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Bob James
Guest Speaker for
May 10th Genealogy
Meeting

Family Search Family Tree.

Bob James has been interested in genealogy/family history for many years. He serves as a family history consultant in the LDS Family History Center in Grants Pass and can be found there on Tuesday mornings. He has devoted hundreds of hours to his own family research and to helping others with their research. Bob teaches classes on how to use Family Search/Family Tree, RootsMagic, and indexing. He was born and raised in California and is a graduate of California State Polytechnic University at San Louis Obispo and graduated with a B.S. in Electronic Engineering and spent the majority of his career working for the Navy. He and his wife Linda have five children, thirteen grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

He is the “go to guy” for computers, projectors and other hardware at the Family History Center. Refer to his handouts at www.gpgenealogy.org for the May presentation.



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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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HAVE SOMETHING FOR THE NEWSLETTER?
Send it to cacese36@gmail.com



Don't miss the
Next meeting on
May 10th 1:30PM

Presidents Message

I want to thank Garnet Rigby-Wharton and Jeanne Kengla again for scouring our Society ByLaws and having them in a very readable format for members to review before the vote on May 10th. The new bylaws will clean up some “grey areas” of concern and allow the Board of Directors to run the Society more efficiently. Please contact Garnet Rigby-Wharton at frogpond1313@yahoo.com or Jeanne Kengla at tkengla@gmail.com with your suggestions and comments. The vote will be taken at 1:30 just before our guest speaker begins.

I recently had the honor of meeting a woman who turned 100 years old in April. In preparing for her birthday party I was able to find her with her parents in the 1920, 1930 and 1940 US Federal Census. When she saw the census sheets she and her children and grandchildren were thrilled to read the data. What a wonderful resource the Federal Census continues to be.

Now that the days are longer you may feel like a cleaning project where you dispose of “stuff” you don't need or have room for. Save some of that “stuff” for the yard sale planned for Saturday July 9th in the Washington Federal Bank parking lot at 4th & G Streets. This is a good location across from the growers market and we hope to make some extra revenue for GPGS.

Don Ness is now living at Countryside Village in Grants Pass. He and LaVona moved there in November and Don has become our official connection with the residents at Countryside Village. He suggested GPGS make a presentation about our club and the benefits of doing family history research. The management approved a meeting with residents interested in family history research and we made a presentation on April 26th. 14 “look-up” were done and at least 3 people plan to come to the May. Don said when passing through the dining room he heard a table of diners deeply involved in a discussion of family history. Another couple asked about motorized

wheel chair access in the family history center and they will come to the meetings and FHC via the facility bus.

The management at Countryside Village approved a request to hold our August Potluck luncheon there on Tuesday August 9th. It will be almost as nice as the many times we held that event at the Ness House.

Thank you Don for the advance work you did getting information from residents so I could answer their questions while you access ancestry.com and familysearch.org.

I attended 3 ancestry.com DNA classes presented at the Family History Center by Jacque Campbell. You may remember Jacque was our guest speaker in March and her class that day was one of the best-attended presentations this year.

Jacque plans to do a repeat class in the near future. Those interested must sign up in advance and have taken the ancestry.com DNA test. It helps to have a laptop computer to work with during the instruction. There is room for 14 students.

Contact Jacque Campbell on Wednesday afternoons at the Family History Center (541) 476-1926 if you want to sign up for the class.

The Grants Pass Family History Community Seminar is being held on Saturday October 15th from 8am-4pm. This annual event features classes, speakers and topics of great interest to family history researchers. As more information becomes available it will be provided to our members and the Community.

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society is planning a big celebration and seminar in September in honor of their 50th anniversary. See the registration form and details in this newsletter.

I hope to see many of our members our next meeting on May 10th featuring Bob James' presentation on Family Search Family Tree.

Happy May everyone,
Celeste Guillory





LAURA KNOWS INTERESTING WEBSITES

by LAURA DUNWALD-UHLIG

[Genealogy Research Tips: Fact Checking](#)

(Source: *GenealogyBank - The Official Blog via RSS Feed*, 22/Apr/2016)

*********[AncestryDNA Improvements Coming](#)

(Source: *The Ancestry Insider via RSS Feed*, 20/Apr/2016)

[Monday Mailbox: Ancestry Tree Indexing Follow-Up](#)

(Source: *The Ancestry Insider via RSS Feed*, 18/Apr/2016)

[Kindergarten Serendipity](#)

(Source: *The Ancestry Insider via RSS Feed*, 22/Apr/2016)

[Who Do You Think You Are? with Molly Ringwald](#)

(Source: *Olive Tree Genealogy Blog via RSS Feed*, 21/Apr/2016)

[North Carolina Civil War Obituaries](#)

(Source: *GenealogyBank - The Official Blog via RSS Feed*, 21/Apr/2016)

[Introducing the MyHeritage Community: Receive help or help others](#)

(Source: *MyHeritage Blog via RSS Feed*, 19/Apr/2016)

[Space Available in ProGen Study Group](#)

(Source: *Adventures in Genealogy Education via RSS Feed*, 18/Apr/2016)

[#NGS2016gen Tired of the snow? Florida awaits!](#)

(Source: *DearMYRTLE's Genealogy Blog via RSS Feed*, 19/Apr/2016)

[NGS 2016 Official Bloggers and Social Media Press](#)

(Source: *DearMYRTLE's Genealogy Blog via RSS Feed*, 17/Apr/2016)

[Battle of Lexington: We Were There a€ “ Get All of Our Stories](#)

(Source: *GenealogyBank - The Official Blog via RSS Feed*, 19/Apr/2016)

[Do You Know Who Invented Basketball?](#)

(Source: *GenealogyBank - The Official Blog via RSS Feed*, 18/Apr/2016)

[NEW! Revised Edition Peer Family N America V 1](#)

(Source: *Olive Tree Genealogy Blog via RSS Feed*, 22/Apr/2016)

[NGS Conference Approaching Quickly - #NGS2016GEN](#)

News from the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society
Jackson County Genealogical Library
3405 S. Pacific Hwy. Medford



Judy Russell

Rogue Valley Genealogical Society
50-Year Anniversary and Seminar

Registration for the fall seminar during the 50th Heritage Celebration is now open. The speaker will be Judy Russell, "The Legal Genealogist".

To register go to either JCGL,
or RVGS or click this link,
Seminar Registration.

Early Bird Registration closes on Aug. 10th; save \$10 by registering early. If you go to the website you can find a list of upcoming events that will be included in the celebration. Links to participate in those activities will be made active once arrangements are in place.

Judy Russell is a Certified Genealogist and Certified Genealogical lecturer, educator and writer who provide expert guidance through the murky territory where genealogy, history and law come together. She has a bachelor's degree in journalism with a political science minor from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and a law degree from Rutgers School of Law-Newark. She has worked as a newspaper reporter, trade association writer, legal investigator, defense attorney, federal prosecutor, law editor, and, for more than 20 years, has been an adjunct member of the faculty at the Rutgers Law School. She's a member of Association of Professional Genealogists and numerous other national, state and local genealogical societies. Read her groundbreaking blog on issues affecting genealogy and the law, DNA testing can be found at <http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog>.



SEMINAR REGISTRATION

SEMINAR Sept. 27 8:30-4 at INN at the COMMONS

200 N. Riverside Ave., Medford, OR 97504

SEMINAR: Registration begins at 8:30 AM., Sept 27th; Seminar at 9:15. Judy Russell will present 4 seminar lectures:

AM: "Don't Forget the Ladies" -- A Genealogist's Guide to Women and the Law

"Beyond X and Y" -- The Promise and Pitfalls of Autosomal DNA Testing

NOON

BUFFET LUNCH

PM: "No Person Shall ... Gallop Horses In the Streets" -- Using Court Records to Tell the Story of Our Ancestors' Lives

"Dowered or Bound Out" -- Records of Widows and Orphans

Lecture descriptions are on the next page

Please note: All registrations for the Banquet and Seminar are **closed by Sept. 10, 2016.**

Cancellation Policy: Refund requests must be received in writing by Sept. 1st. No Refunds after Sept. 1st.

Make your checks payable to: Rogue Valley Genealogical Society and mail your completed registration form and check to: **Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, 3405 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford, OR 97501.**

Please print legibly. Registration(s) & meal ID confirmations will be given by email (or in-house receipt).

RVGS Member # _____

NAME(s): (1) _____ (2) _____

ADDRESS: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Early Bird Registration: (Postmarked & received by Aug. 10th, 2016)

SEMINAR, Sept. 27th 8:30-4 (\$75 per person, includes buffet lunch & syllabus)

Number Attending _____ Total _____

Buffet Lunch is Larks Soup and Salad buffet, bread, ice tea or lemonade & freshly baked cookies & brownies.

Regular Registration: (Postmarked & received after Aug. 10th)

SEMINAR, Sept. 27th 8:30-4 (\$85 per person, includes buffet lunch & syllabus)

Number Attending _____ Total _____

Buffet Lunch is Larks Soup and Salad buffet, bread, ice tea or lemonade and freshly baked cookies and brownies.

RECEIPT # _____

☐ Check or ☐ Cash Total _____



Facebook Update

I hope your family history discoveries are blossoming this lovely spring! Don't forget that our Facebook page provides a wonderful resource as your genealogy journey unfolds. Personally, we have been delighted to add a new branch to our family tree with the birth of our first grandchild born in March; it's a girl!

We are currently at 95 Likes, up by 7 from my last Update in February. There were 23 posts in February, 26 posts in March and 30 posts in April, so lots of great tips, ideas and links have been shared.

Our most popular post by far was this month's late-breaking news about changes happening at AncestryDNA and how to preserve information that may have been lost with those changes.

April 24-30 was Preservation Week, so I'm pleased to have been able to recently pass along many great articles and good information to help you preserve your family's photographs, historical items and collections.

The most popular posts in February were:

No Marriage Record: Use A Sampler – Reached 177

Tips for Using Google Searches to Help with Family History – Reached 125

5 Ways to Tell if your Genealogy Research is Accurate – Reached 105

The most popular posts in March were:

This Traditional Irish Naming Pattern Could Help Trace your Family Tree –

7 Free Sites for your Genealogy Toolbox – Reached 91

Why You Don't Want to Toss Grandma's Buttons in the Trash – Reached 82

The most popular posts in April were:

The Latest Info on Soon-to-be AncestryDNA Changes – Reached 230

Digitize the Back of the Photograph, Too! – Reached 55

How Family History Leads to Personal Resilience – Reached 51

Remember that all these topics and more are available to you by scrolling back down our page. When you get to a place that says "Highlight," just click on it and a drop-down

box will give you an option to see “All Stories” that are archived on our page. As always, I’m happy to assist you if you have any questions about our Facebook page. Wishing you wonderful springtime and lots of fun discovering and preserving your family’s heritage!

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

TIP OF THE MONTH

Legacy Family Tree Webinars

Study in the comfort of your own home as you increase your research talents and knowledge. Legacy Family Tree Webinars recently featured ***The Google Maps of Their Day*** presented by Jill Morelli in a 1 hour 42 minute video presentation. A subscription is required.

Fire insurance maps were developed in the late 19th century to assist insurance companies in managing their risk of coverage in areas where they did not have a physical presence. Over 54,000 maps were made of communities large and small and many communities had multiple maps created between 1895 and 1920. These maps today offer an incredible window into the past, illustrate the evolution of these communities and describe the physical environment of the lives of our ancestors. Explore the history of the maps including the Sanborn Map Company, which had a virtual monopoly by the 1920s. Identify where to access these maps and, using four case studies, learn how these maps can solve our genealogical problems and add context to the lives of our ancestors. All is eventually tied to the genealogical proof standard.

http://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=378

FAMILY SEARCH FAMILY TREE - HOW TO NAVIGATE

Open familysearch.com

Sign In/Sign Up (create account)

- Must have an email address to create an account. You can access some of FamilySearch without an account but you cannot use Family Tree without one.
- Member or non-member
- Remember:
User Name _____ Password _____

Your Name (dropdown)

- Settings (change your personal info) In Account make email address PUBLIC
- Source Box
- Sign Out (always remember to sign out when you are through especially on a public computer)

Get Help (two valuable items in this dropdown)

- Call 1-866-406-1830 (available all the time)
- Select Learning Center and search for: "sandbox"
- Select Family Tree Training Lessons and Videos and view it (some are out of date)
- Or go to:
https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Riverton_FamilySearch_Library/Handouts_and_Guides
Find many helpful and current classes and handouts
See Family Tree/Family Tree Quick Start Guide

Family Tree (dropdown)

- Tree icon – goes to tree with focus person in main place
- Person – goes to your focus person detail page
- Find – find someone **already in the tree**
- Lists – notifications of changes to persons with "Watch" enabled

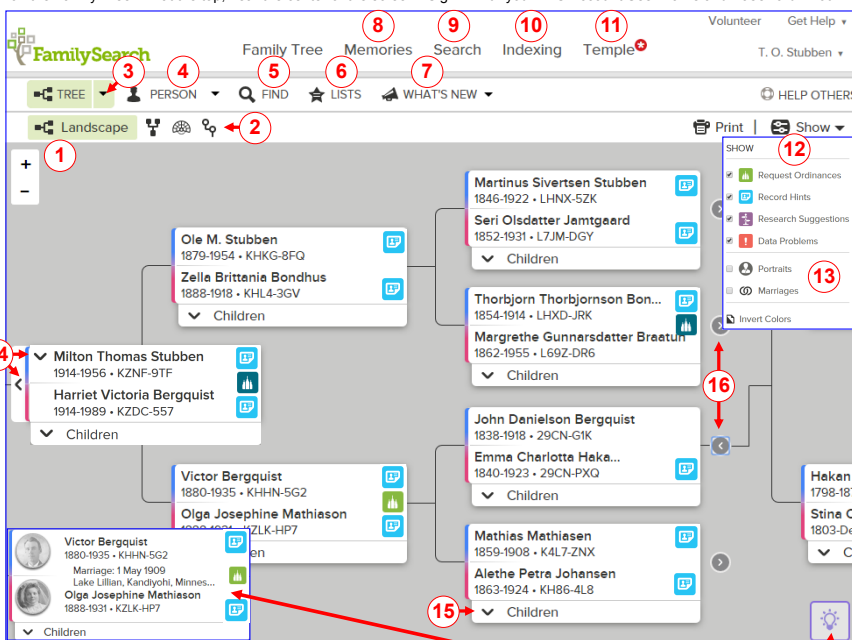
Whose tree is this?

- Everyone in the world
- Your login make it start with you

FamilySearch Family Tree

Go to www.familysearch.org and click on the Family Tree link at the top, near the center of the screen. Sign in with your LDS Account User Name and Password. You will appear in the main position.

- There are four views of the tree available. The "Landscape" view is shown.
- Click the other three icons to see the other views.
- Click "Tree" drop down arrow to view the pedigree with the individual in the history list in the main position.
- Click "Person" drop down arrow to view the details page for an individual in the history list.
- Click "Find" to find an ancestor by name or ID number.
- Click "Lists" to view list of those in your watch list.
- Click "What's New" for recent changes in FamilySearch.
- Click "Memories" to add Photos, Stories, Documents, Audio clips, People (View those added by You, Tree or All).
- Click "Search" to search the Records, Genealogies, Catalog, Books or the Wiki available on FamilySearch.org.
- Click "Indexing" for information on FamilySearch Indexing.
- Click "Temple" to view your temple ordinance reservations.
- Click the "Show" drop down to see what the icons represent. Select/deselect which to show.
- Selecting "Portraits" will include a photo (if available) in the couple box and "Marriages" provides marriage information. (Both are selected in this example.)
- The ✓'s indicate multiple spouses or multiple parents. It is a decision point. Click to open the list and choose which lineage to display.
- Click the "Children" to see a list of the couple's children.
- Click a right pointing arrow to expand the tree. Click a left pointing arrow to collapse it. Expanding on a different line will collapse the other expanded one.



This is a four-page handout and is also available at www.gpgenealogy.org

Thank you to Bob James for being our guest speaker on May 10th and for providing such a comprehensive handout for the presentation.

