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**Tuesday Feb 10
at 1:30**
*Using Land
Records in
Family History
Research*

**Presented by Jacque
Campbell**

**Jacque Campbell is a
Family History
Consultant & presenter
at the recent Grants
Pass Community
Family History
Seminar.**

**Her topic will be of
benefit to all people
researching their kin
and is a "time tested"
way to document
family history
research.**



Dear Members,

Isn't it nice that we can celebrate so many things in one month? February 14th is Valentines Day and many of us will receive a surprise from someone who thinks we're special. It could be a box of candy, a handmade valentine, a bouquet of flowers or some other special gift to cheer us up during the cold and wet weather we live with at this time of year.

Have you found a special Valentine as you do your family history research? If so, bring it with you to the meeting on Tuesday so share.

Our meeting location is moving down the hall to the room at the east end of the building and closer to the door. There are no stairs at that end of the building and plenty of parking. I think you will all like using this new (for us) meeting room.

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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.

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

Annual renewal during January of each year

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President's Message (cont'd from Page 1)



President's day is February 16th, a day when schools, banks and other government offices are closed. It's a 3-day weekend but many miss the significance of this holiday. There was a time when the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln were celebrated on two separate days. Now they're lumped together into one day when most of the celebrating is done at stores via President's Days sales. Gone are the days when skits were done in the schools to remember the contributions of these leaders and why they were so important in our history.

The History Channel recently had a 6 hour special called the "**Son's Of Liberty**" and if you watched it you saw a dramatization that featured George Washington in Philadelphia when the Founders were drafting the Declaration of Independence. Although a lot of "poetic license" was taken in this production, the message was clear that the "colonials" valued their freedom and wanted to preserve their unique way of living.

A movie came out two years ago called **Lincoln** starring Daniel Day-Lewis who portrayed Abraham Lincoln in a very personal way. Although dark and brutal at times, the movie conveyed the challenge that Lincoln faced trying to reunite the Country less than a hundred years after the Declaration of Independence was drafted and independence won by the "Sons of Liberty".

If you can trace your kin back to the Revolution and the Civil War you should be very proud of the contribution and sacrifice of your kin. Think of them on President's Day and be proud of what they did when these two presidents were alive and shaping our history.

Cheers to all,

Celeste Guillory
GPGS President





Update

Our Facebook page turned one-year-old on January 15, 2015. Hard to believe we've begun our second year of bringing you great genealogical information & website links to assist with your family history research! We've got two new followers this month, up to 63 Total Page Likes. In the last four weeks we've had a total reach of 177 views, with 41 engaging by clicking on a link, liking or sharing one of our posts. Are you utilizing this valuable resource???

We published 37 posts during January. Topics included 10 Research Suggestions for 2015, 5 Ways to Tell if Your Genealogy Research is Accurate, 5 Common Mistakes to Avoid, 10 Most Popular Genealogy Websites & 11 Things You Should Know About FindAGrave. A great obituary tip, along with links to discover your Irish Quakers, a Civil War Soldiers & Sailors Database, Free WWII Army Enlistment Records & a Free Online Course on Genealogy Starting in March were shared. Articles on Organizing Your Genealogy Materials, Coulda Woulda Shoulda Genealogy Regrets, Using Cadastral Mapping to Find Your Ancestors & the Real Reason Why Your Ancestors Didn't Smile in Photos were posted. A fantastic, detailed webpage on DNA info & charts was shared, along with interesting articles titled The Ethno-Genesis of the Baltic Peoples & Any Redheads in Your Family? And not to be missed are: Are You Utilizing the National Archives? & What Can a Quick Google Search Find for Your Genealogy?

Please check out our Facebook page frequently—and remember that all these topics are available to you by scrolling back down our page. When you get to a place that says "Highlight," just click on it & 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 many happy discoveries to your family tree.

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



Minutes GPGS Special Board Meeting 2 Jan 2015 Held at 480 Red Mountain Dr. GP 11:30

Board members in attendance: Celeste Guillory, Jeanette Dickson, Laura Dunwald-Uhlig, Pat Heumann, Shar Fairchild, Joan Edwards

Board members absent: Jeri Paradise, Cyn Thia Syncere, Janis Seaton, Susan Duncan, Cindy Suda, and Bev Wellington.

Nov 18th minutes: Motion by Pat Heumann and seconded by Laura Dunwald-Uhlig to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Pat Heumann said as of the end of Dec 2014, there were no outstanding bills and the balance was \$856.84

2015 Budget: Due to technical difficulties, the audit was postponed until Mon, 5 Jan. Jeanette Dickson, Shar Fairchild, Pat Heumann and Celeste Guillory will meet at Family History Center at 10:00 to audit the finances. SOP: when paying a bill, make a copy of the check, attach it to a copy of the bill, and then attach the receipt to the copies.

PO Box fee: Celeste will check on the amount of post office box rental to find out why there was a fee increase.

Membership dues to be paid prior to 1 mar. The membership roster, including changed emails and other contact information to be updated as members pay by the Treasurer and sent to Board Members as done.

***Quilt Raffle:** Jeri Paradise wasn't present for an update on the raffle quilt. As it would be a good society fundraiser Celeste will contact Jeri Paradise for an update. It's hoped the quilt will be ready by May. Nothing can be sold at the FHC, therefore, raffle tickets will be sent in the newsletter.

* Annual Yard Sale - another fundraiser will be held in Jul or Aug and will probably be held at the Fairgrounds. Tabled until the next board meeting.

***Website-Yola** hosts the website but GPGS owns the domain name until March, when it will be up for renewal. Question is whether or not to switch to another website vendor. Note: Member's emails are not listed however, if someone's name is clicked upon, the message will automatically be sent to that person. **Webmaster does this task.**

***Face Book Page:** was not discussed

***Workshop:** It was suggested that Saturday might be better than a weeknight to hold the 2015 workshop. Tabled until next board meeting.

***Outreach:** During the month of October, GPGS will have a display at the main branch of Evergreen Federal Bank. The signs will cost GPGS money but other items such as costumes, shadow boxes, pedigree charts, and members will provide family group records. There will be a committee comprised of 3 members to organize this event.

***Redding Family History Center Seminar** is 28 Feb. and will be featured in the newsletter.

***September GPGS Workshop Banner:** The GPGS banner hangs over 6th or 7th St to be updated as decision is made when to hold the workshop. Tabled until next board meeting.

***Pioneer Certificates:** Janis Seaton, Louise Ross and Celeste awarded a Pioneer Certificate to Margaret Bland Wallen, who is 102 years old about 6 years ago. Shall the GPGS issue Pioneer Certificates again? Someone will contact Jeanette Dickson and Joan Momsen to identify families who have lived in the valley for 100 years or more. Perhaps those pioneer families could be showcased during the Oct. Outreach at Evergreen Federal and will receive a Pioneer Certificate. It needs to be made clear this is genealogical versus historical.

***Programs:** January program is Castle Gardens & Ellis Island presented by Celeste. Jackie Campbell will talk about land records at the Feb meeting. Some other topics that may be covered in the following months (except Jul, Aug and Dec) are: Black Sheep Society (for those with jailbird relatives), different societies such as DAR, SAR, heritage/ethnic societies, Roots Tech, some of the educational online courses offered by Ancestry.com, Footnote (war participants and concentration camp detainees), Celeste might do a DNA Roundtable presentation using 3-4 people who have had their DNA done and Joan Momsen on genealogy of certain families...

* As VP, Laura D-U is in charge of GPGS publicity and will work with the Daily Courier, and KAJO and KRRM radio stations. She will also be providing a survey to assess topics that interest people

There will be no board meeting prior to the General Meeting on January 13th. The special board meeting ended at 3:15 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,
Joan Edwards, GPGS Sec.**



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- **After You're Gone: Future Proofing Your Genealogy Research** — Have you ever considered what will happen to your years of genealogy research once you're gone? Learn how to ensure that your hard work carries on. Through a combination of planning, common sense, and new technologies, we'll review how to create an action plan for preserving your genealogy research.
- **Managing the Genealogy Data Monster** — It is so easy to let the large amounts of data involved with genealogy overwhelm you — to the point that family history research is no longer fun! Learn how to tackle the three main problem areas of genealogy data: research data, project data and file data, so you can put the FUN back in your research!

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SATURDAY – April 25, 2015 <> 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

At the Bend Golf & Country Club

**Great
Door Prizes!**

Registration Required – Seating is Limited – See Registration Form for Cost

Call BGS at (541) 317-9553 for more information

Find the Registration Form Online at: www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs



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January 2015

- **Genealogy on the Go with iPads and Tablets** by Lisa Louise Cooke. 1/7
- **Tracking Migration Using the Big 4 U.S. Record Sources** by Mary Hill. 1/14
- **Expanding Your Research from a Single Fact** by Marian Pierre-Louis. 1/16
- **My Genealogy DO-Over—A Year of Learning from Research Mistakes** by Thomas MacEntee. 1/21
- **Getting Started in Scrapbooking** by Susan Budge. 1/28

February 2015

- **One-Place Studies: Tracing the History of a Community** by Kirsty Gray. 2/4
- **Step-by-Step—Finding Confederate Soldiers and Their Records** by Mark Lowe. 2/6
- **Zigzagging through German Church Records** by James M. Beidler. 2/11
- **Researching Your New Zealand Ancestors** by Jan Gow. 2/18
- **Researching Ancestors in the Era of Freedom** by Angela Walton-Raji. 2/20
- **New and Must-Have Google Tips for Genealogy** by Lisa Louise Cooke. 2/25

March 2015

- **Researching with Karen!** by Karen Clifford. 3/4
- **Technology & Techniques for Differentiating Two People with the Same Name** by Geoff Rasmussen. 3/6
- **Crafting Ancestor Profiles from Start to Finish** by Lisa Alzo. 3/11
- **Irish Genealogical Records in the 17th-19th Centuries** by Judy Wight. 3/18
- **Where Does It Say That? Learning to Love Direct Evidence** by Chris Staats. 3/25

April 2015

- **Genealogy 101, Part 1 of 3** by Peggy Clemens Lauritzen. 4/1
- **American Revolution Genealogy** by Beth Foulk. 4/8
- **Hookers, Crooks, and Kooks—Aunt Merle Didn't Run a Boarding House** by Jana Sloan Broglin. 4/10
- **Ten Genealogical Lessons I Learned the Hard Way** by Warren Bittner. 4/15
- **D-I-V-O-R-C-E!** by Judy Russell. 4/22
- **US Colored Troops Civil War Widows' Pension Applications** by Bernice Alexander Bennett. 4/24
- **Using Legacy with Specialized Studies** by Tessa Keough. 4/29

May 2015

- **Genealogy 101, Part 2 of 3** by Peggy Clemens Lauritzen. 5/6
- **After You're Gone—Future-Proofing Your Genealogy Research** (members-only) by Thomas MacEntee. 5/8
- **GenealogyBank—The Power of Finding Our Ancestor's Stories** by Tom Kemp. 5/13
- **Martha Benshura—Enemy Alien** by Judy Russell. 5/20
- **Migration Patterns East of the Mississippi Prior to 1860** by Mary Hill. 5/27

June 2015

- **Genealogy 101, Part 3 of 3** by Peggy Clemens Lauritzen. 6/3
- **Tips for Planning a Successful Seminar** by Jana Sloan Broglin. 6/10

- **10 Tips for Using Legacy with Specialized Studies** by Tessa Keough. 6/12

July 2015

- **Researching Female Ancestors** by Gena Philibert-Ortega. 7/1
- **Pinning Your Family History** by Thomas MacEntee. 7/8
- **Making a Federal Case Out of It** (members-only) by Judy Russell. 7/10
- **Researching with Karen** by Karen Clifford. 7/15
- **Have Swedish Roots and Don't Know How to Get Started?** By Kathy Meade. 7/22
- **Storyboard Your Family History** by Lisa Alzo. 7/29
- **Reconstructing Family Trees Sawed by Slavery** by Melvin J. Collier. 7/31

August 2015

- **What's In a Name? Trouble!** By Ron Arons. 8/5
- **Power Platting—Technology Tools to Create Pictures from Property Descriptions** by Chris Staats. 8/12
- **Discovering Your Kentucky Ancestors** by Mark Lowe. 8/19
- **Digital Family Reunions** by Devin Ashby. 8/21
- **German Names and Naming Patterns** by James M. Beidler. 8/26

September 2015

- **Break Down Brick Walls in Eastern European Research** by Lisa Alzo. 9/2
- **Research Your Swedish Roots in Living Color Using ArkivDigital Online** by Kathy Meade. 9/9
- **Genealogy Serendipity—Listening for Our Ancestors** by Geoff Rasmussen. 9/11
- **Researching Your Dutch Ancestors** by Yvette Holtink. 9/16
- **Researching Your Ancestors in England and Wales** by Kirsty Gray. 9/23
- **Maps Tell Some of the Story for the African-Ancestored Genealogist** by Angela Walton-Raji. 9/25
- **Using Periodicals to Find Your Ancestors** by Gena Philibert-Ortega. 9/30

October 2015

- **Wearables and Genealogy—Wacky and Wild or Worth the Wait** by Thomas MacEntee. 10/7
- **Colonial Immigration—The English Pioneers of Early America** by Beth Foulk. 10/14
- **Billions of Records, Billions of Stories** by Devin Ashby. 10/16
- **What Happened to the State of Frankland—Using TN's Pre-Statehood Records** by Mark Lowe. 10/21
- **Complex Evidence** by Warren Bittner. 10/28

November 2015

- **Researching with Karen** by Karen Clifford. 11/4
- **Organizing Your Genetic Genealogy** by Diahna Southard. 11/11
- **Bringing It All Together and Leaving a Permanent Record** by Tom Kemp. 11/13
- **Mapping Madness** by Ron Arons. 11/18

December 2015

- **Stories in Stone—Cemetery Research** by Gail Blankenau. 12/2
- **Thinking about Becoming an Accredited Genealogist?** By April Cox and Kelly Summers. 12/9
- **Breaking Down Brick Walls with Collateral Research** by Marian Pierre-Louis. 12/16



LAURA KNOWS - INTERESTING WEBSITES - by Laura Dunwald-Uhlig

<http://comgen.weebly.com> - address for the Roseburg Family History Seminar being held on Saturday March 7. Classes run all day and are worth the trip to Roseburg.

Family Chronicle Magazine is getting a name change beginning with the March/April 2015 edition. The magazine will be called **Your Genealogy Today**. It's new web address is changing also to: www.YourGenealogyToday.com as of March 1.

www.coupons.com/coupon-codes/ancestry-by-dna/ - A full range of DNA kits

www.familyreedna.com provides a wealth of information about DNA tests

Get an Insiders Look at Ancestry.com's Updates! www.familytreemagazine.com

www.reddingfamilyhistorycenter.org Heritage Faire being held on Feb 28th in Redding California

<http://olivetreenealogy.blogspot.com> - This is a very informative website and one that should be in your top 10 list. A recent posting describes ancestry.com's new look....coming soon.

Interactive Family Tree Network – PBS

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/finding-your-roots/blog/tina-feys-interactive-family-tree/>

www.rootstech.com - get a preview of all the information coming our way from the annual conference in Salt Lake City in February

