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Tuesday  
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### Letter from the President

I can't believe it's February already. February treats us to Valentines, candy and flowers from friends and loved ones. It's a fun month as we start to pull out of winter and get closer to spring.

As I sit down to write this message for the newsletter I'm preparing

Library in Salt Lake City, Utah is also undertaking an indexing project.

We met Hal Hutchens at the Christmas Party in December. Hal had recently been named the Director of the Family History Center in Grants Pass and he spoke about hardware upgrades at the FHC including wireless access for patrons. Family problems forced Hal to return to Utah and at present the FHC does not have a new director. I'm told a new director will be appointed very soon. I hope the new director will come to our meetings and keep us up to date on this valuable local resource.

Last August we sold white elephants and other nice items at the Daily Courier Yard Sale. I'd like to do so again this year, as this is a good source of revenue and a way to recruit new members. We purchased two nice banners from the proceeds of the yard sale to use to publicize our Club. We can do this in parades, at the Fairgrounds and also at the yard sale each year. The yard sale will be an agenda item for the upcoming BOD meeting in February.

Lastly, I want to thank LaVona Ness and Louise Lydon for their excellent dues collection efforts. Membership is up and the process handled very well.

a short recap of the October Seminar featuring a splendid array of research topics compiled by seminar speaker Dr. Steve Morse. My recap will be the program for the February 14<sup>th</sup> GPGS meeting being held at the Josephine Community Library.

The biggest news for genealogists in 2012 is the release of the 1940 Census on April 2, 2012. *It will be available for online searching free of charge at [www.nara.gov](http://www.nara.gov) but the 1940 Census will not have a name index when it opens in April.* In order to locate someone, you will need to know his or her address and the Census enumeration district in which that address was located. It helps to refer to your research of the 1930 Census for some of this information.

Dr. Morse has created ways to find information in the 1940 census even though it will not be indexed when released. I'm sure Ancestry.com will jump on the indexing of the 1940 Census and I understand the LDS

Join me on February 14th for the program meeting at 1:30 preceded by the open Board of Directors meeting commencing at 12:30 in the Ben Bones Room of the Josephine Community Library.

Celeste Guillory  
President GPGS

### **February Presentation**

Celeste will recap the Stephen Morse seminar for those who were unable to attend it in October. One of the topics he covered was the upcoming release of the 1940 census.

### **Recommended Web Site**

<http://stevemorse.org>

Steve Morse has added a tool on his website to assist genealogists in searching the unindexed version of the 1940 Census scheduled for release to the public in April. The information enables you to search for the enumeration district for your ancestor and link you directly to the census images.

### **Mysteries In Our Backyard**

Mysteries In Our Backyard is a program initiated by three local groups (Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, Southern Oregon Historical Society, and the Jackson County Heritage Association) to give amateur sleuthers an opportunity to investigate local “history mysteries.” The groups have identified some mysteries to be claimed and solved by participants. You can view both claimed and unclaimed mysteries by going to [www.mysteries.jcheritage.org](http://www.mysteries.jcheritage.org). There is a fee of \$10.00 to claim a mystery, and once signed up, you receive access to a series of relevant workshops and an online tool kit. Upcoming workshops include the following:

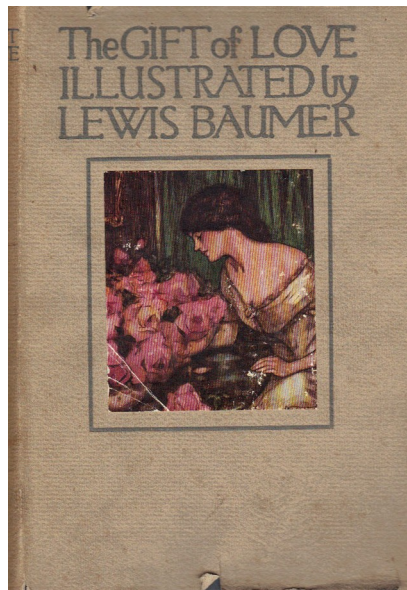
Feb 25, Finding the Records You Need

March 20, Using the Local Library for Research

April 21, Cemeteries as Research Sites for Local History

### **Valentine’s Day 1914**

I thought I’d share with you an inscribed book that my grandmother Ina Hobdell received as a Valentine’s Day gift from her boyfriend almost a hundred years ago.



The inscription reads:

*The Days they come, and Shadows fall,  
But still this love of mine  
Is strong, and firm for you, my all.  
For e'er my Valentine.  
Your Sweetheart  
Harold*

Wasn't he a romantic? But she didn't marry him—instead she chose my grandfather, Charles E. Greenlaw, several years later in 1920.—*Editor*

### **When Is a Father-in-Law Not a Father-in-Law?**

From the April 11, 2011 issue of the LostCousins newsletter comes this tidbit of useful information. Until the mid-nineteenth century, the suffix in-law was often used where we use the term “step.” So, if you find someone being referred to as an in-law, bear in mind that they might be a “step-relation.”

### **Who Do Think You Are?**

Hopefully you caught the first episode of Who Do You Think You Are? which featured Martin Sheen. It was fascinating to learn some history about his recent immigrant ancestors who came to the USA from Ireland and Spain. The next episode will cover Marisa Tomei, and others are scheduled on Blair Underwood, Reba McEntire, Rob Lowe, Helen Hunt, Rita Wilson, Edie Falco, Rashida Jones, Jerome Bettis, Jason Sudeikis and Paula Deen.

### **Finding Your Roots**

If you are enjoying Who Do You Think You Are?, you may want to check out the “Finding Your Roots” program scheduled to air on PBS (Channel 8) starting March 25<sup>th</sup>. Hosted by Henry Louis Gates Jr., this will be a ten-part series featuring two people in each one-hour episode, starting with married couple Kevin Bacon and Kyra Sedgwick.

### **Getting to Know You -- Velma Gustafson**



Another of our new members is Velma Gustafson, who joined our group last year. Velma has been a busy lady serving as Secretary of the Retired and Senior Computer Assistance League (RASCAL) for three years, and also did a stint of arranging for speakers for the group. She heard about the Grants Pass Genealogical Society from Barbara Johnson, who is a member of both organizations.

Velma moved here after retiring from the State of Washington about ten years ago. While living in Washington State, she worked as a realtor, for a Sheriff's Department, and for the Washington Dept. of Corrections. Velma and her husband moved to Washington from California, where she had worked for various companies including McKesson Chemical. She was a traveling sales representative for that company, as well as the editor of the company newspaper.

Velma has been researching the surname Gervais on her father's side of the family tree. The Gervais family were French Canadian trappers for the Hudson Bay Company. Family lore states that her great uncle was the first white settler in Minnesota. She is looking forward to participating in our meetings and programs and learning more about genealogy.

### **Salt Lake City April Research Trip**

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society is still taking signups for their annual bus trip to Salt Lake City to do research at the Family History Library. This is about the most economical way available to visit the FHL. Their President, Charleen Brown, recently sent the following message about the trip:

## ***SPREAD THE WORD!!!!!!***

*Still not too late to sign up to go with us to SLC. We will leave on Monday, April 9 and arrive home on Monday April 16. This will give us almost a full day more to research for the same price. It is \$749. Hope you will consider joining us or pass the information on to anyone who would like to go. Call Rhonda at Raindance 541-479-8217 to register, then call the Library at 541-512-2340 to get on our list for updates and reminders.*

*Thanks,*

*Charleen*

### **Is Anybody Researching Sussex (England) Ancestors?**

I have an issue of Who Do You Think You Are magazine (published by BBC in England) that I'd like to pass along to an interested person. It includes a CD-ROM on Sussex. Let me know if you're interested.—*Janis Seaton, Editor*

### **Ancestry.Com Image Viewer**

Some of you may have experienced problems printing from the Advanced Image Viewer on the Ancestry.Com website. We were advised to use the Mozilla Firefox browser instead of the Internet Explorer browser to avoid this problem. Ancestry.com has now released a beta version of their new image viewer which they claim will work without problem on most major web browsers. If you'd like to try it out, you can click on "options" on the menu bar and select between the original basic views, the Advanced Viewer and the beta version of the new viewer. Give it a try.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Feb 11      Valentine Red Wine and Chocolates. Display of vintage wedding dresses and antique valentines, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at Schmidt House, Josephine County Historical Society.
- Feb 14      Monthly GPGS meeting at 1:30 PM in the Ben Bones Room, Josephine Community Library, 200 NW "C" Street, Grants Pass. Recap of Stephen Morse seminar last October, speaker Celeste Guillory. Topics include One-Step Searching on Steve Morse's website, as well as tips for locating ancestors in the 1940 census.

- Feb 21 Monthly RVGS meeting at 1:30 PM, OEA/Uniserv Bldg., 2495 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford. Program features the winners of the 2011-2012 Photo Contest.
- Mar 13 Monthly GPGS meeting at 1:30 PM in the Ben Bones Room, Josephine Community Library, 200 NW "C" Street, Grants Pass. Maureen Feist, guest speaker, on Digital Photos "How To."
- Mar 18 German Mini Seminar, offered by Genealogical Forum of Oregon. On Sunday, March 18, from 9 AM to 1 PM at GFO Library, Portland. See attached flyer, also info at [www.gfo.org](http://www.gfo.org).
- Mar 20 RVGS General Meeting, 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM, OEA Bldg., 2495 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford. Daniel Owens of Forget Me Not Productions will teach us how to prepare and save old photos and videos for generations to come. Topics to be covered include scanning, transferring and keeping in safe environments.
- Apr 10 Monthly GPGS meeting at 1:30 PM in the Ben Bones Room, Josephine Community Library, 200 NW "C" Street, Grants Pass. Guest speaker Linda Hogle on Cincinnati Research, A Crossroads Many Families Passed Through.
- Apr 9-16 Research trip to Salt Lake City (Family History Library), sponsored by Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. Cost: \$759 per person double occupancy if 20 or more participate. Travel is by bus arranged through Raindance Tours. Call Rhonda at Raindance, 541-479-8217 to reserve your spot or call 541-512-2340 for more details.
- Apr 21 Bend Genealogical Society 2012 Spring Seminar. Featuring Dick Eastman, Founder and Editor of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter. 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Bend Golf & Country Club. See attached flyer or go to this website for more information: [www.orgenweb.org/Deschutes/bend-gs](http://www.orgenweb.org/Deschutes/bend-gs).
- Apr 21 Spring Seminar, Genealogical Forum of Oregon, to held at Milwaukie Elks Lodge. Speaker J. Mark Lowe, CG. See attached flyer, also info at [www.gfo.org](http://www.gfo.org).
- Apr 21 Fort Vannoy Marker Dedication, Ft. Vannoy Farm, 11:00 AM.
- May 8 GPGS monthly meeting. Speaker to be announced.



- Jun 9 Hugo History Day, Hugo Ladies Club, 9 AM – 3:30 PM.
- June 12 GPGS monthly meeting. Speaker to be announced.
- July (No meeting scheduled.)
- Aug 14 GPGS Annual Club Picnic. Location to be announced.
- Sep 11 GPGS monthly meeting. Speaker to be announced.
- Oct 9 GPGS monthly meeting. Speaker to be announced.
- Oct 20 Graveyard Tour, IOOF Cemetery, 4 PM and 6 PM shows. Presented by Living History Players of Josephine County Historical Society.
- Nov 13 GPGS monthly meeting. Speaker to be announced.
- Dec 5 Annual Christmas Luncheon, TapRock Northwest Grill, 12:00 Noon. Installation of Board of Directors. Note: This event is on a Wednesday.







## **Bend Genealogical Society**

### **2012 Spring Seminar**

*Featuring  
Dick Eastman  
Founder and Editor*



**Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter**

On the web since 1996 at [blog.eogn.com](http://blog.eogn.com)



### **Dick is coming to Bend for an exciting genealogy seminar!**

Dick has worked in the computer industry for more than 40 years in hardware, software and managerial positions. He combined his computer expertise with his love of genealogy and by the early 1970s, Dick kept his first genealogy database on 80-column punch cards. He built his first home computer in 1980.

**Dick will be presenting on four topics at the 2012 Spring Seminar:**

- **The ORGANIZED Genealogist** – Learn how to hone your organization skills
- **CLOUDY with a chance of Genealogy** – Learn about Cloud computing
- **MOCAVO** – Internet search engine comparison: Mocavo vs. Google
- **CONSERVATION** – Keeping up with technology

**SATURDAY – April 21, 2012 <> 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**  
**At the Bend Golf & Country Club**

**See costs on the Registration Form – Seating is Limited – Register Today!**

Call BGS at (541) 317-9553 to request a Registration Form

Or find it at the BGS web site: [www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs](http://www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs)

# *Genealogical Standards & Guidelines*

## **Standards For Sharing Information With Others**

*Recommended by the National Genealogical Society*

Conscious of the fact that sharing information or data with others, whether through speech, documents or electronic media, is essential to family history research and that it needs continuing support and encouragement, responsible family historians consistently—

- respect the restrictions on sharing information that arise from the rights of another as an author, originator or compiler; as a living private person; or as a party to a mutual agreement.
- observe meticulously the legal rights of copyright owners, copying or distributing any part of their works only with their permission, or to the limited extent specifically allowed under the law's "fair use" exceptions.
- identify the sources for all ideas, information and data from others, and the form in which they were received, recognizing that the unattributed use of another's intellectual work is plagiarism.
- respect the authorship rights of senders of letters, electronic mail and data files, forwarding or disseminating them further only with the sender's permission.
- inform people who provide information about their families as to the ways it may be used, observing any conditions they impose and respecting any reservations they may express regarding the use of particular items.
- require some evidence of consent before assuming that living people are agreeable to further sharing of information about themselves.
- convey personal identifying information about living people—like age, home address, occupation or activities—only in ways that those concerned have expressly agreed to.
- recognize that legal rights of privacy may limit the extent to which information from publicly available sources may be further used, disseminated or published.
- communicate no information to others that is known to be false, or without making reasonable efforts to determine its truth, particularly information that may be derogatory.
- are sensitive to the hurt that revelations of criminal, immoral, bizarre or irresponsible behavior may bring to family members.

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# GERMAN MINI SEMINAR

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon is hosting a mini seminar to help you with your German Research!

*We welcome ...*

Limited to 50 attendees!

**JEWELL LORENTZ DUNN, MBA**

SUNDAY  
18 MARCH 2012  
9 AM - 1 PM  
GFO LIBRARY



## Jewell Lorentz Dunn's Topics

1. German towns and how to locate them. Using maps and gazetteers to pinpoint a town's location in present and former German lands.
2. Using unconventional records to find an ancestral German village. Overlooked records at home which are a treasure trove of possible clues to finding an ancestral village.

### GERMAN MINI SEMINAR SIGN-UP FORM — 18 MARCH 2012

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Email for confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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**NON-MEMBERS:** { } \$25 received by Mar. 12th, { } \$30 received after Mar. 13th

Checks payable to Genealogical Forum of Oregon or "GFO", 2505 SE 11th Ave Ste B18, Portland, OR 97202-1061

**\*\* Coffee/tea and snacks included—no lunch for sale. Brown bags welcome! \*\***

#### Event Schedule

9-9:15 am	Registration
9:15-10:15	1st session
10:15-10:45	Q & A
10:45-11:30	Break
11:30-12:30	2nd session
12:30-1 pm	Q & A

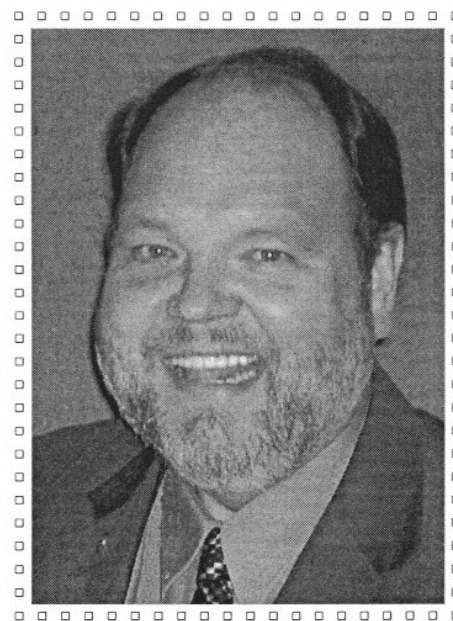


# SPRING SEMINAR 2012

*We welcome ...*

**J. Mark Lowe CG**

SATURDAY  
21 APRIL 2012  
9 AM - 4 PM  
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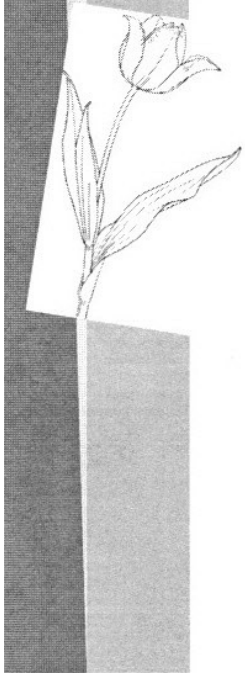
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## **Mark Lowe's Topics**

- ~ Finding Your Landless Ancestor
- ~ Smith vs. Jones, et al; A Closer Look at Court Records
- ~ Dower, Dowry and Detinue: Women and Men's Property
- ~ Is It Really Online? Finding and Using Original Sources at Home or Library

### *SEMINAR FEATURES:*

- ♦ *Nationally Known Speaker* ♦ *Book Vendor*
- ♦ *Genealogical Treasures Drawings* ♦ *GFO Surplus Book Sale*



**LOWE 2012 SPRING SEMINAR SIGN-UP FORM****21 APRIL 2012**

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Checks payable to Genealogical Forum of Oregon or "GFO", 2505 SE 11th Ave Ste B18, Portland, OR 97202-1061

**\*\* FEE AT THE DOOR \$50 MEMBER, \$55 NON-MEMBER \*\*****LUNCH**

Buffet lunch in the Elks Dining Room with payment of \$11 includes pot roast, baby red potatoes and several salads. Coffee, hot tea and cold drinks included.

**No lunch available after 15 Apr 2012**

**SEMINAR REGISTRATION : 8 AM—9 AM ON SATURDAY 21 APRIL 2012**

First class starts at 9:15 am.... With a morning break, a one hour lunch and an afternoon break. Program ends about 3:30 pm. Snacks and drinks at morning and afternoon breaks included with admission.

Refund policy: For cancellations received after 15 April 2012, refunds will be made in the amount of the registration fee less a \$10.00 cancellation fee. Lunch fees are non-refundable if cancelled after 15 April 2012.

**TOPICS AT THE SEMINAR**

**J. Mark Lowe, CG<sup>SM</sup>.** Mark has been researching for more than twenty-six years and is past president of the Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society where he implemented a year-long series of genealogical skill building workshops for members. Innovative and enthusiastic, Mark shares personal experiences that help beginning and experienced researchers gain new skills and insights for research. His expertise as a classroom teacher, principal, and professional researcher help him relate to a variety of groups with a dynamic style. Mark is active in the USGenWeb project as a county coordinator in Kentucky and Tennessee, and he is secretary of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, vice president of the Genealogical Speakers Guild, and vice president of the Association of Professional Genealogists. For additional information visit Mark's website at <http://www.kytnresearch.com>

**~Finding Your Landless Ancestor** Since land is the key in many ancestral discoveries, tracking those individuals who did not own land often becomes a daunting task. Learn to use Trust Deed Chattels and Tax Release Books to help locate those individuals without deeds and estates

**~Smith vs. Jones, et al.; A Closer Look at Court Records** When facts must be proven in court, many documents may be created. In court, relationships are proven and circumstances stated. Learn how to find these court records and how to use them effectively.

**~Dower, Dowry and Detinue: Women and their Men's Property** Understanding how the legal system looked at our female ancestors is essential to following their records. Learn the terminology, the record types and strategies for finding the answers.

**~Is It Really Online? Finding and Using Original Sources at Home or Library** Take advantage of new online resources while developing your research skills. Learn about simple techniques that can improve your methodology and accomplishment.

**Site of Seminar****Milwaukie Elks Lodge****13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Milwaukie, Oregon**

Situated on the west side of McLoughlin Blvd., Oregon Hwy 99E, 1/2 mile south of the town of Milwaukie. Located between SE Park Avenue (traffic light to the north) and the Bomber (restaurant to the south). Look for Milwaukie Elks Lodge sign.

**Mailing Address**

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Genealogical Forum of Oregon  
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Phone 503-963-1932 Website: [www.gfo.org](http://www.gfo.org)

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