

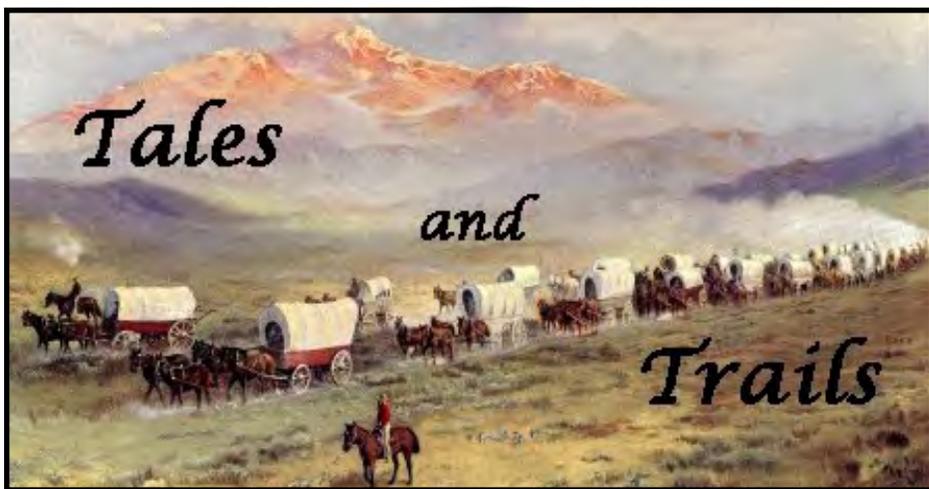
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President's Report



I am waxing a bit sentimental when I think about two years as the President, almost done. Where did the time go? I keep telling myself I have to get a move on about my Irish ancestors.

My trip to Ireland this summer really perked me up. I realize there are more resources than there is time. A University in the county of Cork offers summer classes on Irish genealogy.

Does one sense a theme ...or a shove in the right direction? The following quote is from Anne Swenson, editor of the Ely Echo, Ely Minnesota.

"Why is Genealogy important to me? It gives me a sense of stability in what appears to be an unstable world...."

I thank everyone involved in the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society for their aid and support. The "Old-timers" made me look good. Happy Hunting.

Barbara

Candidates Needed

By Jim Bull

The annual ritual of leadership turnover is rapidly approaching. No, I'm not talking about what I personally feel is the disgusting race for our country's leadership. Four days after that particular embarrassment is over, the membership of our society will be voting on who will be President and Vice-President for the next two years. The appointed board positions of Membership and Publicity will also be filled.

By the time you read this I hope to have found a member or two to divide up the membership list to call each member with the objective of finding candidates for each of the four positions mentioned. Personal circumstances during the past two years have impacted overall board effectiveness and added to the work other board members have had to take on.

Please give some thought to how you might be able to help in the leadership of our society. If you are not sure what the level of involvement might be, please take the initiative to contact any member of the board and ask your questions. And then say yes when you get a call from a nominating committee member. **Nothing is achieved if no one leads.** ~~~~~

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Family History Month

By Jim Bull



Kimberly Powell has written an article *10 Ways to Celebrate Family History Month* that starts:

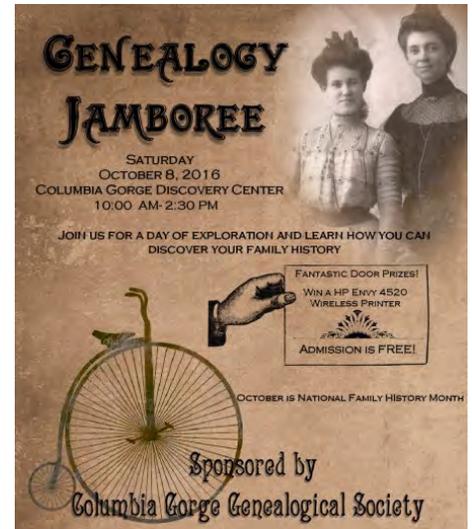
October is designated in many places as "Family History Month," and genealogists everywhere have adopted the month as their own. Whether you're new to genealogy, or have devoted a lifetime to it, celebrate Family History Month with your family this October by trying one (or more) of these ten wonderful ways to craft and commemorate your past.

Go to <http://genealogy.about.com/od/holidays/tp/family-history-month.htm> for all the details.

The Family Search Blog has an article by Steve Anderson that has eight suggestions for activities to undertake this month. They are available at <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/october-family-history-month/>.



Don't Miss It!



Please join us to celebrate National Family History Month on Saturday October 8, 2016 at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center. This is an open forum style event for all levels of genealogical research from beginner to advanced. Or if you haven't doing genealogy, we will help you get started.

We will have Jan Bony from Oregon GenWeb and Emma Jean Smith from The Daughters of the American Revolution to answer any questions and to guide you in your research. Also our CGGS members will be glad to help you start your journey to the past and bring your ancestors to life. The jamboree also will be covering subjects like organizing your genealogy, DNA, internet resources, genealogy software, military research, social media, and we will have someone to help you with your technology device (laptop, phone, etc.).

There will be great door prizes too! Attendees will have a chance to win a new HP Envy 4520 3-in-1 Wireless Printer, a genealogy gift basket with assorted research

tools plus a 32 GB Lexar flash drive , the new book by Drew Smith "Organizing your Genealogy" and we will be giving away 2 free one year memberships to the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society. This event is free and we encourage you to bring a friend.

The Jamboree starts a 10:00 and closes at 2:30.

Arrangements are being made for the Cafe to be open, a sandwich bar will be available.

Open Access Maps at NY Public Library

by Matt Knutzen, Geospatial Librarian and Curator

[The Lionel Pincus & Princess Firyal Map Division](#) is very proud to announce the release of more than 20,000 cartographic works as high resolution downloads. We believe these maps have no known US copyright restrictions.* To the extent that some jurisdictions grant NYPL an additional copyright in the digital reproductions of these maps, NYPL is distributing these images under a [Creative Commons CC0 1.0 Universal Public Domain Dedication](#). The maps can be viewed through the New York Public Library's [Digital Collections page](#), and downloaded (!), through the [Map Warper](#). First, [create an account](#), then click a map title and go. Here's a [primer](#) and [more extended blog post on the warper](#)

What's this all mean?

It means you can have the maps, all of them if you want, for free, in high resolution. We've scanned them to enable their use in the broadest possible ways by

the largest number of people. Though not required, if you'd like to credit the New York Public Library, please use the following text "From The Lionel Pincus & Princess Firyal Map Division, The New York Public Library." Doing so helps us track what happens when we release collections like this to the public for free under really relaxed and open terms. We believe our collections inspire all kinds of creativity, innovation and discovery, things the NYPL holds very dear.

A little background on how we got here... We've been scanning maps for about 15 years, both as part of the NYPL's general work but mostly through grant funded projects like the 2001 [National Endowment for the Humanities \(NEH\) funded American Shores: Maps of the MidAtlantic to 1850](#), the 2004 [Institute of Museum and Library Services \(IMLS\) funded Building a Globally Distributed Historical Sheet Map Set](#) and the 2010 NEH funded [New York City Historical GIS](#).

Through these projects, we've built up a great collection of: 1,100 maps of the Mid-Atlantic United States and cities from the 16th to 19th centuries, mostly drawn from the [Lawrence H. Slaughter Collection](#); a detailed collection of more than 700 [topographic maps of the Austro-Hungarian empire](#) created between 1877 and 1914; a collection of 2,800 maps from [state, county and city atlases](#) (mostly New York and New Jersey); a huge collection of more than [10,300 maps from property, zoning, topographic, but mostly fire in-](#)

[surance atlases of New York City dating from 1852 to 1922](#); and an incredibly diverse collection of [more than 1,000 maps of New York City, its boroughs and neighborhoods](#), dating from 1660 to 1922, which detail transportation, vice, real estate development, urban renewal, industrial development and pollution, political geography among many, many other things.

We in the Map Division are all very excited about this release and look forward to seeing these maps in works of art, historical publications, movies, archaeological reports, novels, environmental remediation efforts, urban planning studies and more... Enjoy!

The maps may be subject to rights of privacy, rights of publicity and other restrictions. It is your responsibility to make sure that you respect these rights.



So Long Darrell. May you be at peace in the arms of the creator while you share tales with your ancestors on how you tracked them all down.

[Leaving it better than we found it](#)

The Genealogical Society: Revise or Demise?

By Donna Cox Baker

Genealogy is emerging, growing, thriving. So why do we hear rumors of the impending death of the local genealogical society? Is it “revise or demise” for these once-vital pillars of family history research? And what is the GEG’s obligation to local organizations?

The health of genealogical societies

I am heading up a genealogy project that has put me in contact with many societies around Alabama. Most of them tell me they are in decline — some nearly gone. Fewer and fewer people come to meetings. No one volunteers any more, they tell me. I suspect this is true in many states.

Up until about a year ago, I had not been a joiner. And I have met several [GEGs](#) lately who all say they are not part of genealogical societies. I edit a historical magazine, and our staff recently surveyed our readership about their interest in genealogy. Wonderfully, they want to learn about genealogy. But disturbingly, they have little interest in genealogical societies.

Does a local genealogical society have a value?

Absolutely. The local groups have something no state, regional, or national organization can replace: knowledge of and commitment to the locality. The local societies know where the treasures are buried.

For my local group, the [Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society](#), it’s the court records that moldered

for ages on the 7th floor of the local courthouse. For seven years now, the TGS has been preserving and digitizing these records. They have saved them.

The local areas that lose their genealogical societies will begin to lose their treasures. You need the passionate advocates.

Why are genealogical societies losing members?

Societies are losing by attrition the generation that created them. And the new generation of genealogists are not joining to replenish the numbers. Simply put, genealogists have changed significantly, while societies have not. Here’s what I see:

The new genealogists are all ages and ethnicities.

Most genealogy societies were created for the white, middle-class, over-65, retired crowd. They have served that group very well. But the new genealogist could be seven, twenty, or forty-five years old. She could be African American or Russian or Mexican. She or he feels out of place and underserved at a traditional genealogical society meeting.

The new genealogist is packing genealogy around a full-time job or school.

When I first took up genealogy in the 1980s, every genealogist I met was either retired or what we then called a “housewife.” They were the only ones with the freedom to travel to archives and other resources during weekday hours — the only time they were open.

Thanks to today’s on-line digitized resources, the new genealogist can do a lot of work from home. For the first time, genealogy

is accessible to people with the time limits of career and school. But these people are really busy, and get nervous any time someone says “meeting” or “volunteer.”

The new genealogist has a thousand ways to use any given hour.

In the 1980s, cable TV was a new invention, with limited options. By the mid-1990s, the new Internet was dial-up discussion boards and AOL.com. It was a wonder, but was nothing compared to the educational and entertainment options we now have on TV and the Internet. The new genealogist does not remember what boredom feels like. They have options.

The new genealogist can learn genealogy from the world’s best experts without leaving home.

The society used to be the best place to go for genealogy education. There were no other options, except for those who happened to live in Salt Lake City, Fort Wayne, or another genealogy-rich town. The new genealogist can log on to [Ancestry Academy](#) and listen to a lecture by Mark Lowe, Pamela Sayre, Deborah Abbott — any of the greats. A genealogist can find an on-line tutorial for virtually anything he wants to learn.

The new genealogist has all the “society” a person can stand.

E-mail, social media, and cell phones with free long distance calls have made a small town of planet earth. The genealogy crowd of the 1970s had a yearning to mix and mingle with others of similar interests. Today’s genealogist craves solitude and is not attracted to the word “society.”

The new genealogist, likely as not, does not live where his ancestors

did.

In the 1950s to the 1980s, when most of our societies were being forged, we were a less transient society. You were far more likely to be born, live, and die in the same town. Further, you were pretty likely to live in the town where your grandparents lived and died. The new genealogist often lives in a place his ancestors never visited. He or she is not likely to be attracted to a local society, if they don't perceive it to help with their own genealogical problems.

The new genealogist is willing to give back, from home.

While very busy, the new genealogist feels the same yearning his predecessors had to give back to the community. But he prefers to do what can be done from home, in pajamas, at 11: 00 pm. She is happy to contribute financially to worthy projects. Just don't ask her for a whole Saturday to do a car wash or bake sale for a worthy cause. They are a new breed of philanthropist.

Can a genealogical society serve the new genealogist?

The local society finds itself with the unenviable task of figuring out how to serve the old guard who want their traditions, while drawing in the new genealogist, who wants a very different type of organization. Here are some things the new genealogist will be drawn to:

Social media & e-mail

A society must employ e-mail and social media to integrate itself into the lives of a membership of new genealogists. They expect to hear from you regularly with valuable content — not just

meeting announcements.

Group benefits

Use the bargaining power of your organization to negotiate deals for your membership. Can you wrangle a discounted access to Ancestry Academy? Can you get them a reduced rate on a hotel near the state archives? The possibilities are limitless, but this is a valuable avenue to explore.

On-line meetings

Consider livestreaming your meetings, so that people who have just returned home from work can attend without dressing and driving back to town. And make the meeting worth the effort.

Home volunteerism

Find a way to make your group's philanthropic work accessible from home. FamilySearch's brilliant [Indexing](#) project offers the best example of how this can be done.

How does a society begin to revise?

I realize that the things I've just told a society to do are complicated. They take time and talent and skills. How in the world can these things be done?

- Recruit the talent you need into the organization
- Partner with other organizations in your region
- Partner with local businesses or organizations
- Take it one change at a time
- Commit to it and make it *very* public that you're committed to it

A GEG call to action

GEGs give back. You will be the ones who revise the local societies to prevent their demise. Your charge:

If you are not a member of

your local genealogical society, join today, show up at the next meeting, and get ready to make a difference.

If you are a member of a local group, ask yourself if your organization is healthy. If so, invite friends. If not, revise it and invite friends.

We are the solution!

What Kind of Genealogist Are You?

From *Legacy News* [October 30, 2015](#)
By Lorine McGinnis Schulze

My husband and I are very different genealogists. I love research. I love the challenge of the hunt, the mystery waiting to be solved. I'll research anyone's ancestry just to have the thrill of following the clues. I just love solving the puzzle. Of course I also love finding my own ancestors!

My husband however dislikes research. He finds it tedious and a lot of work. He loves finding an ancestor, or better yet, having someone else find that ancestor for him. He's passionate about his ancestry, but avoids the actual research whenever possible. Family lore is enough for him and he feels no need to find sources to verify that lore. If it's important enough to him, he'll force himself to push through the research but he'd rather I did it for him. He always says that if he were rich, he'd hire someone to do all the research for him.

I'd hate that, and in fact I often feel bad that I'm doing so much that I'm not leaving my grandchild-



dren the fun of the hunt!

It seems to me that there are several types of genealogists -

The Hunter or Detective: This genealogist loves the research. While they want to find their own ancestors, they'll research anyone's ancestry just for the thrill of the hunt. They are easily sidetracked from their own ancestral research by the challenge of solving a stranger's brick wall.

The Gatherer or Ancestor Collector: This genealogist loves to know about their ancestors but doesn't really enjoy the hunt. He/she is happy to have others share what they have found.

The Ancestor Finder: This genealogist loves it all - doing the actual research and finding that elusive ancestor but they only enjoy researching their own family tree, not the ancestry of strangers.

The Hoarder: This genealogist does lots of research, finds new things about their ancestors but refuses to share any of the information.

The Junkyard Collector: This genealogist gets excited over online Family Trees and merges them with his/her own. He/she never verifies anything or checks their facts. Before long they have a mess of unsourced information, conflicting data and facts that don't make sense. They'll have female ancestors having children at the age of 100, or men born 50 years after their spouse or children born before their parents.

The Scholar: This genealogist lives and breathes source citations. Accuracy is everything to this research. You'll often find

this person submitting articles to scholarly journals as the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*. Page after page of red edit marks from the editors don't intimidate them. They'll plow through their article drafts, refining and revising and making each more accurate than the last.

The Analyzer: This genealogist finds a new fact, then studies it and analyzes it carefully before moving on to the next bit of research. They use each fact as a stepping stone to more research. They verify every piece of information they find and they view it critically, thinking about what it actually means and what other clues might be gleaned from it.

The Planner: This genealogist is a faithful keeper of research logs. He/she creates research plans and follows them. They are extremely organized in their research and meticulous about planning before they go on a research trip.

The Writer: This is the genealogist who is driven to write the stories of the ancestors. Some publish the books they write and offer them for sale, others write only for their family.



I'm not judging any specific type as the best or the worst except the junkyard collectors who make me shudder and shake my head in bewilderment.

Some of us may fit more than one category. I am definitely a Hunter-Detective and a Writer but I'm also a little bit of a Scholar. I don't live and breathe source citations but I have submitted

articles to scholarly journals and I've faced the red editing pen with determination. I'm also an Analyzer. My husband on the other hand is a Gatherer. He doesn't seem to fit any other categories. Where do you fit in?

Lorine McGinnis Schulze is a Canadian genealogist who has been involved with genealogy and history for more than thirty years. In 1996 Lorine created the [Olive Tree Genealogy website](#) and its [companion blog](#). Lorine is the author of many published genealogical and historical [articles and books](#).

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Funny for Today:

Butler County, Nebraska, July 15th, 1885: *"To the Hon County Judge of Butler County, I the undersigned (or will be undersigned if I stay in my right mind long enough to get there) wish to make application for a license to marry. I am of age and am responsible and this is the first sign in insanity that has appeared in the family and I feel perfectly able to let a woman keep me. The young lady is the same age as all unmarried ladies (19) and is willing to take me for better...I cannot get any worse. She thinks she can supply the bread. I will trust to Providence to furnish the water. I can bring witnesses that will swear I ought to have been married years ago and hoping that you will grant the license, I remain on the verge of Insanity, Yours Truly, Samuel Stevens.*

(From WASGS Blog-Serendipity Column April 25, 2016.)

Repairing Old Family Photos with Photoshop

From Dick Eastman's *EOGN*
Aug. 17, 2016



article by Harry Guinness says:
"Everyone has old family photos lying around. If they've been sitting in a box for a few decades, though, they'll be discolored, faded, and probably scratched or bent. With Photoshop, you can make them look as good as new.
"For this article, I'm going to assume you already have a basic understanding of Photoshop's major tools and how to use them. I'm going to focus on strategies rather than the minutiae of the spot healing tool."

For genealogists who have old family photographs, a new article in the MakeUseOf web site should be required reading. The

The full article may be found at <http://goo.gl/BwQQcj>. ~~~~~

[ED. NOTE: If you don't have a traditional recipe to bring to the November meeting, why don't you try this one?

Backside of mom's gravestone. Everytime someone asked for her cookie recipe, she said, "Over my dead body!"



Mom's Christmas Cookies

Cream: 1 cup sugar
 1/2 cup oleo
 Add: 2 beaten eggs
 1 tsp. vanilla
 Add: 3 cups flour
 3 tsp. baking powder
 1 tsp. salt
 Add alternately with 1 cup cream.
 Chill and roll out with flour.
 Bake 350 degrees oven, and frost.

Upcoming Events

October 1, 2016
9 –3:45, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 7809 Tieton Dr., Yakima, WA
Fall Workshop
 Click [here](#) for information

October 8, 2016
10:00 AM—2:30 PM The Discovery Center
CGGS Genealogy Jamboree
 See article on Page 2 for details

October 22, 2016
9 to 4 at Milwaukie Stake Family History Conference, 8331 Cason Rd., Gladstone, Oregon
All Things Relative
 Click [here](#) for details

November 12, 2016
1:00 PM The Discovery Center
CGGS Monthly Meeting
 Bring Holiday goodies and listen to President Barbara tell tales of her Irish expedition this summer.

December
No CGGS Meeting. Have a ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SEASON

January 14, 2017
1:00 PM, The Discovery Center
CGGS Monthly Meeting
 Program to be announced.

Need Assistance On Your Research?

Keep in mind that member Sandy Bisset is available at the Dick Library in The Discovery Center on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Also, member Lorna Elliott is very familiar with the resources at The Dalles/Wasco County Library and has indicated a willingness to guide researchers.

And of course member Linda Colton at the Hood River LDS Church is a resource to us all.

Contact any of them to make an appointment.

Hundreds of Oregon historical studies, books available in online library

From OregonHeritage.com

Oregonians and other historians are now able to harvest information about hundreds of historical books and studies in an online History and Archaeology Library created by the Oregon Heritage division of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

“During the past five decades, we have received hundreds of studies and reports about historic and pre-historic places in Oregon,” said Chrissy Curran, manager of Oregon Heritage and the deputy state historic preservation officer. “We’ve worked so that the public can now have easy access to these documents as well as the titles of other books that have been published since the 1950s.”

Organized by county, the [online History and Archaeology Library](#) also includes links to lists of historic cemeteries and National Register sites in the counties. There are also links to the State Archives location guides to government records in each county.

“We have also included links to digital projects that we have supported with our grant programs,” said Kyle Jansson, coordinator of the Oregon Heritage Commission. “For example, we link to the historic photos digitized in a joint project of the Albany Regional Museum and the Albany Public Library. Another link is to historic land survey maps digitized by Baker County.”

The History and Archaeology Library also includes listings and links of other regional and statewide resources related to history and archaeology, and history research guides. Oregon Heritage will continue to add studies and book listings to the online library as they are received.

“We want researchers who know about other work to let us know of its existence,” said Ian Johnson, manager of the State Historic Preservation Office. “We want researchers to think of this as the first place to go when they are gathering information.”

The Oregon Heritage division includes the State Historic Preservation Office, the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries, the Oregon Heritage Commis-

sion, and the Oregon Main Street Program. Its website is www.oregonheritage.org

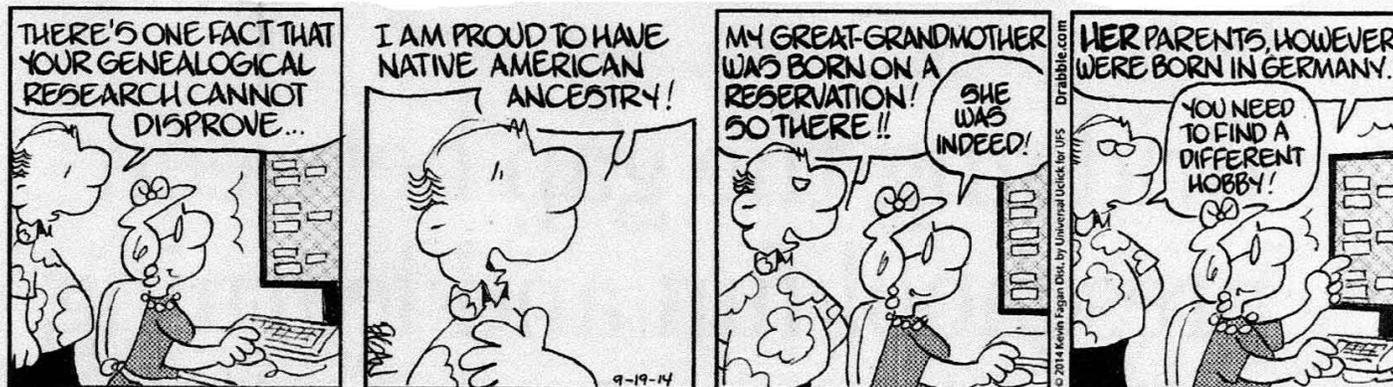
The Dutch are still with us.

From WASGS Blog June 3, 2016

Just finished studying (cannot say “reading” for it is a study book!) *The Island at the Center of the World*, the Epic Story of Dutch Manhattan and the Forgotten Colony That Shaped America, by Russell Shorto, 2005. U.S. history classes seem to gloss over the 150 years when the Dutch founded and shaped Manhattan and this history brings that period to life. Just for fun: on page 269 I learned that “the typical Dutch word for master—*baas*—would take on a different connotation in the New World and an Americanism came into being: the Boss.” On page 270: “In October of 1661 there was a grain shortage in the city and the municipal government issued an order to the bakers of the town to restrict themselves to baking bread and not “*to bake any more koeckjes, jumbles or sweet cake.*” “ This Dutch word is pronounced “cook-yehs,” which morphed into our word: cookies. *Koolsla*, or cabbage sal-

DRABBLE

By Kevin Fagan



ad, is our modern cole
slaw. There are more “Dutch-
isms” in our everyday lan-
guage: Dutch treat, Dutch cour-
age, Double Dutch, Dutch barg-
ain, Going Dutch, Dutch com-
fort..... which were all consid-
ered derogatory at the time (17th
century)! If you’ve ancestors liv-
ing in the New York City area
during the Dutch times, this is a
great read for you. (You can buy
a copy via Amazon.com starting
at 76-cents for a used copy!)

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**Digitized GLO Maps  
Found For Oregon On  
Two Websites**

From Oregon Heritage News 6/27/2016

Scans of survey maps from the  
[United States General Land  
Office \(GLO\)](#) are available from  
the Bureau of Land Management  
(BLM) and the University of Ore-  
gon.

These hand drawn maps, made  
by surveyors hired by the GLO,  
were originally made to docu-  
ment the land claims made by  
settlers to Oregon. Though they  
can vary in detail, they show the  
location of homesteads, roads,  
buildings and land forms. The  
majority of the maps date from  
1852-1910 (a handful of maps are  
later).

The easiest way to access the  
maps is to use the [map viewer](#)  
provided by the BLM. Click in-  
side the grid square for the loca-  
tion you are interested in and you  
will be taken to a page with the  
records for that section number  
location. Links to scans of the  
maps are in the section “Survey  
Plats”. The date of the map is in

third column. Click in the link to  
open a high resolution scan of the  
map. A modern “base map” of  
the section and the scans of the  
original field notes can also be  
viewed and uploaded. A more  
[simplified site](#) is provided by  
University of Oregon, which is  
easy to use if the township sec-  
tion number is already known.

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**Plan to Leave Your Digital
Assets in Your Will**

From Dick Eastman’s *EOGN*
Aug. 18, 2016

Our personal lives are far more
complicated in the digital age
than those of our ancestors. Ge-
nealogists may read their ances-
tors’ wills but sometimes forget
about their own estates, especial-
ly digital goods. From bank ac-
counts to Facebook, PayPal and
more, a good chunk of our per-
sonal and financial lives are
online. If you fail to account for
those digital assets in your estate
plan, you risk burying your fami-
ly or friends in red tape as they
try to get access to and deal with
your online accounts that may
have sentimental, practical or
monetary value.

The good news is that a grow-
ing number of states are enacting
laws that help clarify the rules for
how executors and others can
access and manage the online ac-
counts of someone who has died.

The revised *Uniform Fiduciary
Access to Digital Assets Act* —
which has been adopted in 18
states and introduced in at least
12 others — lays out the rules un-
der which an executor can man-
age a decedent’s digital accounts.

You can read more in an article
by Andrea Coombes in the *Mar-
ketWatch* web site at [http://goo.gl/
IDdbjj](http://goo.gl/IDdbjj).

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**Elephind: A Digital  
Newspaper Collections  
Search Engine**

From Dick Eastman’s *EOGN*  
July 28, 2016

Elephind is a great service that  
searches online digital newspaper  
collections. Best of all, it is availa-  
ble free of charge.

Elephind.com is a search engine  
that operates much like Google,  
Bing, or other search engines. The  
one thing that is different with  
Elephind is that it searches only  
historical, digitized newspapers.  
It enables you to search, for free,  
across many newspaper sites  
simultaneously, rather than hav-  
ing to visit each collection’s web  
site separately.

At this time, Elephind has in-  
dexed 2,779 newspaper titles con-  
taining more than two and a half  
million editions, ranging from  
March 1803 up to January 1, 2015  
in some titles. The Elephind  
search engine has indexed  
149,363,907 items from 2,779  
newspaper titles. These include  
such well known sites as the  
*Chronicling America* (the U.S.’s Li-  
brary of Congress) and *Trove*  
(National Library of Australia), as  
well as smaller collections like  
*Door County Library* in Wisconsin.  
Many of the smaller newspaper  
sites are not well known and may  
be difficult to find with the usual  
search engines but are searchable  
from Elephind.com. A list of  
available newspaper collections  
that have been indexed so far is

## Mid-Columbia Genealogical Resources

### Family History Centers

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| <p><b>The Dalles FHC</b><br/>1504 East 15<sup>th</sup> St<br/>West Entrance, basement<br/>The Dalles, OR 97058<br/>Phone: 541-298- 5815<br/>Director: Sandy Schertenleib<br/>Open: Tue 10am-9pm<br/>Wed 10am-5:30pm<br/>Thur 10am-5:30pm</p> | <p><b>Goldendale FHC</b><br/>N. Columbus Ave. &amp; McKinley<br/>P.O. Box 109<br/>Goldendale, WA 98620<br/>Phone: 509-773-3824<br/>Director Don Morgan<br/>Open: Tue &amp; Thur 10:00 – 2:00<br/>Wed 1-4pm &amp; 6:30-8:30p.m.</p> | <p><b>Mid-Columbia FHC</b><br/>18<sup>th</sup> &amp; May St.<br/>Hood River, OR 97031<br/>Phone: 541-386-3539<br/>Director: Linda Frizzell<br/>Open: Tue &amp; Thur 10-1:30pm<br/>Wed. 10am-8pm<br/>Sat. 3pm-6pm</p> | <p><b>Stevenson FHC</b><br/>650 NW Gropper Rd.<br/>Stevenson, WA 98648<br/>Phone 509-427-5927<br/>Director: Fae Sweitzer<br/>Open: Wed 6pm-8:30 pm<br/>Thur 10am-3pm</p> |
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### Libraries

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| <p><b>The Dalles – Wasco County</b><br/>722 Court Street<br/>The Dalles, OR 97058<br/>Phone: 541-296-2815<br/>Hours: Mon.,Tue.,Wed.,Thur. 10 – 8:30 p.m.<br/>Fri. 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.<br/>Sat. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p> | <p><b>William G. Dick</b><br/>The Discovery Ctr. &amp; Wasco Co. Museum<br/>5000 Discovery Road<br/>The Dalles, OR 97058<br/>Phone: 541-296-8600 ext. 219<br/>Hours: M-W-F 11-3 or by appointment<br/>E-Mail: <a href="mailto:library@gorgediscovery.org">library@gorgediscovery.org</a></p> | <p><b>Maupin</b><br/>P.O. Box 462<br/>Maupin, OR 97037<br/>Phone: 541-395-2208<br/>E-Mail: <a href="mailto:SWCLbrary@centurytel.net">SWCLbrary@centurytel.net</a></p> |
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**Hood River County Library District**  
502 State Street  
Hood River, OR 97031  
Phone: 541-386-2535  
<http://www.hoodriverlibrary.org/services/genealogy.html>  
**New Hours:**  
Tues., Wed., Thur.: 10:00 – 7:00  
Fri. & Sat.: 10:00 – 6:00

### **Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries**

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| <p><b>Goldendale</b><br/>131 W. Burgen St.<br/>Goldendale, WA 98620<br/>Phone: 509-773-4487<br/>Hours: Tue.-Sat. 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>White Salmon Valley</b><br/>5 Town &amp; Country Square<br/>White Salmon, WA 98672<br/>Phone: 509-493-1132<br/>Hours: Tue. 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.<br/>Wed. – Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Stevenson</b><br/>120 NW Vancouver Ave.<br/>Stevenson, WA 98648<br/>Phone: 509-427-5471<br/>Hours: Tue.-Wed. 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.<br/>Thur.-Sat. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p> |
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### Other

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| <p><b>Dufur Historical Society</b><br/>P.O. Box 462<br/>Dufur, OR 97021<br/><a href="mailto:dufurhist@ortelco.net">dufurhist@ortelco.net</a></p> | <p><b>Wamic Hist. Society</b><br/>P.O. Box 806<br/>Wamic, OR 9706</p>                                   | <p><b>Wasco Co. Hist. Society</b><br/>300 W. 13<sup>th</sup><br/>The Dalles, OR 97058<br/>541-296-1867</p> | <p><b>Klickitat Co. Hist. Society</b><br/>127 W. Broadway<br/>Goldendale, WA 98620<br/>509-773-4303</p>     |
| <p><b>Sherman Co. Hist. Museum</b><br/>200 Dewey St.<br/>Moro, OR 97039<br/>541-565-3232</p>                                                     | <p><b>Hood River Co. Mus.</b><br/>300 E. Port Marina. Dr.<br/>Hood River. OR 97031<br/>541-386-6722</p> | <p><b>Gorge Heritage Mus.</b><br/>202 E. Humboldt<br/>Bingen, WA 98605<br/>509-493-3228</p>                | <p><b>Col. Gorge Interpretive Mus.</b><br/>990 SW Rock Cr. Dr.<br/>Stevenson, WA 98648<br/>509-427-8211</p> |
| <p><b>Fort Dalles Museum</b><br/>W 15<sup>th</sup> St. &amp; Garrison<br/>The Dalles, OR 97058<br/>541-296-4547</p>                              | <p><b>Hutson Museum</b><br/>4967 Baseline Dr.<br/>Parkdale, OR 97041<br/>541-352-6808</p>               | <p><b>Cascade Locks Hist. Mus.</b><br/>1 NW Portage Rd<br/>Cascade Locks, OR 97014<br/>541-374-8535</p>    | <p><b>Presby Museum</b><br/>127 West Broadway<br/>Goldendale, WA 98620<br/>509-773-4303</p>                 |

available at <http://goo.gl/VRQNS1>.

Additional newspaper collections are added to Elephind's indexes frequently.

I found that Elephind operates in much the same manner as Google and other search engines. If you already know how to search for things in Google, Bing, Yahoo, or elsewhere, you already know how to use Elephind. In fact, there are two search methods available on Elephind:

1. When you first visit the site at <http://www.elephind.com/>, you are greeted with a very simple search box containing one data entry box. You can search for words or phrases in much the same way as you do on Google although not all of Google's sophisticated Boolean search terms are available on Elephind. You can find tips for using the search box at <http://goo.gl/3T6JuH>.
2. When visiting the site at <http://www.elephind.com/>, you will also see a highlighted link of "Advanced Search." When you



click on that, a more sophisticated search form appears allowing the user to narrow the search to any combination of specific newspaper titles, country, or a range of dates.

I did a search for my own last name between the years 1811 and 1890 in the United States. It returned far too many "hits" for me to search through so I started narrowing the search by specifying first names and cities or towns of interest. I was soon looking at information of interest.

I was impressed with the clarity of the newspaper pages I was able to view but, of course, that is under the control of the individual newspaper collection. Elephind does not host the images on its own web site. Instead, it merely links to newspapers found on a wide variety of servers in a num-

ber of different countries from around the world.

Elephind.com is a great tool for family historians, genealogists, and researchers to search historic digitized newspaper archives from around the globe. Will Elephind locate newspaper articles about your ancestors? There is no way to tell in advance. You need to try it for a while to see. It is a free resource so why not try it to see for yourself?

Elephind may be found at <http://www.elephind.com>.

Elephind is continuing to add more newspapers, so if at first you can't find what you're looking for, check back later. You also might want to add your name to the Elephind mailing list at <http://eepurl.com/ndGhb> to receive an email message every time a new



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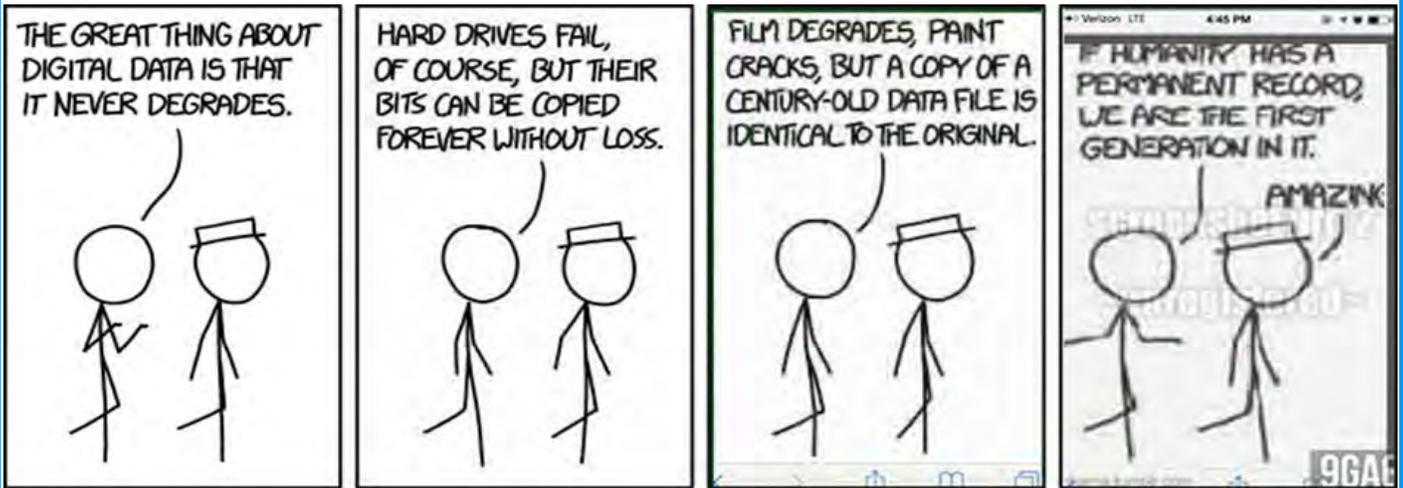
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## A Cartoon about Long-term Storage of Digital Data

From Dick Eastman's *EOGN* May 23, 2016

Genealogists, archivists, and historians are always concerned about preserving information, pictures, videos, and more. Unlike paper or microfilm, storing data digitally can preserve information for centuries if the data is properly preserved and is copied to new, more modern media and file formats every few years.

The geek cartoon, xkcd, has an interesting viewpoint on long-term digital storage at <http://xkcd.com/1683>.



My thanks to newsletter reader Russell Houlton for telling me about the cartoon. ~~~~~

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