 22, 1:30-2:30 PM, Quilt and Genealogy Talk, PROGRAM: “Indian Jennie's Legacy”**

Sue Waldron will tell us who Indian Jennie was and how this Rogue Indian woman earned the title of the “last of her tribe.” Free for everyone.

**Wednesday, May 30, 10:30-12:30 PM, CLASS: “Family Tree Maker Series”**

This is the third of the series of classes taught by Charleen Brown on FTM. She will give step by step instructions on the use of this software. \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Register in advance.

**Thursday, May 31, 10:30-12:30 PM, Mac Computer Interest Group**

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

**Library Tours Saturday, May 26**

**Between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM**

Jackson County Genealogy Library tours will be conducted on May 26 for the public and anyone interested in seeing what our library contains. Come find some hidden treasures! The tours are FREE to everyone. Register in advance.

**Social Media and Genealogy-Tuesday, May 15, 1:30 to 3:00, FREE**

Have you used Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, or blogs and wondered if you could use them for genealogy? Lena will teach you the best ways to protect yourself while using these social media tools for sharing and collaborating with others. She will also demonstrate how to create your own private and secure group page on FaceBook, and your own genealogy Pinterest board.

Lena Harmon has been doing genealogy for 40+ years. She has served as a past director of the Redding CA Family History Center, and as a world-wide FamilySearch Support Missionary who offers support to individuals around the globe for family history products supported by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She is currently serving as the Shasta Genealogical Society editor and webmaster. Her passion is to teach people how to do genealogy the "right" way the first time. Her specialty is keeping up with the changes in technology, new websites, and new software programs as they become available, so she can teach them to others.

**Jehus from Siskiyou, Stagecoaching in Northern California-Saturday, May 19, 1:30- 3:00 FREE**

Have you ever wondered how our ancestors got around before the advent of trains? Come hear the exciting story of stagecoaches and their fearless drivers. Kathy Graves will present a program reflecting her research as she introduces audience members to the world of stage- coaching in Northern California and into parts of Southern Oregon.

Kathy Graves worked in the public education world for 37 years as a teacher of elementary age children, a school librarian, and later as the county library media center

director. According to her parents, Kathy was born a horse-crazy child, but did not discover horse- drawn carriage driving until sometime around 2002. A love of local history and the discovery of an original mud wagon stored at the local fairgrounds fueled an interest in stagecoaches and the stagecoach era, and a desire to learn more about

that world. Kathy has spent many happy hours driving along portions of what was the California-Oregon Stage Road, aka "The Big Road," in both Siskiyou County in California, and Jackson County in Oregon, visiting extant stage stations and reading about the lives and adventures of all of the stake-holders in the stage-coaching world (drivers, passengers, hostlers, farriers, the horses, the stage stations and stops).

Volunteers will be available to assist families and friends in locating gravesites of loved ones and answering questions about the cemetery. We will also offer tours to the grave sites of some of our Veterans at 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.

Volunteers, Roger Roberts & Chuck Eccleston, describe fascinating, newly discovered cemeteries and burial sites throughout the county. Our public meetings are FREE and open to the public. Tuesday, February 20, 1:30pm-3:30pm. Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Highway. To register call 541-512-2340, email reception.JCGL@gmail.com, or stop by the Genealogy Library. For a listing of all RVGS events, visit [www.rvgsociety.org](http://www.rvgsociety.org)



*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**





Photo by C. Guillory

### Anniversary Evergreen Bank Display

Thank you Garnet Rigby-Wharton for crafting this display



Photo by John Edwards

Celeste Guillory, Joan Edwards, Polli Kucharik, Elisabeth Holt  
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