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MAY PROGRAM



**Tuesday, May 13, 2014
1:30 PM, Speaker
Relief Society Room
LDS Church
1969 Williams Highway
Grants Pass**

Genealogy: Chasing Your Own Tales (Part I)



Judy Leipold, GPGS Member



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am so excited about our programs for the next two months. I was thinking they should be titled "Searching for Family Stories" but came across another, more creative title while searching the internet: "Genealogy: Chasing Your Own Tales." Genealogy is more than just the names and dates of those who came before us. It is how they lived and what they did. GPGS member Judy Leipold will share a part of her journey, involving research methodologies, fact finding missions and documentation requirements she used to obtain an engraved headstone for her great grandfather, a Civil War veteran. This will be followed by a short PowerPoint presentation on other ways you can uncover your own family stories. The June meeting will be devoted to the family stories attendees have discovered. I hope you share this time of discovery.

Linda Rahberger

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Meetings held on 2nd Tuesday of each month (except July, August, December) at 1:30 PM at the LDS Church, Relief Society Room, 1969 Williams Highway (corner of Harbeck), Grants Pass, Oregon.

Annual membership is \$15.00 for one individual, or \$20.00 for two or more individuals living at the same address.

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New Webmistress

Let us introduce you to our new Webmistress, CynThia Syncere. (Yes, that is a capital “T” in her first name!) We are so lucky to FINALLY get our webmaster position filled. We have been doing our best for the past several years, but have really needed to find someone with the experience and expertise to fully assume the duties. CynThia currently maintains websites for the Grants Pass Garden Club and Grants Pass LDS Singles/31 Plus, and also handles the annual announcement/registration site for the Family History Center’s October Seminars.

CynThia has been researching genealogy for 40 years. Her interests include English, French, Israeli and Native American ancestry and assisting with DAR certification. She uses the RootsMagic genealogy software and has posted her family tree at FamilySearch Family Tree and Ancestry.com. If you see CynThia at our next meeting, please be sure to thank her for stepping up to serve. With Cindy Suda as Facebook Site Manager and CynThia Syncere as Webmistress, GPGS is now well represented in the 21st Century internet community.

Facebook Update

There's now a link on our Webpage leading to our Facebook page, thanks to our new webmaster! We have 44 followers, 4 new genealogists discovering & liking us during April. I encourage you to check out our page for many terrific leads & links. Our 46 posts this month were viewed by 629, with 78 people engaging by clicking on a link & 50 others liking, commenting or sharing. Topics included links to wonderful new state-by-state research pages along with research sites for West Virginia, Arizona, Ohio, Lithuanians in Chicago & the US Gen Web Archives. Make the most of your discoveries by checking out the links to "Turn The Page" to glean everything available & the Latin Genealogy Dictionary for common terms used in wills, parish records and land records. Along with local class & meeting reminders, there were links to cool maps, historic ones from when California was thought to be an island to one showing the US by ethnic makeup by counties, and great information such as how to find the census enumeration district by searching with an address, to information on the Displaced Persons Camps in Europe in the aftermath of WWII. Don't forget about this great resource! If you have any questions, I'd be happy to assist you.

Regards, Cindy Suda,
GPGS Facebook Site Manager

Clarification About Board Meetings

The Grants Pass Genealogical Society Board of Directors meeting is conducted from 12:30 to 1:15 just prior to the general meeting and program of the month.

All members and the public are welcome to attend the Board of Directors meeting. Any member wishing to be heard is asked to write their topic on a paper located at the sign-in table and their question, topic or suggestion will be addressed at the end of the Board of Directors meeting.

There is no need to remain in the lobby until the end of the BOD meeting - all are welcome.

GPGS Now Has an Email Address

Grants Pass Genealogical Society now has a contact Email address (grantspassgenealogy@gmail.com). The address will be posted to our website during the current upgrade.

Article Submitted by President Celeste Guillory

Although Celeste continues to recuperate at home from a nasty fall she took a couple of months ago, she was able to prepare and submit the following article about her research on a local Grants Pass citizen, Lulu Benedict Voorhies.

Local Pioneer Attends DAR 80th Anniversary Meeting



The Josephine County Historical Society has a unique group of history players who portray many of the pioneers of this county at local various functions. Shortly after moving to Josephine County in 1997 my first contact with them was during a cemetery tour at the pioneer IOOF Cemetery in late Fall. Walking through a pioneer cemetery in the dark and listening to the “ghost” of these pioneers was a trick as well as a treat and the ambiance was thrilling to say the least.

Over the years since then I’ve attended many of the cemetery tours as an adult chaperone of Rogue Valley Young Marines who volunteer their time to serve as escorts for the cemetery tours. The historical players recite a short story about their “pioneer” and I often wondered how their script came together. A few weeks ago I set out to prepare a presentation about LuLu Benedict Voorhies, wife of pioneer newspaper owner Amos Earle Voorhies.



Well, I started this project at the Historical Society Library on 4th street and was pleased to have dozens of newspaper clippings to read through. The Voorhies Family frequently made news within the community and the newspaper wasn't shy to print their adventures. Mr. Voorhies was one of the first editor/owners of a newspaper in Oregon to receive news from the Associated Press. Mr. Voorhies and his wife LuLu traveled and regularly sent stories back home telling about their travel adventures. Good news for me in preparing the script.

Of course I referenced ancestry.com and familysearch.org for other information to round out details about LuLu. I attach a photo of LuLu on one of her trips abroad, and you can see she and Amos had lots of stickers on their luggage showing where they had traveled. Impressive!

LuLu made her first appearance since passing away in 1964 to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the local DAR chapter on April 26th 2014. I hope people enjoyed hearing from Mrs. Voorhies, who was a charter member of the Applegate Trail DAR Chapter.

I look forward to doing more research for the Historical Players and hope to make history come alive through these stories.

Celeste Guillory

Recommended Websites

In honor of Cinco de Mayo (May 5), here are a few websites to help those researching Mexican ancestry.

www.familysearch.org

Don't overlook FamilySearch. It should be your first stop for any research project. I recommend clicking on the "Search" button, then "Records," then scroll down to the bottom of the page and select "Mexico." This will yield a list of the records they hold for Mexico, broken down by State. Remember, if a camera icon is shown, the images are available for viewing. If it says, "Browse Images," the names have not been indexed yet—but if it tells you the number of images, there is a searchable index for the data. Just to whet your appetite, the following datasets are available with searchable images: Mexico Baptisms 1560-1950 (43 million

images), Mexico Civil Registration 1832-2005 (1.5 million images), Mexican National Census for 1930 (just posted in March 2014).

www.genforum.genealogy.com/mexico

Mexico Genealogy Forum. This is a message board for inquiries (and answers) about Mexican genealogy. It has a search function so you can search to see if anyone else has posted information or questions about your ancestor.

www.genealogy.about.com/od/mexico

About.com Genealogy. This website contains links to *Mexican Genealogy 101* (a basic research guide), *Spanish Surnames* (explains about origins of surnames and how Spanish-speaker surnames are constructed), *Researching Your Hispanic Heritage* and other topics.

Lookup Question Answered

Celeste received this nice thank you from M.A. Berube who had an inquiry she was able to answer for him.

Montréal, le 22 Février 2014.

Ms Celeste Jaymot Guillory,
of Grants Pass, Oregon.

I would like to thank you so very much for the Bérubée information that you willingly sent me, regarding Rachaël-Jean Bérubée daughter of Richard-M. Bérubée and Christy-M. Martin. I found out that she was born on January 1983 in Oregon: and was married on Nov. 22, 1999, In Mason Co. WA. to Nicholas-Glen Wilbur III.

The Thomas- B. Bérubée married to Roselynn Baker is Richard-M. Bérubée's brother, although I did not know that they were parents of two daughters namely; Jennifer 1974 and Mara 1976. Their respective parents were: Thomas-B. Bérubée Sr and Barbara-J. Gildon from Maine. Again, je vous remercie bien sincèrement de votre aide.

Bien vôtre.
Al Bérubé



Upcoming Events:

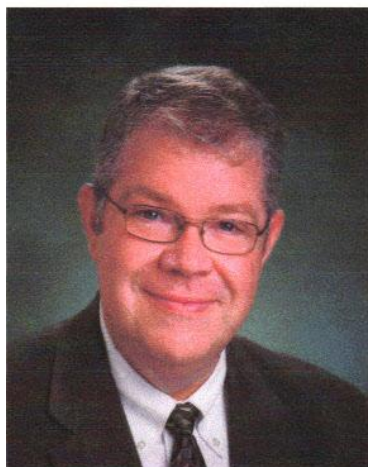
GPGS (Grants Pass Genealogical Society) meetings are held at 1:30 PM on the second Tuesday of each month (excepting December, July and August) at the LDS Church, corner of Harbeck Road and Williams Highway in Grants Pass. Board of Directors meetings are generally held at 12:30 PM prior to General Meetings 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. Classes designated as OLLI provide an introduction to genealogy for the beginner or advanced beginner. The series of classes runs five weeks and is offered exclusively to OLLI members on one day of each, and to RVGS members/non-members on alternate days each week. The OLLI class dates shown in our newsletter refer to the ones available to RVGS members/non-members.

- May 13 GPGS Meeting at 1:30 PM. Topic *Genealogy: Chasing Your Own Tales, Part I*. Our member Judy Leipold will share her research project on her great-great grandfather, civil war veteran.
- May 17 Genealogical Forum of Oregon *Spring Seminar*, at the Milwaukie Elks Club, 9 AM to 4 PM. Features F. Warren Bittner, Certified Genealogist, giving presentation on German research. **See the flyer at end of newsletter.**
- May 17 Rogue Valley Genealogical Society *Spring Seminar*, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Cost: Members full day \$35 or \$10 per session, Non-members \$70 full day or \$20 each session. (Save money by joining RVGS for only \$30 a year!) **See the flyer at end of newsletter.**

- May 20 RVGS Meeting 1:30 – 3:30 PM. *Ayers, Oregon: Rediscovering a Forgotten Community*, presented by Tom Sayre and Roger Roberts. Ayers was a working community near Ashland that thrived during the first half of the 20th century. The research project started with a research request to the JCGL to find someone's great-grandmother.
- Diggin' In the Dark* follows from 3:00 to 9:00 PM (free research at the Jackson County Genealogy Library, where they have 11 computer stations equipped with genealogy subscriptions and a huge genealogical database and book collection).
- June 7 *Brick Wall Roundtable Discussion*, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at JCGL. Free workshop (register at 541-512-2340).
- June 10 GPGS Meeting at 1:30 PM. *Genealogy: Chasing Your Own Tales, Part II*.
- Jul 25 Josephine County Historical Society *Pie and Ice Cream Social*, 4-7 PM at the Schmidt House Barn and Garden.
- Aug 2 *Fantastic Flea Market*. The Daily Courier makes their parking lot available every year so that local nonprofit organizations can sell items to raise operating funds. It is our major source of income for the year. We call on all members to donate saleable items and/or help staff our booth.
- Aug 2 *Summer Genealogy Fest*, Summer Seminar offered by Genealogical Council of Oregon and Oregon Association of Professional Genealogists. To be held at Lane Community College, Eugene, Oregon. Early Bird (postmarked by July 1, 2014) registration cost is \$65.00 for seminar, \$16.00 for lunch. Seminar price rises to \$70.00 after July 1. **See the attached flyer for details, registration form and a full class listing including several additional speakers and topics.**
- Aug 5 *Picnic Potluck* for GPGS members (you can bring a guest) from 12 Noon to 2:00 PM at outdoor pavilion, LDS Church, Harbeck Road and Williams Highway, Grants Pass. You may want to bring a lawn chair if you would find the metal benches and tables uncomfortable.
- Sep 9 GPGS Meeting at 1:30 PM. Speaker topic to be announced.

- Sep 18 *Genealogy Workshop for the Public*, sponsored by Grants Pass Genealogical Society. This will run from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Details are pending. FREE.
- Oct 11 *Family History Seminar*, all-day public event jointly sponsored by the Family History Center and Grants Pass Genealogical Society. FREE.
- Oct 25 *Graveyard Tour* presented by the Josephine County Historical Society Living History Players at 4:00 and 6:00 PM in the International Organization of Odd Fellows/Masonic Cemetery, Grants Pass.
- Dec 9 *GPGS Christmas Luncheon at TapRock Grill* from 11:30 to 2:30 PM.
We need a volunteer to coordinate this event.
- Dec 20 *Celebrate Christmas Past*, from 1-4 PM at the historic Schmidt House and Barn, Grants Pass. Sponsored by the Josephine County Historical Society.



Genealogical Forum of Oregon Spring Seminar 2014

The GFO Welcomes

Warren Bittner, CGSM

F. Warren Bittner, CGSM, is a genealogical researcher and lecturer, with thirty years of research experience. He holds an M.S. in history from Utah State University, and a B.S. in Business from Brigham Young University. His master's thesis looked at the social factors affecting illegitimacy in nineteenth-century Bavaria.

He is the owner of Ancestors Lost and Found, a small genealogical research firm. For six years he was the German Collection Manager for the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, where he coordinated contracts to microfilm and index records at 102 archives in seven countries and where he planned the German book acquisitions and internet publications. Before that he worked for four years in the extraction unit of the Family History Library, where he was coordinator of third-party indexing projects and where he developed and trained volunteers in Spanish indexing projects. He has also worked as a Reference Consultant at the Family History Library on both the U.S. and International reference counters. He has done research in more than fifty German archives and in more than forty U.S. archives and record repositories.

Saturday
17 May 2014
9 am - 4 pm
Milwaukie Elks

Topics

- German Historical Maps and Territories: You Can't Do Research Without Them
- Introduction to German Church Books
- German Marriage Laws and Customs
- Exhausting Research to Find an Impossible Immigrant



Seminar Features

- Nationally Known Speaker
- Genealogical Treasures Drawing
- Book Vendor
- GFO Surplus Book Sale

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*Gerardus Mercator's map of Europe
(printed in 1596)*

Event Schedule

8:00 am	Registration opens
9:00 am	Opening remarks
9:15 am	Session 1
10:15 am	Break
10:45 am	Session 2
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm	Announcements
1:30 pm	Session 3
2:30 pm	Break
3:00 pm	Session 4
4:00 pm	Program ends

German Historical Maps and Territories: You Can't Do Research Without Them

Learn about the historical boundary changes in Germany and how to find the records for various regions.

Introduction to German Church Books

Learn the basic layout of Catholic and Protestant Records. See examples of baptismal, marriage, death, and confirmation entries. Learn to recognize the essential information.

German Marriage Laws and Customs

Learn how German marriage laws changed 1500-1900, about tight marriage restrictions, and about marriage customs.

Exhausting Research to Find an Impossible Immigrant

See how the principle of "Reasonably Exhaustive Research" is used to find a "brick wall" immigrant family despite repeated dead ends and misleading clues.

Seminar Site

Milwaukie Elks

**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 the Milwaukie Elks Lodge sign.

Lunch

**No lunch available for those registering after
10 May 2014**

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 are included.

Breaks

Snacks and drinks are included with admission and are available during the breaks.

Refund Policy

For cancellations received after 10 May 2014, 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 10 May 2014.

Warren Bittner Spring Seminar Sign-Up Form

17 May 2014

Members ___ \$43 received by 5/10/14 ___ \$48 received after 5/10/14 ___ \$53 at the door
Non-Members ___ \$48 received by 5/10/14 ___ \$53 received after 5/10/14 ___ \$58 at the door
Lunch ___ \$11 must be received by 5/10/14
Total \$ _____ ☐ Payment enclosed ☐ Paid online at [PayPal.com](https://www.paypal.com) using email address payments@gfo.org

Name _____ Member No. _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Please make check payable to "Genealogical Forum of Oregon" or "GFO."

Attn: Spring Seminar, GFO, 2505 SE 11th Ave, Ste B-18, Portland OR 97202-1061

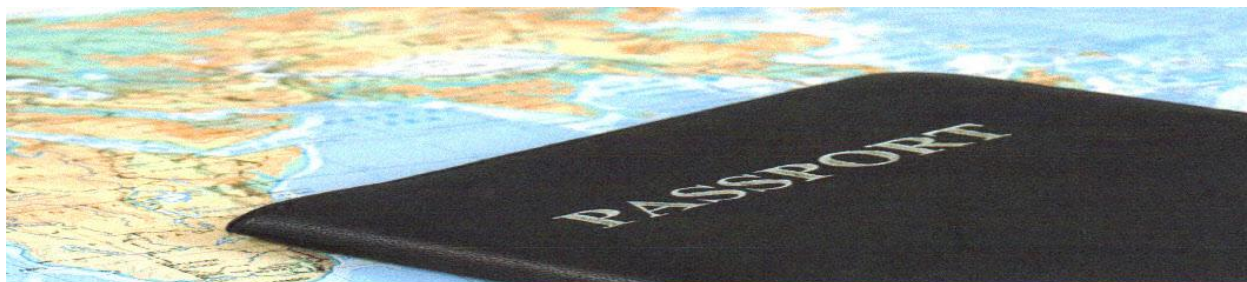
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Summer Genealogy Fest

Pack your genealogy passport and plan to repack your genealogical toolbox!

2 August 2014

Lane Community College, Center for Meeting and Learning, 4000 East 30th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97405



Featuring:

Thomas W. Jones

Planning "Reasonably Exhaustive" Research

Can a Complex Research Problem be Solved Solely Online?

Debunking Misleading Records

Will Your Family History Have Lasting Value?

Watch for the "Ask an Expert" session sign-ups at check-in!

"Treasure" Tables, Vendor tables and Book Vendor on-site!

If your society, group or genealogy minded business would like to reserve a table, please contact us at: dcarlile8@comcast.net

Co-Hosts: Genealogical Council of Oregon (GCO) & Oregon Association of Professional Genealogists (OR APG)

Watch for updates and follow us on:

<http://www.facebook.com/orgco>

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orgco2/>

Summer Genealogy Fest

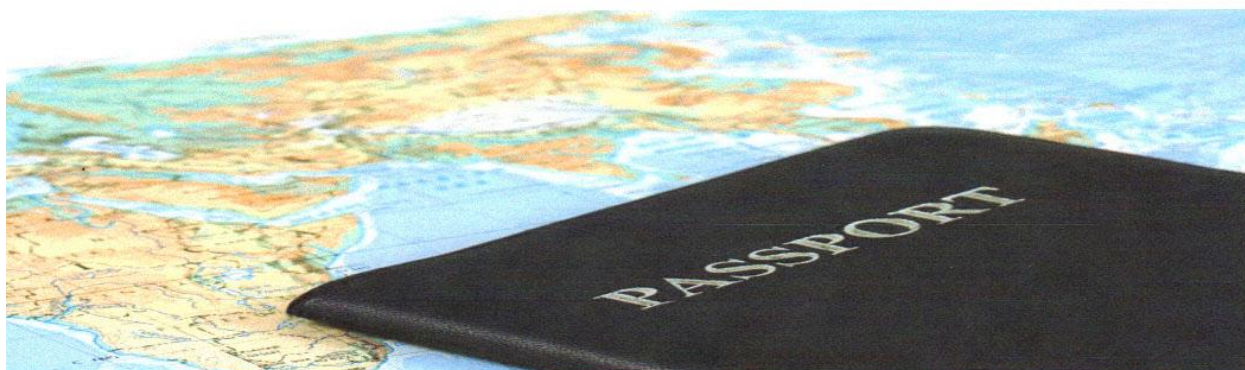
Additional Classes Available:

- **Naturalizations: All The Papers in Packet**, by Jewell Dunn
- **Cutting Through the Confusion: Research in Upstate New York**, by Karen Mauer Green, CG, FGBS
 - **Fabulous and Free FamilySearch.org**, by JoAnne Haugen, AG®
 - **Using the Flip-Pal Scanner with Photoshop Elements**, by Jim Johnson
- **Getting From Then To Now Locating People In The Last Century**, by Leslie Lawson
 - **Ancestry.com—Tips and Tricks**, by Susan LeBlanc, AG®
 - **Artifacts and Our Ancestor's Lives**, by Connie Lenzen, CG
 - **What's A Deed?**, by Kevin Mittge
- **Start Writing—Your ancestor's legacy depends upon it!**, by Steven W. Morrison
- **Placing Out: The Story of America's Orphan Train Children**, by Judith Beaman Scott
 - **Dating and Identifying Your Family Photographs**, by Karen Wallace Steely
- **Correlation for Beginners: How to use simple tables to see your evidence differently.**, by Eric Stroschein

Hotels and RV Parks in the area:

These are not discounted. All reservations are at your own discretion.

1. Comfort Suites Eugene (2.8 miles), 3060 E. 25th Ave., Eugene ph. 541.343.7000
2. Motel 6 (3.4 miles), 3690 Glenwood Drive, Eugene ph. 541.687.2395 or 800.466.8356
3. Phoenix Inn Suites (4.22 miles), 850 Franklin Blvd., Eugene ph. 541.344.0001 or 800.344.0131
4. University Inn & Suites Hotel (4.35 miles), 1857 Franklin Blvd., Eugene ph. 541.342.4804 or 800.424.5213
5. Shamrock Village RV Park 4531 Franklin Blvd., Eugene ph. 541.747.7473 or 877.877.1004
6. Deerwood RV Park 35059 Seavey Lp. Rd., Eugene ph. 541.988.1139



Spring 2014 Seminar

Jackson County Genealogy Library

When: May 17th, 2014 **Time:** 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Cost: **Members:** full day \$35 or \$10 each session;
Non-Members: full day \$70 or \$20 each session

Pre-Paid Registration Deadline: May 12th, 2014

Limited Seating available, make your reservations early!

1st Session: 9:00 – 10:30 am

What's Happening on Family Search? Presented by Barbara Basden

In 2013, the Family Search website was completely redesigned to feature Family Tree. This session teaches you to find the millions of records available on this website, and also shows you how adding your information to Family Tree may be beneficial to your research. Barbara Basden has many years of Family Search experience and is RVGS e-Publications Director.

2nd Session: 10:45 – 12:15 pm

Finding Great-Grandma and Grandpa, too, and, Are They Really Your Ancestors?

Presented by Melinda Henningfield, CG

This session reveals where you might look to find information about your ancestors and covers ways to be sure the information you find is truly about your ancestor and not about someone else's! As a board-certified genealogist, Melinda Henningfield has extensive experience in effectively using genealogy databases and websites. She wrote the article "*Determining Linnie Leigh Gray's Birthdate*" which was featured in the NGS Quarterly in 2010.

3rd Session: 1:15 – 2:45 pm

How to Organize and Manage your Genealogical Photos and Documents. Presented by Bill Strickland

In this session, Bill shows you a computer-based system and methodology for storing documentation and photos with the use of any spreadsheet and a scanner. He will also include ways of creating a document binder with multiple indices. Bill has taught computer classes professionally and for the Grey Bears, and other adult education classes in California. He also was a member and taught genealogy classes at the Genealogy Society of Santa Cruz County (GSSCC) before moving to Oregon and joining RVGS.

4th Session: 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Using Paper Trail: A Guide to Overland Pioneer Names and Documents created by the Oregon-California Trails Association. Presented by Jim and Sallie Riehl

Jim and Sallie describe this website, and how it can be accessed in this session. The database includes data extracted from original journals and writings and provides the location of the original documents. Photos of the Emigrant Trail through the Black Rock Desert in Northern Nevada will highlight one of the routes traveled. Experiences along the trails will be discussed. Jim and Sallie developed this database over time. We are pleased that they will come to Medford to share their knowledge of this interesting resource with us.