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President's Message



Amazing May and Beyond

It's good to see the sun again as we start coming out of our caves after a long, dark winter. This good weather prompts us to spend more time outside and might even tempt us to put our family history projects aside until later.

I encourage you to set a few hours aside each week to keep your family history research up to date. To do this there are many genealogy resources to assist you locally.

On May 14th at 1:30 Janis Seaton will do a brief review of her *Irish Research Part I* and continue this subject with *Part II*. She will provide many hints and sources that have recently become available for those interested in documenting their Irish Heritage. Please plan to attend.

GPGS plans to present two free beginning genealogy workshops during the summer...one on July 9th and the other on August 13th. Both workshops are free and open to the public. They will be held at the LDS Church from 12:30 until 3:30 in the room we use for our monthly

meetings and in the Family History Center. Please plan to attend one of these free workshops.

The Family History Center is now open Tuesday through Friday, is well staffed and has a huge selection of aids to assist with your research. Plan to spend some time there each week in a quiet setting and use the many free on-line programs. Bring your laptop, a thumb drive and research problems and you will be amazed at the many ways you can clear up some lingering research brick walls.

The annual potluck luncheon will be held again at the beautiful home of Don and LaVona Ness on August 6th. Bring your favorite potluck item and it might be voted "Best in Class" by those in attendance and you'll go home with a Blue Ribbon of recognition.

Also upcoming is the Courier Parking Lot Yard Sale on August 3rd. Plan now to donate something you don't need anymore to the collection being sold there that day. We meet many people interested in our organization as well as earn some funds to support what we do. I'll have more information for you on the Yard Sale in the June issue of this newsletter.

We all go to Medford to shop and I hope when you do you'll remember to go by the Jackson County Genealogical Library, the new genealogy library owned and operated by the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. The library is located at 3405 S. Pacific Hwy in Medford. Call (541) 512-2340 for hours and directions.

I encourage you to take some time to plan how to take advantage of local genealogy resources this summer and keep those family history projects up and running.

Cheers to all,
Celeste Guillory

May 14th Program Information:

Our topic for the May meeting is Irish Genealogy, Part II (Where Are the Records?). Janis Seaton will do a brief review of the Introduction to Irish Genealogy talk from February, and continue on with where to find Irish records. Besides learning about helpful websites, you will learn where to find and how to decipher the Tithe Applotment Records, Griffith's Valuation, Civil Registration and Parish records.

Death of Harold Uhlig

We were sorry to hear that Laura Dunwald's husband Harold passed away on April 18th. They had just married on January 20th of this year, having reconnected many years after their first meeting. You may recall that she issued a blanket invitation to GPGS members to attend the wedding. We offer our deepest sympathies to Laura on her recent loss.



Genealogy From the Road with Clare and Winfield Frazier

Clare and Winfield Frazier left the Rogue Valley on their long-awaited family history adventure in their RV, complete with Internet access and two spunky kitties in early April. Their six-month, ten-thousand-mile journey will take them to Michigan, Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, California, South Dakota, and Iowa...not all in that order, though.

After a few days they arrived in Salt Lake City, Utah and spent some time at the Family History Library. They were impressed and awed at the resources and patron assistance they received while there.

Clare noted “sticker shock” on the price of fuel for their RV, but they believe it will all be worth it when they finish their adventure.

Of note is a visit with Winfield’s Aunt Katie who will be 90 in late April...lots of helpful information to be gathered during the visit.

Clare and Winfield will send frequent updates of their adventure during the next few months to be shared with you, the reader.

Celeste Guillory

Cinco de Mayo:

I’ll bet a lot of people think that the Fifth of May (Cinco de Mayo) is a celebration of the Mexican Independence Day, like our Fourth of July. Not so. (That event is celebrated on September 15-16, commemorating Mexico’s overthrow of Spanish colonial rule.)

Cinco de Mayo commemorates the Battle of Puebla in 1862. On May 5, Mexican forces won an early and important victory over the well-regarded French army, who were attempting to install a monarchy. The French eventually succeeded in placing an Austrian prince, Maximilian I, on the throne in Mexico in 1863. After our Civil War ended in 1865, US troops were sent to enforce the Monroe Doctrine, which caused the French army to withdraw in 1866. Emperor Maximilian was executed by a firing squad in 1867.

Today Cinco de Mayo is a higher-profile holiday in the United States than it is in Mexico, much like the case with St. Patrick’s Day.

GPGS Member Linda Ralph Featured in Historical Society Newsletter:

The Spring 2013 issue of the Josephine County Historical Society Newsletter, "The Old Timer," shines a spotlight on their board member, Linda Ralph. Linda is also a current member and past Vice President of the Grants Pass Genealogical Society. She has an ongoing interest in history and genealogy, although she has not been able to attend meetings due to her work responsibilities. You can view the newsletter at the JoCo Historical Society website, www.jocohistorical.org/newsletters. (See Page 4 of their newsletter.)

Recommended Websites:

<http://genealogybooklinks.com>

Genealogy Book Links. I learned about this website in the St. Louis Genealogical Society newsletter. There was a warning that it is a "serious time consumer," which is true. It is divided into Biographies and Family Genealogies, Books by State, and Material Type (for example magazines, maps, directories). Nearly all of the books are out of copyright and are available to download. Clicking on the links takes you to the repository for each book. You are warned that clicking on FHB (for Family History Books) initiates an immediate download of the entire book, so be careful with that one.

www.zabasearch.com

Zabasearch. This is a website for finding contemporary addresses and phone numbers. It can be useful for locating folks who may have ancestors in common with you. I like this one because it is not as pushy about selling its "private eye" type of service as other sites.

www.newspaperabstracts.com

This is a free website where you can search for or post newspaper articles published in the United States, Canada, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, England, Norway and Wales. There are currently about 102,000 entries from the USA. Note that these are not digital images, but rather abstracts made by persons who copied down the text. There are a large number of ads on the site for subscriptions to newspaper archives, which you can easily ignore as a small price to pay for the free content.

Upcoming Events:

GPGS (Grants Pass Genealogical Society) meetings are held at 1:30 PM on the second Tuesday of each month (excepting December, July and August) at the LDS Church, corner of Harbeck Road and Williams Highway in Grants Pass. Board of Directors Meetings are held at 12:30 PM prior to General Meetings and are open to any members who wish to attend.

RVGS (Rogue Valley Genealogical Society) meetings and classes are held at the Jackson County Genealogy Library (JCGL), 3405 South Pacific Highway, Medford.

- May 8-11 *Building New Bridges*, a Family History Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada sponsored by National Genealogical Society.
- May 14 GPGS monthly meeting at 1:30 PM. *Irish Genealogy, Part II, Where Are the Records?* Speaker Janis Seaton.
- May 18 *Brick Wall Roundtable*, 10:30 AM to 12:00 noon, JCGL. Conducted by members of the RVGS. (Donation suggested, preregistration required.)
- May 30 Flowers for the Fallen at 12:00 Noon at the Pedestrian Bridge, All Sports Park. Bring flowers and participate in observing Memorial Day by recognizing war veterans.
- Jun 7-9 *44th Annual Southern California Genealogy Jamboree* hosted by the Southern California Genealogical Society. Event to be held at Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport Hotel. This year's theme is "Follow the Path to the Past." More information can be found at www.genealogyjamboree.com.
- Jun 11 GPGS monthly meeting at 1:30 PM. *Digital Photo Know-How*. Guest Speaker Valerie Brown.
- Jul 9 Beginning Genealogy Workshop, 12:30 – 3:30 PM at LDS Church, corner of Harbeck Road and Williams Highway. This workshop is presented free of charge by the GPGS, and is open to both GPGS members and the public.
- Aug 3 Fantastic Flea Market, annual fundraiser at the Daily Courier Parking Lot. Please save any items you'd be willing to donate for us to sell at the flea market. We are also looking for a few good volunteers to work two-hour shifts at the sale. This is a good opportunity to meet and greet the public and make your contribution to our society. It's also a lot of fun!

Aug 6 GPGS Annual Potluck Picnic at the home of Don and LaVona Ness. Details to follow.

Aug 13 Beginning Genealogy Workshop (repeat of July 9th class).

FREE Family History Webinars

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What is a webinar?

An online seminar/class that you watch from your computer. You can also type your questions for the presenter to answer during the live presentation.

What do I need?

Internet connection and speakers.

What is the cost?

There is no charge to register and view the live webinar. If you cannot make the live event, CDs of the recording are just \$9.95 each or yearly memberships give you access to everything..

Quotes

"I learned more in this 60 minutes than ever before."

"Love seeing real-life situations and learning how I can apply the techniques to my work."

"I am a beginner and I think the webinar helped beginners as well as seasoned researchers!"

"I never knew such a thing existed. Thanks again for educating me on this."

January 2013

- **Successful On-site Research** by Marian Pierre-Louis. 1/16
- **Best Internet Resources for East European Genealogy** by Lisa Alzo. 1/23
- **Inheritance in Scotland: Wills, Testaments and Land Records** by Marie Dougan. 1/30

February 2013

- **Online Genealogy: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly** by Linda Geiger. 2/1
- **YouTube Your Family History** by Devin Ashby. 2/6
- **Pre-1850 U.S. Research Methodologies** by Karen Clifford. 2/13
- **Making the Most of Canadian Census Records** by Kathryn Lake Hogan. 2/20
- **Annie Moore of Ellis Island: a Case of Historical Identity Theft** by Megan Smolenyak. 2/27

March 2013

- **A Look at Wisconsin Genealogy Resources** by Thomas MacEntee. 3/6
- **Blogs: Easy-to-Make Web Pages** by DearMYRTLE and Carrie Keele. 3/8
- **Breaking Down Your Irish and Scottish Brick Walls** by Judy Wight. 3/13

April 2013

- **Evidence: Guidelines for Evaluating Genealogical Evidence** by Linda Geiger. 4/3
- **That First Trip to the Courthouse** by Judy Russell. 4/10
- **A Treasure Trove of Irish Websites** by Judy Wight. 4/17
- **What's New at FamilySearch** by Devin Ashby. 4/24

May 2013

- **Researching Your Roots in Rhode Island** by Maureen Taylor. 5/1
- **Blogging for Beginners** by DearMYRTLE. 5/3
- **Land Records Solve Research Problems** by Mary Hill. 5/15
- **Ten Hidden Resources Every Genealogy Should Know** by Lisa Alzo. 5/22
- **The New Frontier in Genetic Genealogy: Autosomal DNA Testing** by Ugo Perego. 5/29

June 2013

- **The Genealogy of Your House** by Marian Pierre-Louis. 6/5.
- **Search for Obituaries, Photos, Passenger Lists, Births, Marriages, & More** by Tom Kemp. 6/12

- **Next Exit: Your New Jersey Ancestors** by Thomas MacEntee. 6/14
- **How Knowing the Law Makes Us Better Genealogists** by Judy Russell. 6/26

July 2013

- **Canadian Ports of Entry: Ship Passenger Lists, Immigration and Border Crossing Records** by Kathryn Lake Hogan. 7/10
- **An Overview of Maryland Genealogy** by Michael Hait. 7/17
- **Top 10 Techniques for Finding More in Library Catalogs** by Barbara Renick. 7/19
- **Top 21st Century Genealogy Resources** by Tom Kemp. 7/24
- **Direct Your Research with City Directories** by Maureen Taylor. 7/31

August 2013

- **Recording Family Voices to Preserve and Pass Down** by Marian Pierre-Louis. 8/7
- **Digital Research Guidance, Logs, and To Do Lists** by Geoff Rasmussen. 8/14
- **Colonial Immigrants** by Mary Hill. 8/28

September 2013

- **Getting the Most from Your Records** by Linda Geiger. 9/4
- **More Blogging for Beginners** by DearMYRTLE. 9/6
- **You Use WHAT for Genealogy?** by Thomas MacEntee. 9/11
- **Free and Easy Ways to Share Your Audio Files** by Marian Pierre-Louis. 9/18

October 2013

- **Using Church Records to Identify Ancestors** by Mary Hill. 10/23
- **Using Court Records** by Judy Russell. 10/30

November 2013

- **Ancestry Trees Can Jump Start Your Research** by DearMYRTLE. 11/1
- **Creating a Plan with YOUR Research** by Marian Pierre-Louis. 11/6
- **Researching Your Ohio Ancestors** by Lisa Alzo. 11/13
- **Mind Mapping Your Research Plans and Results** by Thomas MacEntee. 11/20

December 2013

- **How Computers & Gadgets are Changing Genealogy** by Barbara Renick. 12/4
- **Overcoming Lost Records Using Technology** by Karen Clifford. 12/18

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In the webinar archives ...

Recordings of live webinars are available in the archives at www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com free for 7 days. Afterwards they are available on CD for \$9.95 each, or as part of a monthly/yearly membership. Some remain free indefinitely as indicated below.

Technology

- **Mapping Software for Genealogists** by Geoff Rasmussen
- **Sharing Genealogy Electronically** by Geoff Rasmussen
- **Blogging for Beginners** by DearMYRTLE
- **More Blogging for Beginners** by DearMYRTLE
- **Backing Up Your Genealogy Data** by Thomas MacEntee
- **Building a Research Toolbox** by Thomas MacEntee
- **Dropbox for Genealogists** by Thomas MacEntee
- **Facebook for Genealogists** by Thomas MacEntee
- **Let Your Voice Be Heard in the Digital Conversation** by Drusilla Pair
- **Digital Books and Sites for Genealogists** by James Tanner
- **Genealogy on the Go—the Families App** by Malcolm Green
- **Navigating the 1940 U.S. Census** by Thomas MacEntee

Google

- **Google for Genealogists** by Thomas MacEntee
- **Google Docs for Genealogists** by Thomas MacEntee
- **Google Forms for Genealogists** by Thomas MacEntee
- **Google Images and Beyond** by Maureen Taylor
- **Google+ the Next Big Thing** by Paul Allen, Dan Lynch, and Mark Olsen
- **A Closer Look at Google+** by Dan Lynch

FamilySearch (all free)

- **Helping Unlock the World's Records: an Insider's Perspective on FamilySearch Indexing** (free) by Jim Ericson
- **Helping Unlock the World's Records: FamilySearch Indexing for Power Users** (free) by Katie Gale
- **Improving Your Use of New FamilySearch: Data Cleanup Strategies** (free) by Geoff Rasmussen
- **New FamilySearch Made Easy with Legacy Family Tree** (free) by Geoff Rasmussen
- **Leveraging the Power of "We": Research Wiki, Research Courses, and FamilySearch Forums** (free) by Michael Ritchey

Publishing

- **Ready, Set, Write! Share Your Family's Story** by Lisa Alzo
- **Creating a Shareable CD with Legacy and Passage Express Software** (free) by Jefferson Shupe
- **Digital Writing Tools for Genealogists** by Lisa Alzo

Research Methodology

- **Newspapers: Critical Resource to Complete Your Family Tree** by Tom Kemp
- **Chasing Women: Finding Your Female Ancestors** by Leland Meitzler
- **Using GenealogyBank.com to document every day of your ancestors' lives** by Tom Kemp
- **Best Internet Resources for African American Genealogy** by Angela Walton-Raji
- **Researching Your Connecticut Ancestors** by Marian Pierre-Louis
- **The Three Cs of Irish Research: Civil Registration, Church Records, and Census** by Judy Wight
- **Brick Walls: Cracking the Case of Nathan Brown's Parents** by Marian Pierre-Louis
- **Finding Ancestors Amid the Rubble of Disaster and Misfortune** by Thomas MacEntee
- **Tracing Immigrant Ancestors** by Lisa Alzo
- **Children and Genealogy in the Classroom** by Maureen Taylor
- **Discovering Your Massachusetts Ancestors** by Marian Pierre-Louis
- **Ten Brick Wall Tips for Beginners** by Marian Pierre-Louis
- **Reverse Genealogy: Finding the Living** by Megan Smolenyak
- **Researching Your Scottish Ancestors** by Marie Dougan

Photographs and Digital Images

- **Organizing and Sharing Digital Images** by Geoff Rasmussen
- **Organize, Share, and Publish Your Digital Photos with Heritage Collector Suite** (free) by Marlo Scholdt
- **Preserving Family Photographs: 1839 to the Present** by Maureen Taylor
- **New Genealogy Technology: Flip-Pal Mobile Scanner** (free) by Gordon Nuttall
- **Further Your Research and Unify Your Family Reunion with Beautiful Genealogy Charts** (free) by Janet Hovorka

Watch Geoff Live

- **Adding a Death Certificate**
- **Adding a Marriage Record**
- **Adding an Obituary**
- **Adding a Census Record**
- **Cemeteries**

Organization

- **Organizing for Success** (free) by Karen Clifford
- **FamilyRoots Organizer System** by Mary Hill

DNA

- **The Power of DNA in Unlocking Family Relationships** (free) by Ugo Perego
- **DNA: Beyond the Basics** by Ugo Perego

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