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## President's Message After a Very Short Summer

### LABOR DAY



The summer of 2013 sped by quickly and by the time you receive this newsletter Labor Day will have come and gone. I always remember Labor Day because it means school starts and you can't wear white shoes again until Memorial Day in May.

During the summer of 2013 we conducted 2 successful workshops. *Did you see our super banner on 6<sup>th</sup> Street?* The banner alerted many who then attended the free genealogy workshops sponsored by GPGS.

Thank you, Linda Kent, for teaching and for preparing the handout booklets for the workshops. Linda came back from Alaska to conduct the August workshop and left her hubby to clean and smoke all the salmon they caught while there. Also, thanks to Bev Wellington for arranging use of the meeting room and the Family History Center to hold the two workshops. The workshops connected with about 40 people interested in learning how to conduct their family history research. Many who attended were GPGS members but many more were folks who had never been to our meetings or the Family History Center before.

Jan Edwards deserves some praise for conducting four Roots Magic classes that many members attended and are now using for their own record keeping.

I also want to thank Janis Seaton for sending out the "mini newsletters" to remind everyone about various genealogy activities going on in Oregon. As a result, Bev Wellington went to the Family History Seminar in Tualatin and enjoyed herself very much. She said it was worth the trip and she did some networking while there with other genealogists.

We reluctantly cancelled both the Yard Sale at the Daily Courier and the annual Potluck Luncheon in August. Heavy smoke in Grants Pass was the culprit. *Look for rescheduling information for both of these events later in this newsletter.*

Our guest speaker for September 10<sup>th</sup> is Lena Harmon, the director of the Redding Family History Center who will speak about using Google in Family History Research. Her presentation starts at 1:30 following a brief general meeting that starts at 1:00 pm

I'd like to remind you also that the Family History Seminar in Grants Pass is planned for Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> and Bev Wellington will announce the classes soon. Anyone wishing to teach a class at the seminar should contact Bev Wellington at [bevewel@gmail.com](mailto:bevewel@gmail.com)

**NOTICE** ....The nominating committee will be calling soon to request members to run for various offices in this organization. Are you able to hold a position and help make this group stronger?

Clare and Winfield Frazier have been on a genealogy odyssey since early April and will return to Grants Pass in late October. They've been sending very interesting and detailed newsletters since leaving Grants Pass and I've enjoyed reading about their adventures. I hope Clare and Winfield can condense their trip and impart some of their adventure at a date in the future.

Lastly, do you have an iPad, and do you use it for genealogy research? Please contact me at [cacese36@gmail.com](mailto:cacese36@gmail.com).

Plan to attend the meeting on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and be prepared to learn more about using Google when conducting your family history research.

Cheers to all,  
Celeste  
President GPGS



### **Sept. 10th Program Information**

Lena Harmon is currently the Heritage Faire coordinator and Director of the Redding CA Family History Center. She has been doing genealogy for 30+ years. She has served as a World Wide Support FamilySearch Support Missionary which offers support to individuals around the globe in Family History Products supported by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Her passion is to train and teach as many people as possible by offering classes on FamilySearch, Sourcing Records Correctly, PAF 5, Genealogy Apps for Tablets and iPads, and other family history software programs. Her specialty is keeping up with the changes in technology, new websites, and new software programs as they become available, then learning each so she may teach them to others as they are valuable resources to our Family History efforts. In **Google Your Family History** we will explore and help you optimize the many ways you can use the Google Search engine and the many Google Features in your genealogical research.

### **Death of Local Historian and Community Volunteer**

We were saddened to learn recently of the death of Kendell (Ken) Phillips on July 26<sup>th</sup>. A short list of just some of Ken's contributions to the local community includes: former director of the Kerbyville Museum, secretary and past master of the Illinois Valley Grange, member of Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries. You may recall that Ken was our guest speaker at one of the GPGS meetings a year or two ago.

### **Recommended Websites:**

<http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter>

(XE Currency Converter)

This website features a handy-dandy form for converting a money value from one country's currency to another's. It is useful if you want to order something from another country, say England for example, and want to know how much those Pounds Sterling are worth in US Dollars.

[www.tlc.com/tv-shows/who-do-you-think-you-are/videos](http://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/who-do-you-think-you-are/videos)

In case you have missed any of the episodes of WDYTYA, this is a website where you can view past episodes online.

[www.facebook.com/HistoryandHeritage](http://www.facebook.com/HistoryandHeritage)

Cindy Suda recommends this facebook page by the History and Heritage company. She says they frequently point out hidden gems that we may not have heard of.

Here are a couple more websites featuring old maps you can view online and print at home.

[www.collections.lib.uwm.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/agdm](http://www.collections.lib.uwm.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/agdm)

American Geographical Society (reached through University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

[www.maps.bpl.org](http://www.maps.bpl.org)

Norman B. Leventhal Map Center at Boston Public Library

### **Genealogy Humor (Submitted for your enjoyment by Pat Heumann)**

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- > 1. My family coat of arms ties at the back....is that normal?
- > 2. My family tree is a few branches short! All help appreciated.
- > 3. My ancestors must be in a witness protection program!
- > 4. Shake your family tree and watch the nuts fall!
- > 5. My hobby is genealogy, I raise dust bunnies as pets.
- > 6. How can one ancestor cause so much TROUBLE??
- > 7. I looked into my family tree and found out I was a sap.
- > 8. I'm not stuck, I'm ancestrally challenged.
- > 9. I'm searching for myself; Have you seen me?
- > 10. If only people came with pull-down menus and on-line help...
- > 11. Isn't genealogy fun? The answer to one problem, leads to two more!
- > 12. It's 2000... Do you know where your-Great-G-Grandparents are?
- > 13. A family reunion is an effective form of birth control.
- > 14. A family tree can wither if nobody tends its roots.
- > 15. A new cousin a day keeps the boredom away.
- > 16. After 30 days, unclaimed ancestors will be adopted.
- > 17. Am I the only person up my tree... sure seems like it.
- > 18. Any family tree produces some lemons, some nuts and a few bad apples.
- > 19. Ever find an ancestor HANGING from the family tree?
- > 20. FLOOR: The place for storing your priceless genealogy records.
- > 21. Gene-Allergy: It's a contagious disease, but I love it.
- > 22. Genealogists are time unravels.
- > 23. Genealogy is like playing hide and seek: They hide... I seek!
- > 24. Genealogy: Tracing yourself back to better people.
- > 25. "Crazy" is a relative term in my family.
- > 26. A pack rat is hard to live with, but makes a fine ancestor.
- > 27. I want to find ALL of them! So far I only have a few thousand.
- > 28. I should have asked them BEFORE they died!
- > 29. I think my ancestors had several "Bad heir" days.
- > 30. I'm always late. My ancestors arrived on the JUNEflower.
- > 31. Only a Genealogist regards a step backwards, as progress.

- > 32. Share your knowledge, it is a way to achieve immortality.
- > 33. Heredity: Everyone believes in it until their children act like fools!
- > 34. It's an unusual family that hath neither a lady of the evening or a thief.
- > 35. Many a family tree needs pruning.
- > 36. Shh! Be very, very quiet.... I'm hunting forebears.
- > 37. Snobs talk as if they had begotten their own ancestors!
- > 38. That's strange: half my ancestors are WOMEN!
- > 39. I'm not sick, I've just got fading genes.
- > 40. Genealogists live in the past lane.
- > 41. Cousins marrying cousins: Very tangled roots!
- > 42. Cousins marrying cousins: A non-branching family tree.
- > 43. Alright! Everybody out of the gene pool!
- > 44. Always willing to share my ignorance....
- > 45. Documentation...The hardest part of genealogy.
- > 46. Genealogy: Chasing your own tale!
- > 47. Genealogy...will I ever find time to mow the lawn again?
- > 48. That's the problem with the gene pool: NO Lifeguards.
- > 49. I researched my family tree... and apparently I don't exist!
- > 50. SO MANY ANCESTORS.....SO LITTLE TIME
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- > Author Unknown



### **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.*

- Sep 10      GPGS Monthly Meeting at 1:00 PM. Guest speaker Lena Harmon from the Shasta County (California) Family History Center will speak on *Googling Your Family History* starting at 1:30.
- Sep 11-14    Genealogy Week, Klamath Basin Genealogical Society. Three free evening workshops and a free Saturday workshop (9 AM to 3 PM). Go to their website ([www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orkbgs](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orkbgs)) for details.
- Sep 14      GPGS Yard Sale at the Daily Courier Parking Lot. Because the Daily Courier had to cancel the Fantastic Flea Market due to smoky conditions on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, they offered all the non-profit organizations an opportunity to use their parking lot at a future time (including free advertising). Please bring any saleable items you wish to donate on the day of the sale, and we hope to see you there to support our group. **See flyer at end of newsletter.**
- Sep 17      1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of New Location for Jackson County Genealogy Library. Celebration at 1:30 PM, 3405 South Pacific Highway in Medford. Hear exciting news about the Library and view the collection of historic quilts donated by the Jacksonville Museum Quilters.
- Sep 21      *Fall Wine Stroll*, Schmidt Barn, Josephine County Historical Society, 3-6 PM.

- Sep 23 New program *Genealogy Roadshow* will air on PBS stations on Monday evenings beginning 23 September until 14 October, 8:00 to 9:00 PM Central Time (6:00 to 7:00 Pacific Time).
- Sep 30- Genealogy Week at Jackson County Genealogy Library. Watch for further  
Oct 5 details as they become available for this annual event.
- Oct 8 GPGS Monthly Meeting. Guest speaker Shannon Agee from Roseburg, *Using Google in Genealogy*. Voting scheduled on Proposed Bylaws Revisions.
- Oct 12 Free All-Day *Family History Seminar* hosted by the Family History Center and LDS Church at Williams Highway and Harbeck Road. You may attend as many or as few presentations as you wish during the day—your only problem will be which ones to choose! This will be a “bring your own brown bag lunch” event, with complimentary beverages and desserts provided during the noon hour. **SAVE THE DATE. We will distribute the seminar notice and registration form as soon as they are available.**
- Oct 19 *Graveyard Tour*, hosted by Josephine County Historical Society.
- Nov 12 GPGS Monthly Meeting. Annual election of officers. *Genealogy for iPad Users*.
- Dec 17 Christmas Potluck at the LDS Church from 12:00 Noon till 2:00 PM. This is instead of the usual Christmas Luncheon at a local restaurant. Please bring some food to donate for the Food Bank. **See flyer at end of newsletter.**
- Jan 14 GPGS monthly meeting. *Your Family On the Internet*, by Ken Bower from Shasta County Genealogical Society.
- Feb 22 Heritage Faire hosted by the LDS Church Family History Center, Redding, California. The Faire will take place at the Family History Center, 3410 Churn Creek Road, across from Enterprise High School. Entrance fee of \$10 includes classes, syllabus and hot lunch. **See flyer at end of newsletter.**



As you all know the Courier Yard Sale planned for August 3<sup>rd</sup> was cancelled due to smoke from forest fires that plagued the area in late July and August. The smoke was terrible and it was wise of the Daily Courier to call the outdoor event off.

The Daily Courier gave us the option of holding another sale in their parking lot at a later date if we chose to do so and the Board of Directors decided to book another date to hold the sale.

The weather will be cooler and we should be able to sell all the stuff put aside for the August sale. This is our largest and only fund raising event each year. Please support the sale and plan to spend an hour helping during the day.

**Yard Sale**  
**Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> -8-2 PM**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Street between J & K Streets**  
**in the Courier Parking Lot**

**To volunteer call 541 471-1944**



# FREE Family History Webinars

*Genealogy Education Where You Are*

Coming in 2013 ... to YOUR computer! Free!

## 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

**Register for free at:**  
[www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)





The annual Christmas luncheon will be held on **December 17<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 2 PM** at our usual meeting location at the LDS Church. We will not be at the Tap Rock Restaurant this year.

The luncheon will be a **Pot Luck** event and everyone is invited - prizes awarded for the best entrée, salad and dessert. This will make up for the Pot Luck luncheon that was cancelled due to smoke in early August

A-F - bring a Salad to serve 6  
G-M - bring an entrée to serve 6  
N-Z - bring a dessert to serve 6

GPGS will provide beverages, plates etc.

**\* \* Bring a can of food for the Food Bank \* \***

**RSVP .....caces36@gmail.com**

# Heritage Faire 2014

**Saturday, February 22, 2014**  
3410 Churn Creek Road, Redding, CA

## Open to the public

A full day of classes with outstanding Instructors!

- ★ Check back in the Fall for a list of classes and instructor information.

*Hosted by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
Redding CA Family History Center  
(3410 Churn Creek Rd, across from Enterprise High School)*

**Registration:** Opens at 7:45 a.m.  
- No pre-registration required

**Opening Program:** 8:30 a.m.  
**Classes Begin:** 9 a.m. **End:** 4 p.m.

**Entrance Fee \$10**  
Includes classes, syllabus, & hot lunch

**For more information call**  
**(530)222-4949** or **(530)241-7254**

Or visit our website to view class descriptions at  
[www.reddingfamilyhistorycenter.org](http://www.reddingfamilyhistorycenter.org)

