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## **Grants Pass Genealogical Society**

### **January Meeting**

**Tuesday Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> - 1:30 - 3PM**

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

### **"USING THE PORTAL"**

19 Free programs available at the  
Family History Center

- **19th Century British Library Newspapers:** more than 2 million digitized newspaper pages, all fully text searchable
- **FindMyPast.co.uk:** a subscription site of UK vital records, censuses and outbound passenger lists
- **Fold3:** historical documents from the National Archives, Library of Congress and other repositories
- **ancestry.com and 15 other premium websites**

**Presented by consultant staff of the Grants Pass Family  
History Center**

**Plan to attend the GPGS Board meeting being held  
at 12:30 - all members are welcome to attend  
for more information contact -----  
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Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/gpgenealogy>

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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## January 2017 President's Message.....

The graphic above says it all. We're into the second week of 2017 and hopefully the snow will be melted so we can have our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the year on Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. This year started off with a bang and has been a real challenge thus far.

**WOW** describes this group picture taken the annual Christmas luncheon held on December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Black Bear Diner in Grants Pass. The room was very nice as was the food. I hope all who attended had a good time and maybe we'll go back there next December. Everyone looks happy in this group photo don't you think?



2016 Christmas Luncheon group photo .... each year we see new faces at these gatherings. Thank you Joan Edwards for taking notes to go with the photo.....

**Annual Christmas Luncheon and Installation  
at the Grants Pass Genealogical Society  
Christmas Party 13 Dec 16  
Black Bear Diner in Grants Pass, Or.**

**Show and Tell:**

The following people shared wonderful stories  
about their genealogical finds in 2016

Garnet Rigby-Wharton, Anne Billeter, Polli Kucharik, Bev  
Wellington, Pat Heumann, Joan Quast and Laura Dunwald-Uhlig.  
Their presentations were very interesting and inspiring.

**Door Prizes:**

Lloyd Smith won *The Stranger in My Genes*, Polli Kucharik  
acquired a GPGS Tee shirt, Jan Franz got a purse & scarf and Bev  
Wellington received a 1-year membership to GPGS.

**2017 GPGS Officers:**

Celeste Guillory, President; Jan Franz, Vice President; Polli  
Kucharik, Treasurer and Joan Edwards, Secretary; were sworn in  
by Garnet Rigby-Wharton.

2017 is the 49<sup>th</sup> year since we were chartered as a genealogy  
society in 1968. I hope we can do something really special in 2018  
to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and I'll be asking for suggestions  
from the board of directors and all members in the next few  
months. We have a year to plan so we can celebrate this  
milestone event.

## Things to be discussed at the next board meeting – 1-10-2017

Shall we have set up a scholarship committee?

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plan

Yard Sale date and location – our only fundraising event

Workshop in September – required by the by-laws

Community Seminar in October

Outreach

Set the date and location for the Christmas luncheon

Officers for 2017 sworn in for another one-year term



Secretary Joan Edwards, Treasurer Polli Kucharik, Vice President Jan Franz, President Celeste Guillory

Lastly, I hope LaVona Ness is recovering after a nasty fall a few weeks ago. We miss seeing her and her faithful companion Don Ness.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New year and I hope to see more of our members at meetings and events this year.

*Celeste Guillory*

GPGS President



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

Happy New Year! I wish you many family history finds in 2017, and it is my hope that our Facebook page facilitates some great new resources for some wonderful discoveries!

We currently have 103 followers, 82% female & 16% male. Ninety-eight of our 103 followers are from the United States, with 40 from Grants Pass and another 33 from the West Coast. We also have followers from Brazil, Canada, Spain, Georgia & the Cayman Islands.

There were 33 posts during November and December 2016, with lots of educational opportunities including several newly released listings of free webinars on a large array of topics from the Family History Library, Legacy Family Tree, the Illinois State and Southern California Genealogical Societies.

**The most popular posts in November were:**

1. Information about our November meeting & Board of Directors election–Reached by 63
2. “Sorry, that DNA test doesn’t make you indigenous”–Reached by 27
3. “Best Genealogy Websites of 2016”–Reached by 21

**The most popular posts in December were:**

1. A special share from member Jeri on her family’s archaeological dig–Reached by 149
2. Reminder about the Christmas Luncheon–Reached by 51
3. Information about our January meeting–Reached by 38

**And not to be missed are the links to these interesting articles:**

Take A Virtual Tour of Your Ancestor's Hometown; Free Digitalized Newspapers for Genealogy Research; No, You DON'T Need a Paid Subscription to Do Genealogy Research: Here's Why; My New Year's Gift to You: 10 Ways to Jumpstart Your Genealogy; 10 Tips for Finding Your Family on Passenger Manifests, 9 Secrets You Didn't Know About Your Immigrant Ancestors; 5 Types of Maps Every Genealogist Should Know; Do You Have 'Missing' Parents in Your Tree? Here are 5 Overlooked Places to Find Them; The Limits of Predicting Relationships Using DNA; Researching UK Birth & Death Records Keeps Getting Easier & Easier; Genealogy Toolbox-Genealogy Research Sources Checklist & 75 Best State Genealogy Websites along with an awesome, linkable State-by-State Reference Guide.

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 a great 2017 filled with lots of fun discovering and preserving your family's heritage!

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

**Excerpts from the Heritage Newsletter published by the  
Linn Genealogical Society – January 2017**

**Google** - Google.com is a search engine with far reaching contents, such as Google Maps and Google Earth where amazing detailed satellite views and street maps can help zoom in on even the tiniest towns or villages. Run a search on surnames, ancestral locations and other topics of interest.

**Google Books** content is just staggering. It is the “world's most comprehensive index of full-text books.” Create, save and share for free with Google Drive (drive.google.com).

**Google Translator** translate.google.com for a quick translation?

**eBay** - ebay.com is an online auction site to find family trees,

books, photo albums, old postcards, family Bibles and much more. Some genealogists scour eBay to rescue heirlooms they try to return to family members. Typically, items are listed in the **Everything Else Genealogy category.....** check other categories such as books, collectives, antiques and jewelry. In your eBay profile, you can follow Favorite Searches and get email alerts and updates in your eBay feed.

**Maps** - David Rumsey Map Collection - davidrumsey.com website has 64,000 plus maps and other cartographic images on this site with a focus on rare 18th and 19th century North and South American material.

**Fire Insurance Maps** -The Library of Congress has an extensive collection of digitized Sanborn maps at [loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps](http://loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps).

These maps, created by the Sanborn Map Company to evaluate potential fire hazards in communities, provided insurance agents the size, placement, square footage and building materials of our ancestors' property. First drawn in 1867, Sanborn maps are notable for their detail and use of symbols, often with color-coding to indicate building material (stone, adobe, brick, etc.).

**HeritageQuest Online** - Heritage Quest is a comprehensive treasury of American genealogical resources - rich in unique primary sources, local and family histories, convenient research guides, interactive census maps, and more. It delivers an essential collection of genealogical and historical sources - with coverage dating back to the 1700s - that can help people find their ancestors and discover a place's past. Now powered by Ancestry, this amazing collection consists of the following core data sets:

- U. S. Federal Censuses
- Genealogy and local history books and directories
- Revolutionary War



- Freedman's Bank records
- Periodical Source Index (PERSI) Archive(1800 - 2009)

**Library of Congress** - This site helps you access many of the riches of the nation's library. The American Memory collection (memory.loc.gov) digitizes everything from maps to old advertising circulars, even audio and video recordings.

**World Cat** - worldcat.org connects you with the collections of 10,000 libraries around the world. You can search catalog information about more than 2 billion books, newspapers, images, sound files, microfilmed and downloadable materials and more. After you have found promising titles, WorldCat helps locate data in libraries you can visit or borrow via interlibrary loan.

**Podcasts** - Listen anywhere on any device once you sign up for a podcast. A favorite is Genealogy Gems with Lisa Louise Cooke, but there are many good speakers with interesting and useful subjects. Additional websites will be suggested in the coming newsletters.

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**The Grants Pass Genealogical Society  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
1969 Williams Highway -Grants Pass, Oregon  
Tuesday, 8 November 2016, 12:30 p.m.**

**The meeting started at 12:30 p.m.**

**Roll Call:**

Celeste Guillory – present	Joan Edwards – absent
Polli Kucharik – present	Laura Dunwald-Uhlig – absent
Jan Franz – present	Bev Wellington – absent
Garnet Rigby-Wharton – present	Cindy Suda – absent
Janis Seaton – present	

**Announcements:**

Don Ness and Janis Seaton have volunteered to do research for the Society. The annual election of society officers will take place today at 1:30 p.m. Member LaVona Ness fell recently and was injured. She is recovering at home. Celeste has reserved a space at the bank near the Grower's Market for the society to hold its annual fundraising rummage sale on the second Saturday of July 2017.

**Minutes:**

Motion made by Polli Kucharik to approve the minutes of the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Garnet Rigby-Wharton, and approved by all board members.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Polli Kucharik reported that the balance in our checkbook is \$1,025.10. All receipts submitted to date have been reimbursed. Garnet stated she still needs to submit a receipt for approximately \$6.00 for cardboard used to cover the windows during visual presentations at meetings.

**Old Business:**

The Christmas luncheon will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 2:00 at the Black Bear Diner in Grants Pass. Six menu items will be suggested (but not required) for members to choose from in order to facilitate speedy food service. We are allowed to bring a cake, as long as it is commercially made and not prepared at home. Members are invited to share short reports of any successes in their research. Installation of 2017 officers will also be conducted at the luncheon.

An application is in process to include the Grants Pass Genealogical Society in the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program. When approved, this will allow society members to name the society to receive rewards tied to their shopping at Fred Meyer stores. The rewards to the society are in addition to (not replacing) the quarterly rewards that the members themselves receive.

**New Business:**

The January board meeting will be held on January 6<sup>th</sup> as a planning meeting and luncheon at Celeste's home.

The board meeting was concluded at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Seaton, Recorder

**Minutes of General Meeting and Election  
1969 Williams Highway, Grants Pass, Oregon  
Tuesday, 8 November 2016 at 1:30 p.m.**

President Celeste Guillory opened the general meeting at 1:30 p.m. She made several announcements: Christmas luncheon and installation of officers on December 13<sup>th</sup>, a

proposed scholarship to be awarded in 2017 to a student pursuing library science, and the next general meeting to be held on January 10, 2017.

After sharing announcements, she presented a slate of candidates willing to serve on the 2017 Board of Directors, which had been prepared by the nominating committee. At this time, she also solicited any other nominations from the floor. As there were none, a call was made for a motion from the floor to accept the proposed slate, as follows:

President – Celeste Guillory  
Vice President – Jan Franz  
Secretary – Joan Edwards  
Treasurer – Polli Kucharik

Garnet Rigby-Wharton made a motion to accept the proposed slate of officers, motion seconded by Pat Heumann. A vote was held, and the above slate of officers was unanimously elected.

Following the meeting, Celeste Guillory made a presentation on the Fold3 military research website.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Seaton, Recorder



Classes, meetings and other events at the Jackson County  
Genealogical Library operated by the Rogue Valley Genealogical  
Society – 3405 S. Pacific Hwy Medford

**Tuesday, January 10, 3:30-5:00 p.m. German Interest Group.** Mary Robsman facilitates this interest group concentrating on German history and research. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) or stop by the library.

**Wednesday, January 11, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Family Tree Maker Group for MAC users.** Barbara MacMillen facilitates this group to discuss the FTM program and share ideas. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) or stop by the library.

**Thursday, January 12, 1:30-3:00 p.m. Irish Interest Group.** Bruce McGarvey facilitates this monthly meeting of people interested in the history, genealogy and culture of all things Irish. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) or stop by the library in person.

**A SERIES OF 3-FREE CLASSES DESIGNED FOR BEGINNERS**

\* **Saturday, January 14, 10:30 – noon.** How to Start Your Genealogy Project. FIRST IN SERIES FOR BEGINNERS. Charleen Brown, instructor. This class will give you the basics of ancestor charts, family group sheets, building trees, logging research and where to look for records. Free. To register, please call 541-512-2340, email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) or stop by the library.

**Tuesday, January 17, 1:30 p.m. January Program for the public and membership meeting.** Larry Smith, our speaker this month, will give an interesting and informative program, *The Chinese in Southern Oregon*. Come to hear this popular speaker share with us how the Chinese immigrants lived in Jacksonville as well as throughout Southern Oregon in earlier times. Note: Our third Tuesday programs for the public are always free for everyone to attend.

**Wednesday, January 18, Understanding and Using Land Records.** Designed for intermediate and advanced genealogy researchers. Two class sessions on one day 10:30 – noon. **Understanding Land Descriptions.** Bruce McGarvey, retired from Bureau of Land Management (BLM), is the instructor. The Federal Land Survey Program and terms such as meridians, sections, and townships will be explained. The focus is to understand the legal description of land in records and how to read the maps. By the end of this lesson students will be able to locate a section in a township, know what a tract of land is and how to write its legal description.

1:15-2:45 p.m. **Using BLM Land Records.** Mary Tsui, a mapping/data consultant and amateur but stubborn genealogist, is the instructor. The use of BLM online search tools and online wikis for researching Federal and some earlier State land records will be covered. Learn how to order land patent applications (the actual documents about the person applying for the land) from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and discover books and other online land record tools useful for finding

valuable information about your ancestors. Cost: for members: \$10 for one session or \$15 for both morning and afternoon sessions; for non- members: \$20 for one session and \$30 for both sessions. To register, please call 541-512-2340, email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) or stop by the library.

\* **Thursday, January 19**, 10:30-11: 30 a.m. Overview of Using the Genealogy Library. **SECOND IN SERIES FOR BEGINNERS**. Anne Billeter, RVGS President, instructor. This class for beginners will give you Tips and Tricks for how the library is organized and reveal research treasures you can use. Free. To register, please call 541-512-2340, email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) or stop by the library.

\* **Saturday, January 21**, 10:30–noon. Paper Organization. **THIRD IN SERIES FOR BEGINNERS**. Barbara Northrop, instructor. Useful, practical strategies to organize your records, documents, and materials offline using paper folders, notebooks and other tips for successful retention of your research. Free. To register, please call 541-512-2340, email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) or stop by the library.

**Monday, January 23**, 1:00–3:00 p.m. **DNA Interest Group for beginners** who have not yet tested. Lorita Cushman facilitates this interest group. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) or stop by the library.

**Tuesday, January 24**, 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. **Quilts and Genealogy Talk, *The Hawaiian Quilt***. Joedy Kimmel, experienced quilter, will explain the traditions and techniques behind this unique form of quilting. Some suggestions for researching Hawaiian families. Free and open to all.

**Saturday, February 4**, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Brick Wall Roundtable**. Andrea Patterson and Melinda Henningfield will moderate this session. Bring your stumbling blocks and with others find answers to getting rid of the brick wall in your research. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) or stop by the library.

**Tuesday, February 7**. 1:30-3:00 p.m. **FTM for PC users**. **Wednesday, February 8**, 10:00-11:30 a.m. **FTM for MAC users**.

**Thursday, February 9**, 10:30 – noon. **DNA for Genealogy-What is it all about?** Presented by Melinda Henningfield. Have you wondered what a DNA test would tell you? This one-and-a-half hour class will cover the four tests most commonly used for genealogy along with what results from the three main testing companies might tell you. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. To register, please call 541-512-2340, email: [reception.JCGL@gmail.com](mailto:reception.JCGL@gmail.com) or stop by the library.

