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GPGS Meeting

1:30pm

Guest Speaker

Rochelle Ford

Presents Part II

DNA & How It Aids Family History Research

Rochelle's presentation in January was so well received she has agreed to be guest speaker again in February. She will continue to update us on new techniques, testing companies and ways to link reports.

Rochelle was a presenter at the Grants Pass Community Seminar in October 2017 & also helped organize a DNA special interest group at the Family History Center in early 2017 that was well attended

She is a Family History Consultant on Wednesday mornings from 8:30 to 12:30.

Board meeting from 11:30 to 1:15
50th Anniversary Committee Report
Members are welcome to attend

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?



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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.

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Valentines Day is just a few days away and I hope everyone gets a special valentine from someone they are fond of this year. This newsletter is my valentine to all our members.

I hope you share my excitement, as we get closer to celebrating our 50th anniversary later this year. The anniversary committee has a number of things on the drawing board and they will be discussed at a board meeting before the program on Tuesday Feb 13th from 11:30 – 1:15. Please plan to attend and give us your ideas.

In May we'll have an anniversary luncheon at a restaurant in Grants Pass, have a display at Evergreen Bank's main office in Grants Pass all of May and a special guest speaker in September. It's also my hope that we have an anniversary float in the Merlin and Boatnik parades during May. We have a great committee working on these plans and I thank them for their dedication to this project.

Later on in this newsletter there is information about other genealogy clubs activities, seminars and special projects. There is a wealth of talent locally and I hope you plan to go to some of these activities to "jump-start" your family history research.

Celeste Guillory
GPGS President





UPDATE

I'm thrilled to be celebrating our 50th Anniversary and the start of our fifth year on social media with you all. Sixty people viewed our Facebook page this month. Our 35 January posts reached 142 people, with 122 engaging with our posts by liking, clicking on links or sharing our posts. We remained steady with 127 who have liked and are following our page, and I'm happy to report that people are finding the Grants Pass Genealogical Society via social media as I responded to a Facebook message request for meeting and membership information!

The most popular posts in January were:

1. What "200B" For Cause of Death Means on a Death Certificate—Reached by 85
2. Great A to Z List of Ideas for Breaking through Brick Walls—Reached by 81
3. How to Request Your Veterans' Service Records from WWI to Present—Reached by 70

Besides lots of local society news, there were many great Genealogy Tips of the Day shared this past month along with several posts listing newly updated record collections. I hope many of you are making use of the free webinars during 2018 that we posted about in December. I shared about one from the Illinois State Genealogical Society on "Finding Scottish Ancestors Online" this month, and I just attended an incredibly informative webinar on "Jumping the Pond" hosted by the Southern California Genealogical Society.

January posts brought you information on "How to Digitize Old Media Yourself," "How Hashtags Can Help Your Genealogy," "7 Favorite Books to Help Organize your Genealogy Life," "How Chicago Gave America Its Time Zones" and, one I especially enjoyed, "The History of Scrapbooking." There was lots of DNA learning opportunities with "DNA Testing News: 2017 Year in Review," "What to do While Waiting for DNA Results," "My Grandmother Was Italian—Why Aren't my Genes Italian?" plus a great DNA chart explaining how you inherit your genes, and my

favorite, a fantastic walk-you-through on how to download your DNA test data from one company and upload to another. And not to be missed is the great “Tech Tip: Webpage Work-Around—How to Find a Page That’s Missing” from Lisa Louise Cooke and my favorite research tool find this month, “Wikipedia: List of Online Newspaper Archives.”

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 sweetheart of a February filled with delightful family history finds!

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

Editor’s Note: Thank you Cindy for your faithful handling of our Facebook page. I know many of our members and others in the genealogy community benefit from the work Cindy Suda does as page manager. Cindy’s page is always on-time and packed with excellent information. Please visit our Facebook page soon to see for your self.

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

THURSDAY NIGHT CLASSES

7pm to 8:30pm

Feb. 22	DNA: Definitions	Rochelle Ford
March 22	Sourcing- Verify Collateral Relatives	Bev. Wellington
April 26	Ancestry.com	Bob James
May 24	Find A Grave	Kay Watts
June 28	Obituaries and Newspapers	Jan McDermott
July 26	Ulster Planation records	Jacque Campbell
August 23	GED Match	Rochelle Ford
Sep 27	Catalog: Using Family Search	Jan McDermott
Oct.25	Descendancy - Cousins	Bob James
Nov.	Roots Magic Basics	Linda James

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

How to Start Your Genealogy Project

How do you start a genealogy project? Where do you begin your search for your heritage? This question is answered for you Friday, February 16, at the Jackson County Genealogy Library. "How to Start Your Genealogy Project" is an introductory class for beginners, designed specifically for those just embarking on this marvelous journey! The class is FREE and open to the public. Friday, February 16, 1pm-3pm. 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.

Forgotten Cemeteries & Unmarked Graves

Volunteers of the Jackson County Genealogy Library became aware of many records not represented in the library's massive cemetery records collection, and efforts have been underway to add these records to the collection. Join us at the Library February 20 and learn more about our "Forgotten Cemeteries and Unmarked Graves." JCGL Cemetery Committee 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

RVGS Spring Workshop & Seminar

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 are 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 Samford 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.

has taught in Boston University's Professional Certificate Program in Genealogy, and

First Vice President of the Utah Genealogical Association; former NGS director of

Pam

she developed an NGS self-paced Social Security course for family historians. Pam is

education and publications; former board member of NGS and FGS; and is the co-

author of *Online Roots: How to Discover Your Family's History and Heritage with the*

Power of the Internet (2003) and *Research in Missouri* (1999, 2007).

Is there a Southern Oregon Dialect?

Help us find out by participating in a
linguistics study this Autumn!

We are looking for participants who:

- Grew up near or in Ashland
- Grew up as monolingual English speakers
- Who are at least 18 years old

Tasks include:

- Filling out a questionnaire
- Giving verbal answers to questions about the area
- Reading aloud

Please contact Anna Moroz at
akmoroz@uw.edu for more
information or to schedule an
interview



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

Heritage Faire 2018

Our 27th
Annual Event

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018
3410 CHURN CREEK ROAD, REDDING, CA

Open to the public

A full day of classes with outstanding instructors:

- ★ Adding Memories to FamilySearch & Ancestry.com—Becky Riveros
- ★ Beginning Genealogy—Lena Harmon
- ★ Civil War: Union—Melinda Kashuba
- ★ Civil War: Confederate—Melinda Kashuba
- ★ Early LDS Pioneer History—Brad Ogden
- ★ FH Guide—Lena Harmon
- ★ FamilySearch Wiki—Lena Harmon
- ★ Programs for keeping your tree/Online vs. Software—Lena Harmon
- ★ Organizing Your Family History—Marian Ladd
- ★ Social Media and Family History—Lena Harmon
- ★ The Power of a Family History Story/Biography—Brad Ogden
- ★ The Positives and Pitfalls of DNA Testing—Mike Witesman
- ★ DNA Roundtable—Mike Witesman
- ★ Using the FHC Portal—Celeste Guillory
- ★ Hosted by *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Redding*

Registration: Doors open at 7:45 a.m.

∞ No pre-registration required

Opening Program: 8:30 a.m.

Classes Begin: 9 a.m. End: 3 p.m.

∞ **Entrance Fee by Donation: \$5**

Includes classes, & hot lunch

For more information call

(530)222-4949 or (530)221-3843

∞ Visit our website to print your syllabus:

www.reddingfamilyhistorycenter.org





Elmers Restaurant - Tuesday January 23, 2018
Anniversary Committee Agenda -12 Noon

Celeste Guillory
Janet Franz
Jeri Paradise
Linda Whitemore
Elizabeth Holt

Review the minutes from the last meeting January 4

Review the presentation to the Board of Directors on January 5

Don Ness crafting new anniversary **name tags** for the next meeting.

Scholarship: Committee has been set up & members are: Bev Wellington, Joan Edwards and June Coogle. Applications come in shortly after Feb. 1st.

May 8th meeting: 11-2pm Meet and Greet at TapRock – a buffet luncheon \$16.00 per person

Alternate location for May 8th meeting - Need a speaker for this meeting – charter members?

Bank Window Display at Evergreen Bank – May 2018 -Garnet in charge

September 11th Meeting Speaker: Don Anderson – Paper & Spit – contract

Seminar at the Grants Pass Masonic Lodge on September 22 cancelled and the speaker rescheduled for September 11th

Parades: Merlin May 5th Boatnik May 26th need a theme/design float – broadcast emails to members Parade entry fees: Cost Merlin: \$15.00 Boatnik: \$75.00

Print and Radio Publicity: Grants Pass Daily Courier/ KAJO Talk Show

Banners/Signs: see attached quotes

Meet with the Board Feb. 13th at 11:30 to report about activities and present a budget

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO CONTACT THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE
WHO WERE CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE
GRANTS PASS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY IN 1968?

Mrs. Lyle E. (Iantha) Baker
Mr. Richard A. Bell
Mrs. G. Hal (Lillian) Burnett
Mrs. Starr A. (Ellen) Deuel
Mrs. James F. (Gladys) Harris
Mrs. Elmer L. (Pauline) Harrison
Miss Kitty Harrison
Mr. S. Paul Killian
Mrs. S. Paul (Mary) Killian
Mrs. Arthur R. (Estella) Maas
Mrs. James (Linda) Mayers
Mrs. John (Ruth) Mayers, Sr.
Mrs. Donald (Kathleen) Parsons
Mrs. Russell B. (Gwendolyn) Peebles
Mrs. Oliver H. (Elizabeth) Simon
Mrs. Frank R. (Ruth) Wainwright
Mrs. Lloyd E. (Laura) Welter
Mrs. Ray (Lee) Williams

*To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook
without a source, a tree without a root."
.. Chinese Proverb*