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Guest Speaker

Bob James

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**Moving data from
Ancestry to
Family Search and
Visa-Versa
How to make a
GEDCOM File from
Ancestry**

Bob is a frequent speaker for many groups and is well versed in what he teaches. He is a member of the Family History Center staff and works at the FHC on Tuesday mornings from 0830-1230. Handouts for his program will go out with this newsletter.

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 anniversary celebration, July 14th yard sale & September 11th guest speaker – Don Anderson



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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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March Presidents Message

My mother's birthday was in February but she always celebrated it in March as a proud Irish daughter. Cakes or cupcakes on Sunday were always tinted green, we had small vases of shamrocks in the parlor and we ate a lot of corned beef, carrots and cabbage. My Irish grandmother lived with us and brewed a strong cup of tea sometimes laced with Irish whiskey to "give it some flavor". My mother would wag her finger and insist I be polite but take "just a sip".

As I write this message I'm reminded of all the informative Irish research classes Janis Seaton gave over the years. She put so much work and pride into her presentations and they were well received by us all. Janis has been ill and fighting hard to recover from her illness. I really miss having her enlighten us on how to do Irish Research. My cousins who live in Canada, New York and Pennsylvania have done my Irish research. Their research is impeccable and backed up with sources, photos and oral interviews. My east coast cousin Richard passed away in December 2017 – he got me started with genealogy research and I thank him so much for his help. He has all the answers now!

Pat Heumann was featured on page one of the Daily Courier for her work at the Josephine County Historical Society. Pat has been a faithful volunteer there for many years working with obits and other local files.

Jan Franz belongs to Computer Bugs and recently that group was featured in the Daily Courier. Good job Jan getting the word out about your other interest.

Congratulations to Joan & John Edwards on the birth of their first little granddaughter. Joan and hubby will visit her in Chicago this spring.

LaVona Ness recently had a minor stroke but is home and doing her rehab with the help of Don. I know she will follow doctor's orders and we'll see you at the August 14th potluck at Countryside Village. Thanks again for being our hosts that day.

Last on my list of member updates is Bev Wellington who recently fell and broke her wrist. Take care Bev – it could have been much worse!

Happy March and enjoy the coming of spring

Celeste Guillory

GPGS President



UPDATE

Can you believe it is March already? Seems like it was just New Year's and next month will be the 50th anniversary of the first meeting of the Grants Pass Genealogical Society. What a wonderful milestone to be a part of hence our new slogan **"Educating Family Historians for More Than 50 Years."**

During the last four weeks, 56 people viewed our Facebook page. We reached 145 people with 45 engaging with our 27 February posts by liking, clicking on links or sharing our posts. Lots of exciting anniversary events are being planned and our Facebook page is the spot to go for up-to-the-minute information as well as great family history resources. We currently have 127 followers. Please like our page if you haven't already—and please share our link and encourage your Facebook friends to follow us. Thank you!

The most popular posts in February were:

1. RootsTech Live Streaming Schedule List of Sessions with Times Converted to PST—Reached by 97
 2. RootsTech Live Streaming Schedule Announced—Reached by 35
 3. 5 Things You Need to Know About DNA Testing in Genealogy—Reached by 27
- This Hotel Has a Genealogy Butler Who Can Help You Unlock Your Family History—Reached by 27
- Yes—a two-way tie for third place!

It is my hope that you enjoyed the fun and learning from RootsTech 2018 live streaming. The recorded versions of the live-streamed sessions are now available for viewing anytime at www.rootstech.org. And while there is not a desktop version of the handouts to download this year, all the syllabus materials from the conference is available through the RootsTech mobile app for Apple or Android.

Besides lots of local society news, meeting reminders and a Save the Date, information on local learning opportunities included Family History Center

classes in Grants Pass, Jackson County's Upcoming Events, the Heritage Faire in Redding and how to participate in a linguistics study "Is there a Southern Oregon Dialect." February links included research-specific posts on "Free Swedish National Archives Material" and "Digitized Polish Historic Newspapers and Journals" as well as these general topics: "Always a Chance for an Unexpected Name Variant," "Finding Buried Treasure at a Historic Home," "How to Research the History of Your House," and my personal favorite link this month, "How to Find Your Ancestor's Church."

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

Thank you to all who registered with Fred Meyer Community rewards. As a result over \$70.00 was recently deposited in the GPGS checking account.



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

Save the date



Tuesday May 8th 2018

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

More details to follow

Volunteers needed to design the Boatnik Parade float for the May 26th parade.... This committee is for designing the float only - there are volunteers who will decorate the float for the parade. Contact:

Jeri Paradise at jeribray@msn.com OR
Linda Whitmore at lwhitmore@centurylink.net



Juanita & Paul Bray

Thank you Juanita & Paul Bray for their generous donation to help fund the Boatnik Parade float scheduled for Saturday May 26th. Let's hope they can attend the parade if they can make the trip from Townsend Montana.

Juanita & Paul have been members for many years and were recruited by Jeri Paradise who is doing research on her Bray line.



Don Anderson author of "Paper and Spit"

Extra special guest speaker at the September 11th meeting – Don Anderson author of "Paper and Spit". Be sure to look for location details in the next newsletter. 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!

CLASSES & EVENTS

Jackson County Genealogy Library Classes & Events

To register in advance for classes and events:

- email: reception.JCGL@gmail.com,
- telephone: 541-512-2340,
- or stop by the library Mon-Sat, 10 AM - 4 PM, and Tuesdays until 9 PM

Tuesday, March 13, 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, March 13, 3:30-5:00 PM, German Interest Group Free for members, \$5 for non-members. [Register in advance.](#)

Monday, March 19, 10:30-12:30 PM, “Anatomy of a Case Study” Certified Genealogist Melinda Henningfield will present steps in doing quality genealogy. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. [Register in advance.](#)

Tuesday, March 20, 1:30-3:00 PM, Public Program and General Membership Meeting “Forest Creek, 5.5 miles of Jackson County Road and 140 Years of Progress” by Annice Black. Free for all.

Wednesday, March 21, 10:30-12:30 PM, Genetic Genealogy Interest Group Free for members, \$5 for non-members. [Register in advance.](#)

Saturday, March 24, 10:30-12:30 PM, “Researching World War II Records” Barbara Northrop will share techniques in researching hard to find World War II Records. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. [Register in advance.](#)

Monday, March 26, 1:00-3:00 PM, Beginning DNA Interest Group This interest group is for those who have not yet had their DNA tested or are beginners. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. [Register in advance.](#)

Tuesday, March 27, 1:30-2:30 PM, Quilt and Genealogy Talk, “Crazy/Signature Quilt Research” Dorothy Cotton will share the results of the research done on this quilt made in South Dakota in the 1930’s.

Library Tours Saturday March 3, 24 & 31 Between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM
Jackson County Genealogy Library tours will be conducted on March 3, 24, & 31 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.](#)

Public Program and Membership Meetings .

The March Public Program (Tuesday, March 20, 1:30 – 3:00) we will welcome Annice Black, who will tell us of “Forest Creek, 5.5 miles of Jackson County Road and 140 Years of Progress”. Ms Black has studied the Rogue Valley for years and has many fascinating tales to tell – this should be a wonderful adventure back in time. All monthly programs are open to the public and free of charge! Come join us!

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 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.

Submitted by, Susie Waddle, Editor, *Pioneer Days in the South Umpqua Valley* South Umpqua Historical Society, Douglas County, Oregon

Sign up for the Jackson County Genealogical e-news for a complete listing of activities sponsored at that facility. www.rvgs.org

Is there a Southern Oregon Dialect?

Help find out by participating in a linguistics study this fall. A local research group is looking for participants who grew up near or in Jackson and Josephine Counties, grew up as monolingual English speakers, and are at least 18 years old. Tasks will include filling out a questionnaire, giving verbal answers to questions about the area, and reading aloud.

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

MyHeritage Offers Free DNA Kits to Adoptees

Through April 30, 2018, MyHeritage is offering 15,000 free DNA kits. DNA testing helps adoptees and “their birth families reunite through DNA testing.” To apply for your free kit, go to **DNAQuest.org**.

To learn more about this offer, visit the MyHeritage blog at <https://blog.myheritage.com/2018/03/introducing-dna-quest-new-pro-bono-initiative-to-reunite-adoptees-with-their-biological-families/>

NEW MEDICARE CARDS

New Medicare cards will be showing up in mailboxes before you know it! In a move to combat medical identity theft, the [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#) is issuing new cards that no longer include Social Security numbers. You've probably heard about this for a few years, but it's finally happening... **Every Medicare beneficiary is about to receive a new health insurance card.** Starting in April 2018, new Medicare cards will gradually be mailed to everyone with Medicare based on geographic location and other factors.

Info from: Medicare.gov When you're enrolled in Medicare, you'll get your red, white, and blue Medicare card in the mail. If you're automatically enrolled you'll get your red, white, and blue Medicare card in the mail 3 months before your 65th birthday or your 25th month of getting disability benefits. Your Medicare card shows that you have Medicare health insurance. It shows whether you have Part A (Hospital Insurance), Part B (Medical Insurance) or both, and it shows the date your coverage starts. Be sure to carry your card with you when you're away from home. Let your doctor, hospital, or other health care provider see your card when you need hospital, medical or other health services.

Why you should Google your own name

You really should type your name into that search bar because there's a good chance that other people are already doing it. Here's just a short list of folks who might be Googling you:

- landlord
- College admissions staff
- Love interests (Past and present)
- Estranged family and friends
- Lawyers
- According to [Glassdoor.com](#), nearly 80% of employers will conduct a Google search to learn more about you – good and bad — before an interview.

These are the four things they're looking for:

1. Professional headshot
2. Your online portfolio
3. The size of your digital footprint
4. Your character and behavior

In other words, think of this type of a search as a pre-interview. While a search that turns up unflattering material would likely eliminate a job applicant from consideration, positive search results may give someone an edge.

How to get the best search results

By now, maybe you've already started Googling yourself to see what turns up. But to see everything that's out there, you'll want to add other words to your search, such as the name of your company, school or where you live. Anything to narrow the results.

SEARCH TIP: Find more results by searching usernames, email addresses and phone number.

Don't forget Google Images After you complete those steps, be sure to do a Google Images search to see what pictures of yourself show up. Think someone is stealing your pictures? Then use the reverse image search tool. From the [Google Images](#) page, click on the camera button to search by image. After you upload a photo and click search, you'll see sites that are using your picture!

Remove unwanted search results Now that you have gathered all of this information about yourself, what do you do if there's something you want removed? Well, you have a few options.

1. If the Google results link to social media content that you control, modify or delete the post directly from your account. This works for Facebook, Twitter and Instagram activity.
2. Contact websites if they've published something about you that should be removed.
3. You can request that Google remove "sensitive personal information" from search results, but it will remain on the Internet. [Click here](#) to find out more about this option.

Set up a Google Alert for your name You can't predict when someone will publish a piece of content with your name attached to it, but Google Alerts will notify you whenever that happens.

From the [setup page](#), add your name in quotes, set your options and create the alert. You can create multiple alerts, so consider making one for your nickname or maiden name as well. Google Alerts are free and they're sent to your email address.

Read more: [Google is recording your voice: How to listen to \(and delete\) the files](#)

Information from www.clark.com