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## ***Grants Pass Genealogical Society Meeting***

***Tuesday April 11, 2017***

**1:30 - 3PM**

**LDS Church 1969 WILLIAMS HWY GRANTS PASS**  
(East Side of the Building)

## **Guest Speaker Bob James**

Do you accept what you read about kin on the Internet and add that information to your records? Not a good idea - you could be getting false information and also miss the satisfaction of proving the information for yourself. Bob will demonstrate how to document family history data by showing the sources for each record especially

Information gathered by doing research on-line.

Bob James is a gifted researcher and has been doing his family history research for many years. He is also well versed in RootsMagic and Family [Search.org](http://Search.org). He is a family history consultant at the Grants Pass Family History Center

**Board of Directors Meeting  
starts at 12:30**

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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.

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## April Presidents Message

April already? I'll bet you're saying the same thing and are amazed at how quickly this year is speeding by. We're into the second quarter of 2017 and before long summer will be here. With that being said I can't really complain about too much and am happy with a few good things that have happened since the last newsletter.

We finally have a Membership Chairman – Mary Ann Blackledge – a new member to Grants Pass Genealogical Society – who is willing to take on this responsibility. Mary Ann will work closely with Treasurer Pollie Kucharik to help update the membership list and make sure each new member gets an information packet. New member information also goes to the newsletter editor to assure that each member gets the e-newsletter each month. Thank you Mary Ann for volunteering to take this very important position under your wing.

Thanks to Don Ness recently took on a research project for Edith Decker of the Grants Pass Daily Courier. You may have seen a recent article in the Courier about 19 Josephine County servicemen who died in World War I. Don did some basic research for this continuing story about World War I – **the Great War to End All Wars** – and the impact the war had on our local community. Thank you Don for your assistance with this on-going story.

If any of our members have information or know kin for the 19 men from Josephine County who perished in World War I please contact Don Ness or me. See the list later in this newsletter.

Our speaker this month is Bob James who will speak about "Sources" we all refer to when proving our genealogy records. If you don't list your sources you are making a serious error in your research that may cause your records to be rejected or in-doubt when submitted to places such

as the Daughters Of The American Revolution or the Sons Of The American Revolution. Please don't fall into the trap of accepting Internet records without verifying them before hand. Bob will show you how easy it is. His presentation starts at about 1:40 after a brief general meeting.

At the last board of directors meeting the board discussed the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018. Proposed at that meeting was a \$500 scholarship the board wants to initiate in 2018 to any local student interested in studying to become a librarian, archivist or history major in college. A donation of \$250.00 will start the scholarship fund and the balance will come from GPGS funds each year for this ongoing scholarship. We must give back to the Community now that we report our income to the State of Oregon and the US IRS and it's felt this will do the most good in the Community. We plan to hold a vote on this matter at the May meeting and will discuss it briefly at the April meeting. Your opinion is important!

Next month I'll present a program on using the free resources available at the Family History Center. There are 19 fee-based programs just waiting for you to experiment with. Find out what they are and how they will benefit your family history research.

**WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? On the Learning channel Sunday evenings at 9PM and also on uTube.com**

On the second Tuesday of each month the DNA Users group meets in the Family History Center from 6-8 PM. bring your laptop and access code to your DNA report in Ancestry DNA, Family Tree DNA, or 23and Me DNA. There are 3 instructors who will work closely with each person to explain how it all works, how to access databases and understand the various terms.

The yard sale is still on but will be moving to another location to be announced shortly. Dutch Bros bought the bank building at 4<sup>th</sup> & G Streets where we planned to hold the annual sale so we must find a

new location with a lot of foot traffic. Suggestions welcome.

Please check the information page (page 2 this month) with the names of all who give of their time and talents to make our club run so well. We can always use more hands and talent from our many members. Can you teach a class? Can you mentor? Do you need to be mentored? Can you translate Italian, German, French, Spanish or Latin? Share your talents....please.

One last "thank you" to Polli Kucharik who prepared both the State of Oregon and Federal IRS tax returns for 2016 for GPGS. I am so glad I don't have to do this and can't thank Polli enough. Polli spreads herself between her husband's construction business, church and large family. Somehow she fits GPGS into her busy schedule and I can't thank her enough.

Attendance has increased of the past year and I hope to see many of you at the meeting next Tuesday.

Cheers,

*Celeste*

Celeste Guillory  
GPGS President





## 19 Who Perished during World War I from Josephine County

Emory Bartlett  
 Joseph Benton Borough  
 Robert J. Boswell  
 Stuart M. Close  
 Turner A. Dellinger  
 Ransom N. Gates  
 Loy E. Hammer  
 Roy Kitchen  
 Paul L. Lorenz  
 Fred Jones Lovelace  
 Harrison Masters  
 Kenneth .M. Glenn  
 Edward F. Parker  
 Ivan Dale Sloan  
 Everett R. Stevens  
 James Harper Steward  
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 Allen C. White

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 ([cacese36@gmail.com](mailto:cacese36@gmail.com)) if you are kin to any of the men noted above or know of their  
 family still living that we can contact

Looking for photos or anything else of interest about these men.



## Community Outreach in June

Southern Oregon University recently received a grant to collect stories of farming, logging, mills and mines in Jackson and Josephine counties. Over the next couple of months, they plan to hold story collection days in many locations and at fairs and festivals. Their coordinator, Maureen Flanagan Battistella, invites our members to help at the Thursday June 15th event at the Josephine County Public Library in Grants Pass.

They plan to scan family photos and record a short story from 12-5. Jeff LaLande will give a presentation on Southern Oregon Logging History. Mary Jane CedarFace, the SOU Archivist, will be on hand to advise on preservation of personal documents and provide some archival supplies samples.

GPGS will set up an information table and talk with people as they wait for to have their photos digitized. The organizers request volunteers to help with the logistics of registration and moving people through the workflow of the day.

If you are able to participate we would be glad to provide you with a portable hard drive of stories collected. I hope this is exciting for you, and that you will help to publicize the events and to alert people you know to come out for the events!

This is another community outreach effort that is supported by the Board of Directors. Contact Maureen at 541-324-1382 if you can spare some time to help with this worthwhile project.

# STORIES OF FOLKS, FIELDS, FORESTS, MILLS, MINES SOUTHERN OREGON



**Scan your family photos.**  
**Tell a local history story.**  
**Preserve your family history.**  
**Share your proud heritage.**

## FREE!

Merlin Pottsville Museum April 2  
 Eagle Point Public Library May 11  
 Eagle Point Museum May 13  
 Gold Hill Del Rio Vineyards June 1

McKee Bridge 100th June 10  
 Grants Pass Public Library June 15  
 Cave Junction SmokeJump Base June 17  
 Kerbyville Museum June 24

[www.StoriesOfSouthernOregon.com](http://www.StoriesOfSouthernOregon.com)  
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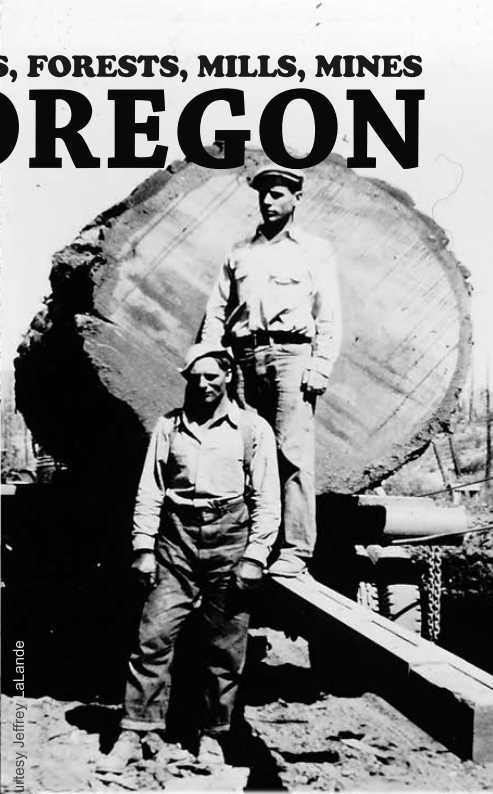



photo courtesy Jeffrey LaLande

Maureen Battistella and Vicki Sturtevant



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE

**Humanities**





UPDATE BY  
CINDY SUDA  
Facebook Coordinator

Time continues to fly by and in Southern Oregon spring seems to have finally arrived! During the last four weeks, we've had 11 people view our Facebook page. Our posts reached 283 with 75 people engaging by liking, clicking on links or sharing our posts. The most popular posts in March were:

1. Absolutely Free Genealogy Research Sites for Every Single U.S. State—Reached by 166
2. Most French-Canadians are descended from These 800 Women—Reached by 99
3. March Meeting Reminder—Reached by 87

Besides the latest Society news & meeting information and a link to the Findmypast free search weekend, highlights of this month's 12 posts include: The 10 Oldest Languages Still Spoken in the World Today; Birth Certificates: Essential Genealogy Resource; "Who Do You Think You Are?" Back for 6<sup>th</sup> Season; San Francisco Genealogy Site; How Much DNA Do Two Sisters Really Share? Also posted was a list of local classes being presented at the Family History Center and what I thought was the most fascinating article "What do you do with 770,000 tubes of saliva collected from AncestryDNA customers?" mapping the genetic migration patterns of our ancestors across the United States.

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 time for research, wonderful results & lots of fun preserving your family's heritage!

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



Jackson County Genealogical Library

3405 S. Pacific Hwy. Medford Oregon

541 512-2340

**Monday, April 10, 1:00-3:00 pm. DNA Interest group (already tested.)**

Lorita Cushman facilitates an advanced DNA Interest Group for those who have had their DNA tested and are interested in sharing information about DNA and related topics. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. **Register in advance.**

**Tuesday, April 11, 1:30-3:00 pm. Family Tree Maker “MAC” User Group.**

Barbara MacMillen facilitates this group, which meets to discuss the FTM program and share ideas with each other. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. **Register in Advance.**

**German Interest Group** will not meet this month. See you at the ***Gateway to Germany*** events.

**Wednesday, April 12, 10:30 am-12: 30 pm Genetic Genealogy Class: Understanding Gedmatch.com.**

Donna Rae Hays teaches this class on using tools at Gedmatch.com after you've uploaded your autosomal DNA data, and interpreting the reports. Cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. **Register in advance.**

**Thursday, April 13, 1:30-3:00. Irish Interest Group.**

Bruce McGarvey moderates this interest group concentrating on Irish history, culture and researching Irish ancestors. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. **Register in Advance.**

**Tuesday, April 18, 1:30-3:00pm. General Meeting – Program “Not Just A Graveyard” speaker Dirk Siedlecki**

**Monday April 24, 1:00-3:00pm DNA Interest Group**

**Program for the Public and General Membership Meeting**

Dirk Siedlecki of the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries presents: “Not Just a Graveyard: Appreciating and Protecting our Outdoor Museums.” This is a fun and informative program that tells folks about all the wonderful things that a historical cemetery has to offer, other than the obvious, a place to be buried. **Free for everyone.**

### **DNA Interest Group (new to subject.)**

Lorita Cushman facilitates this group who have not yet had their DNA tested or who are beginners. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. **Register in advance.**

**Tuesday, April 25, 1:30-2:30 pm. Quilt and Genealogy talk, “The Quilting Revival of the 1970s.”** Jan Stutts gives a look back at the revival of quilting as a hobby and some history of the Cathedral Window pattern. **Free for everyone.**

### **TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE:**

By email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com). By telephone: 541-512-2340. Or stop by the library and register in person. **Library is open Monday-Saturday 10 am to 4 pm, open until 9 pm Tuesday.**

### **A Peek into May**

**Sunday, May 7-Sunday, May 14.**

#### **RVGS Research Trip to Salt Lake City.**

A week of uninterrupted research on your family tree at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City! The library is open many hours: Monday 8 am-5 pm, Tuesday-Friday 8 am-9 pm, Saturday 9 am-5 pm. Stay at the Plaza Hotel within walking distance of the library. Book your room now at RVGS genealogy rate. Call 541-512-2340 or e-mail: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) to contact Betty Miller at our library for more information.

**Kate Eakman** at JCGL for two events:

**May 16 Collars, Coiffures and Corsets: Using Fashion to Date Your Old Family Photographs. May 17 Finding Your Native American Ancestry.**

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Congratulations to Linda Rahberger who was recently elected president of the Grants Pass Emblem Club #444. Linda was vice president of GPGS about three years ago and since retiring is able to be an active member again.

Special Classes at the Family History Center.....April 25 7-8:20 - Kay Watts will teach “How To Find Your Cousins using “Descendancy”

### **FREE FAMILY HISTORY WEBINARS**

**Register for free a [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)**

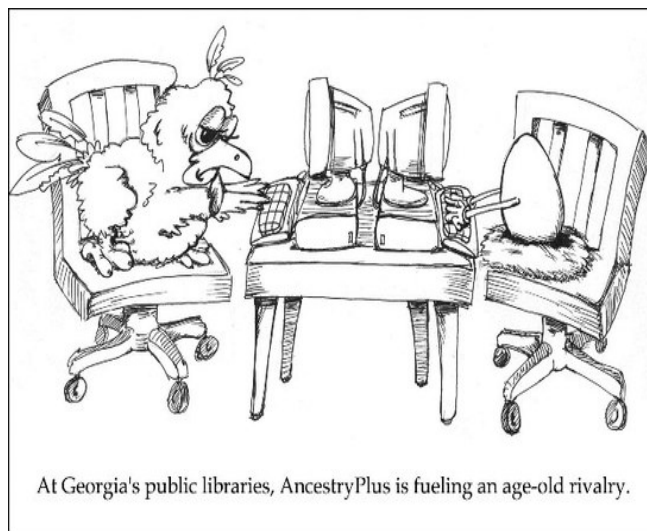
**4/14 – Complete Photo Restoration in 4 Easy Steps**

**4/25 - Finding and Using Land Ownership Maps**



***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**



## Sources class Handout – Bob James

- **Why Document Your Tree?**

- Each person added to tree must be proven to be “yours”
- If you add a person who is not yours, you will just waste your time continuing on that branch.
- Professional Genealogist Jan M says many people she works with are on the wrong tree by the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation

- **What is a Source?**

- It is a location of a digital image of a document
- It may take you to that doc via internet
- The document’s digital copy is on the server (computers) of the company whose web site you found it on.
- It belongs to them, not you.
- The real paper doc is in some location where they photographed it
- To see it you must be a subscriber to their web site.
- Some sites are free. FamilySearch is always free
- You may copy data from any source and put it on Family Tree. It’s not easy to copy the picture with any quality
- Going back to their site via the URL in the source gives best quality

- **Why add Sources?**

- Allows anyone to return to the original document
- In Family Search, other researchers can change a persons facts
- If they are wrong it changes anyway
- A good researcher will review all facts including sources before making a mistake
- The better your source, the more they will believe you are right
- Remember the person is ancestor to several other people, he is not “yours”
- Mark “Watch” on important person pages
- Note: Sources are for reference only, they don’t change facts on the person page

- **When To Capture a Source**

- As you research a person capture the document you found, immediately. It’s so easy
- You can delete it later if you don’t want it but it’s not likely you’ll find it again

- **3 ways to make a source**
- **Create source manually**
  - Go to Family Tree “Sources” on a person’s View Person page. Click “Create a New Source”
  - Fill in all fields – a URL is very helpful
  - Or use “Add a Memory” to add a file.
    - .bmp, .jpg, .png, .pdf and .tif files up to 15MB.
    - A photo or a document can also be added from “Memories” at top of page
  - Attach to that person
- **Create source automatically from any other research site via Record Seek**
  - Find person’s research result
  - Highlight all data you want to see on source summary or index
  - Click “**Record Seek**” on toolbar at top of browser
  - If your computer doesn’t have this shortcut, get it at recordseek.com
  - Sign in to FamilySearch as directed
  - New source will be displayed, Edit all fields as desired
  - Click “save”
  - Attach it to your person by filling in search boxes or enter PID (much easier) and select “Search” – this takes you to a list of persons in Family Tree, select the one that is your person
  - Fill in reason i.e. “shows his family before his marriage”
  - Click “Attach”
  - A source entry will be created with a web link to the original document on the Ancestry server
  - Big Limitation - No one can go to this source unless they have subscriber access to that site
- **Fastest and best method using Family Tree Source Maker**
- Using source maker for easy attaching of documents to **multiple persons** in Tree
  - From learning center/ Family Tree Training Lessons and Videos/select level 2/ Sources/Hands on Activities column/**lesson 1**/ Attaching Records From FamilySearch to FamilyTree

- Must find documents using **Family Search**
- Keep person open on a separate tab so you can check PID
- Must be attached from index page not the document
- Select “Attach to Family Tree”
  - If source has been already attached it will say “Review Attachments”
- Match may be found from persons pages listed in History. If not enter persons PID #.
- Facts from document are on left
- Facts for your person are on right
- Focus person will be attached first
- If facts correlate to your person, click attach
- Attach Spouse next
- Other family members to be selected and attached
  - Drag names on document up and down to match names in Tree if necessary
  - If person is not in Tree, it can be added from here
- Editing Tree data must be done on the Person Page
- Source Maker will not perform multiple sourcing on records that do not contain relationship data, United State Census years before 1880 would be a good example
- A person may be on census that is related to another family member like kids from another spouse. To attach them you must change the Focus Person to one related directly to that person.
- Change icon is on both sides. Left one picks from persons on document. Right one picks from persons on your history list or you may have to use PID to bring him up.
- When changed, the Tree will show members of that family. Move up/down as necessary and attach.
- **Fast method** to use source maker for **mixed families** in a census
  - From learning center/ Family Tree Training Lessons and Videos/select level 2/ Sources/lesson 6 video/ **Change Focus Person 2**
  - Click on a person in document index
  - Comes up with “Is this your person?”
  - If PID matches say Attach. That’s all, source is now attached to that person
  - Repeat for each person no matter how they fit in the family
  - Each attachment has the name of that person in the title.



- Remember, sourcing only attaches document to a person for reference
- **Best place to get a Document**
  - Family Search documents accessed via a “source” created in Family Tree will always be available to anyone. It has a tree icon in front of it
  - A source made from Recordseek or copied from Ancestry.com will have a Globe icon
  - Clicking the URL on a non- Family Search source will take you to another site where you must have a membership to see it.
  - At your leisure you can try again to find that document at Family Search and delete theirs.

## Free Genealogy Sites

FamilySearch: largest collection of free genealogical records in the world.

WikiTree: enormous collaborative family tree.

Fulton History: historical newspapers from the US and Canada.

Find a Grave: locate your ancestors in cemeteries across the globe.

Google News Archive: millions of archived newspaper pages

US National Archives: official US National Archives site, many free genealogy databases and resources

Automated Genealogy: indexes of the Canadian census

FreeBMD: civil registration index of births, marriages and deaths for England and Wales

USGenWeb Project: massive free genealogy resource directory by US state and county

WorldGenWeb Project: genealogy resources by country and region, not to miss

# I KNOW THAT I WILL NEVER SEE A FINISHED GENEALOGY