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Guest Speaker

Beverly

Wellington

April 10, 2018

1:30PM

**Sourcing:
Researching to
Verify Collateral
Family Lines**

Beverly Wellington will Explain how to properly Record sources in both Family Search & Ancestry.com & she will provide some excellent suggestions to help clarify research problems. Being discussed is how important it is to list sources on a family tree rather than taking information off the Internet without verifying it.

Correct sources are vital if wishing to join the DAR or SAR or many other pioneer organizations.

The Board of Directors meeting commences at 12:30 and is open to members and will be over by 1:20. Topics on the agenda cover the May 8th anniversary luncheon at the Taprock Northwest grill, Boatnik Parade float entry, July 14th yard sale & September 11th guest speaker – Don Anderson.

"Educating Family Historians For over 50 Years"



Grants Pass Genealogical Society

Celebrating 50 Years as an organization

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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 individuals living at the same mailing address.

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APRIL PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



This year, as part of our 50th anniversary celebration the Grants Pass Genealogical Society is awarding a \$500 scholarship to a local youth planning to attend college in the fall. The winner is:



Kaya Doolaege
Illinois Valley High School
2018 GPGS Scholarship
Winner

I want to thank Scholarship Committee members Beverly Wellington, June Cogle and Joan Edwards for reading many scholarship applications and choosing **Kaya Doolaege** as our first ever scholarship winner. Kaya has accepted our invitation to attend the 50th anniversary luncheon in May so we can wish her well as she starts her college career.

We have a parade float entry in the Boatnik Parade on May 26th in Grants Pass and I hope you will come to the parade to cheer us on as we trek down 6th Street in this annual event. If you're interested in riding on the float please let me know so I can add your name to the list. If you can walk in the parade all members are invited to do so, also.

Reminder also about the yard sale at 4th and G Streets on Saturday July 14th from 7-1PM. Set-up starts at 6am. More information on the yard sale in the May and June newsletters.

Celeste Guillory
 GPGS President



UPDATE

Well, this is getting exciting—our 50th Anniversary Celebrations are in full swing! The Scholarship Committee has just announced the first ever Grants Pass Genealogical Society \$500 Scholarship Award is going to Miss Kaya Doolaege.

I just showcased on Facebook a Daily Courier newspaper-clipping Celeste located describing the first meeting of the Society 50 years to the date after it was published. The Anniversary Committee is hard at work finalizing plans of a very special Anniversary meeting next month on May 8th to be held at Taprock Northwest Grill. To tout this golden milestone, you're not going to want to miss the Boatnik Parade this year as the Grants Pass Genealogical Society will be marching in the parade. Plans are in the works for our first ever float. Our theme will be "Educating Family Historians For over 50 Years." That's a lot of celebrating this spring! There are still opportunities to lend a hand, in big or little ways, if you would like to be part of the festive fun—just let Celeste or another Board or Committee member know.

Happy to report we've had 3 new page likes this month and now have 130 followers of our Facebook page. There were 18 posts in March and during the last four weeks 53 people viewed our page, our posts reached 198 people—a 34% increase, and 105 people engaged with our posts by liking, clicking on links or sharing our posts—up by 133%. Thank you for helping us get the word out by sharing our posts with your Facebook friends! Celeste shared with me that we also had 39 people go to our website at <http://www.gpgenealogy.org/> during the last 30 days, 21% were repeat visitors—so together we are getting the word out about our passion for family history and how GPGS can help!

Something remarkable happened this month—we have two-way ties for all THREE of the top spots for most popular posts in March:

Mark a grave for \$25.99—Reached by 70 and did you miss the recent **-Interpreting Your AncestryDNA Results online boot camp—both reached by 70 people.**

Genealogy Tip of the Day—Reached by 51

Get Free Access to all Irish Records on [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) this weekend—Reached by 51

Big thanks to our 50th Anniversary Committee **and Board of Directors for efforts planning our milestone year photograph—Reached by 42**

What was the Most Popular Toy the Year You Were Born?—Reached by 42

There were posts with February meeting photos, March meeting info and handouts and I tried to get a conversation going by asking everyone to share “What’s your favorite genealogical resource?” Everyone was a bit shy, but I’ll try again! ;) We got some nice publicity in a local blog; don’t miss the link to the Parkbench blog article “Meet Celeste Guillory, President of the Grants Pass Genealogical Society founded in 1968.” And just a reminder that it is not too late to learn much by viewing the many great recorded live-streamed sessions in my favorite link to <https://www.rootstech.org/rootstech-2018-videos> .

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 all you Family Historians happy learning and many genealogic finds! Have fun digging!

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



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



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Thank you Jeri Paradise and Linda Whitmore for working with the staff at the Taprock Northwest Grill on the following menu for the 50th Anniversary luncheon

**Tuesday May 8th 2018
1130am - 2pm – Anniversary Luncheon
Taprock Northwest Grill
971 SE 6th Street Grants Pass
(at the Caveman Bridge)**

Buffet cost per person: \$20.00 includes gratuity

Buffet MENU

Slow Roasted Pot Roast: Tender cuts of beef roast served in a rich red wine demi glaze.
Chicken Parmesan: Crispy Italian spiced chicken breast, topped with Mozzarella cheese and marinara over top of penne pasta tossed in garlic Alfredo sauce.

**Crisp green salad
Dinner rolls
Seasonal vegetables
Roasted red potatoes
Coffee, iced tea and soda
Anniversary Cake**

A vegetarian choice of Penne pasta w/vegetables, stuffed portobello mushroom (sun dried tomatoes, artichoke and asparagus), house salad and Yukon Gold mashed potatoes is available
Please advise Vegetarian menu when making your reservation

How Many of You Are There?

Reprinted from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 13 June 2017

The following is for U.S. residents only:

There are 325,060,629 people in the U.S. How many have your name? To find out, go to: <http://HowManyOfMe.com/>, and enter your own name. NOTE: Don't worry, the site's Privacy Policy assures everyone the site doesn't share your name or any other information about you. Specifically, it states, "We do not share search data of individual users or e-mail addresses with anyone, nor do we intend to start." The site's search will tell you how many people in the U.S. share your first name and also how many share your last name, along with a bit of other information. It then tells you how many people have exactly the same first name AND last name as you. I don't see any serious genealogical uses for this web site, other than perhaps determining how rare a name might be. Perhaps it could also be used as a tool when trying to find a suitable name for the baby your family is expecting.

Meritorious Service Medals now available online

[The Genealogist](#) has released the records of 29,000 individuals who were decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM). The roll of names for those who were awarded this British honour in the First World War have been released by The Genealogist. Researchers can now look for holders of this medal up to 1920 from within their ever-growing military records collection.

- See a copy of the image of the Medal Card with the theatre of war where the medal was won
- Details the name, rank, regiment and service number
- Unique "Smart Search" links to the comprehensive military records on TheGenealogist.co.uk
- These new records cover British servicemen from The First World War

The medal was first awarded in 1845 to non-commissioned officers in the British Army who had a record of long service in the forces. Given originally for long service of at least 20 years to servicemen who were of irreproachable character and already held the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal of their service, the First World War saw it awarded to those who performed acts of non-combatant gallantry in the performance of their military duty. In the second case the bravery was not necessarily while the serviceman was on active service and may have been in the saving or attempted saving of the life of an officer or an enlisted soldier. Family history researchers searching for ancestors who had been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in the First World War will be able to find their

forebears in this new addition to the military collection of records on



Don Anderson author of “Paper and Spit”
 September 11, 2018
 Bear Hotel 11:30 – 3PM
 Refreshments Served

Extra special guest speaker at the September 11th meeting – Don Anderson author of “Paper and Spit”. Visit his website on Facebook. One of the features on the website is a radio interview hosted by Donna Seebo of Delpi Vision Broadcasting in the Seattle-Tacoma area from last November. They discuss various aspects of the book. The interest in genetic genealogy is picking up steam. Ancestry sold approximately 1.5 million tests on Black Friday last December. Add in the TV programs featuring the use of DNA Finding Your Roots, Who Do You Think You Are? and Relative Race, to name a few make testing a hot topic. Very exciting!



Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Happenings

At the Jackson County Genealogical Library

3405 S. Pacific Hwy Medford

www.rvgslibrary.org or www.rvgsociety.org

CLASSES & EVENTS:

- • Public Programs are FREE to all
- • Interest Groups are FREE to members; \$5-day use fee for non-members
- • Classes and seminars are priced as listed with the description

Monday, April 9, 9:30-12 Noon, Board Meeting

Monday, April 9, 1:00-3:00 PM, Advanced DNA Interest Group

Tuesday, April 10, 1:30-3:00 PM, Family Tree Maker Interest Group for PC and MAC Tuesday, April 10, 3:30-5:00 PM, German Interest Group

Thursday, April 12, 1:30-3:00 PM, Irish Interest Group

Tuesday, April 17, 1:30-3:00 PM, Public Program and General Membership Meeting

“Grace’s Visit to the Rogue Valley” presented by Ben Truwe

Wednesday, April 18, 10:30-12:30 PM. Genetic Genealogy Interest Group

Friday, April 20, 1:30-3:30, Workshop: “The Power of Google Earth for Genealogists”

Presented by Rick and Pam Sayre

\$30 for members, \$40 for non-members. Register in advance, for more information see the article at the beginning of this eNews.

Saturday, April 21, 9:00-4:00, Seminar by Rick and Pam Sayre

“Our Ancestors: Did They Serve? Did They Plow? Did They Move?”

\$45 for members, \$55 for non-members. Register in advance, for more information see the article at the beginning of this eNews.

Monday, April 23, 1:00-3:00 PM, DNA for Beginners Interest Group Tuesday, April 24, Quilts and Genealogy Public Program.

“Maryum’s Yellow Rose” - Presented by Anne Billeter

Thursday, April 26, 10:30-12:30 PM, Mac Computer Users Interest Group

Friday, April 27, 10:30-12:30 PM, Class: “Family Tree Maker Class on The Sources Tab”

Taught by Charleen Brown

The second class in the series analyzes the Family Tree Maker program in-depth and step-by-step. Come learn about the Family Tree Maker “Sources Tab.”

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

Library Tours Saturday April 7, 14, & 28

Between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM

Jackson County Genealogy Library tours will be conducted on April 7, 14, & 28 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.

OUR ANCESTORS

Did They Serve? Did They Plow? Did They Move? Presenters: Rick & Pam Sayre

WORKSHOP: The Power of Google Earth

PRESENTER: Rick Sayre, CG, CGL

WHEN: April 20, 2018, 1:30 – 3:30 PM.

WHERE: Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford, Oregon

COST: Members \$30. Non-Members \$40.

Rick is a 31-year career Army veteran and this class is **not** just for genealogists. Learn about the tools available to all of us on Google Earth.

SEMINAR: Our Ancestors: Did They Serve? Did They Plow? Did They Move?

PRESENTERS: Rick & Pam Sayre, CG, CGL

WHEN: April 21, 2018, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Registration: 8:30 to 9:00.) **COST:** Members: \$45. Non-Members \$55.

Seminar classes include: Did He Serve? Researching Military Service Records; The Civil War; Rural Research; and Clues in Missouri Migration.

Registration is now open for all. Please visit our website at www.rvgslibrary.org or www.rvgsociety.org for information, registration, and speaker details or call 541-512-2340 Monday – Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Lunch is not included.

The workshop and seminar are funded, in part, by the Jackson County Cultural Coalition and the Oregon Cultural Trust, together investing in Oregon’s arts, heritage, and humanities.

Pamela and Richard Sayre is professional researchers, educators, authors, and lecturers specializing in records in the Washington, DC area, Missouri, western

Pennsylvania; and Ohio. Pam & Rick develop, coordinate, and teach courses for University-affiliated programs in genealogy, and they lecture regularly at national and regional genealogy conferences across the United States.

Rick was born and educated in Colorado, and during his thirty-one-year Army career, he traveled the world. Rick coordinates the Using Maps in Genealogy course at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Sanford University. He also instructs courses in Advanced Methodology, Techniques and Technology, Advanced Military, and a variety of other IGHR courses. Rick and Pam coordinate the Advanced Land course and Researching in Washington, DC.

Pam is a fifth-generation Missourian by birth, and a New Mexican by upbringing. Pam has taught in Boston University's Professional Certificate Program in Genealogy, and she developed an NGS self-paced Social Security course for family historians. Pam is First Vice President of the Utah Genealogical Association; former NGS director of author of *Onion Frontage Road*. Turn right on to the museum gate.

Questions about your Heritage? Want to Learn More?

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society invites you to attend one of several – or all, if you choose! – Interest Group Meetings at Jackson County Genealogy Library. Whatever your interest, there is a group designed specifically for you! Interest Group Meetings, \$5 for non-Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Members; FREE for RVGS Members. Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford. To register in advance, call 541-512-2340, email reception.JCGL@gmail.com, or [stop by the Genealogy Library](#).

Share your experiences with, and learn from others who share your interests!

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Hot on the trail.