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President's Report



Welcome back from a very long winter and, based on the stories shared by members at the March meeting, a quite exciting research time for some of our members. The bad weather gave us many hours to catch up or continue our family history journey.

This year we have a full plate of events and adventures.

April brings us a day trip to the Genealogy Forum of Oregon. In July, we will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary as the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society. A BBQ and potluck is planned for the occasion in Sorosis Park on July 9, 2017.

October brings a reprise of our Genealogy Jamboree. The date for this event has been changed to October 21, 2017 this year because of event conflicts at the Discovery Center. Our special guest this year will be event coordinator Deborah Guinther from *The Birth Of Oregon - The 175th Anniversary of the signing at*

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SAVE THE DATE!

*It is almost time
to celebrate!*

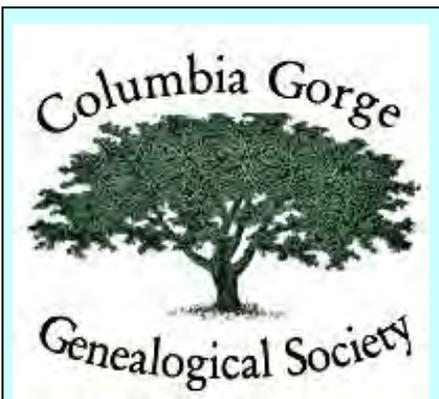


YEARS OF

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That's right! This coming **July 9, 2017**, is 40 years to the day that Anita Drake, Cybil Pereira, Chris Knowland, Margaret Sharkey, Sherry Kaseberg, & Naomi Schick, Josephine West and Kay Chestnut held the 1st meeting. Mary Watts had planned to attend this first meeting, but was

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called instead to take a busload of children to compete in the Special Olympics in Eugene, OR.; a very rewarding event itself. Mary did attend the meeting the following month and has been a member ever since. Collectively they are our "Charter Members".



The celebration will be on Sunday July 9, 2017, between 1.00 PM and 4:00 MP in the group shelter in Soroasis Park.



Details are still being developed. A list of 179 current and past members has been made but we have old contact information only back to 2007. The board hopes to send out letters of invitation to all past members to attend.

The gathering will be a Potluck but the society will provide beverages, (no alcohol permitted) a variety of meat options (including vegetarian-vegan options, and plates, cups, napkins and utensils. Final details will be in the July issue of the newsletter. JB ~~~~~

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poeg Founders Day celebration. Deborah and friend Jan Bony from OrGenWeb will give a PowerPoint presentation on the event that will take place on May 2, 2018.

And in November, hopefully our Cultural Heritage Luncheon will repeat the success of last November's fun event.

We also plan to continue with our open forums at various locations in the gorge, offering hands on help to the public with their genealogy quests.

We are still in the process of determining what the programs will be for June and September. If you have something you would like to learn more about, please let one of the board members know.

And welcome to new members and some former member's return. We seem to have a rotating membership due to other commitments in our lives. I must say we have a good representation of all the counties we represent from both sides of the river.

Finally, we want to thank Carolyn Purcell of the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center for working with us on our events and preparing for our meetings. Thank You Carolyn!

Till next time, happy trails and good luck in those ancestral quests!

Georga

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Unless you have already paid your 2017 Dues this is the last **Tales and Trails** you will receive.

## Project for Writing Your Life Story

By Linda Colton

Here is a cool idea from FamilySearch. It's a series of 52 questions, one for every week of the year. It's a project to help people more easily write their life story. I thought it might be fun to put a reference to it in the next newsletter. You can find out more about the project on the FamilySearch blog, but here is a link to the 52 questions: <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/52stories-weekly-questions/>

*[Editor's Note: About 15 years ago, I used a similar guide called "My Very Own Recollections" that provides 100 questions. It suggests you reflect on three unrelated questions in each writing session. I have the 71-page Word document that I can send to anyone that would like it. My "in progress" document is 156 pages that I revisit, edit and update as time permits.]*

## How Accurate are DNA Kits used for Testing Ancestry?

From Dick Eastman's EOGN  
Feb. 22, 2017

Millions of people are purchasing and using home DNA kits to determine their ancestry. The television program *Inside Edition* enlisted the help of two sets of identical triplets and one set of identical quadruplets to investigate the accuracy of the at-home tests. The ancestry of each group should be absolutely identical since they all came from the same egg.

Test kits from 23andMe, FamilyTree DNA, and AncestryDNA

were used. The results are surprising.

The medical experts were confused and disappointed because of the varied results. Does this indicate that some of our beliefs about DNA are wrong?

You decide. You can watch the television program's tests and the results at <https://goo.gl/Kz5ODH>.

## The Big 4: Comparing Ancestry, Findmypast, FamilySearch and MyHeritage

From Dick Eastman's EOGN  
Feb. 21, 2017

You may have asked, "Which is the best online genealogy service for me to use?" Or perhaps you want to know the best two or three services. Sunny Morton gave a presentation about these four online powerhouses at the recent RootsTech2017 conference that may answer your questions.

The one-hour four-minute presentation was videotaped and is now available as a video on the [RootsTech.org](http://RootsTech.org) web site. I suspect this video will answer most of your questions. Topics covered include cost, record types, geographic coverage, genetic testing, DNA matching, search flexibility, languages supported, mobile-friendly, automated matching, and a lot more. Sunny provides the most information about these four sites that I have ever seen in any other one document or video.

As Sunny states, "No site has it all."

This is a keeper! I have been using all four of these web sites for years and yet I learned several new facts about them, thanks to Sunny's online video presentation. I suspect you will learn some things as well if you watch the video.

*The Big 4: Comparing Ancestry, Findmypast, FamilySearch and MyHeritage* with Sunny Morton is available at <https://www.rootstech.org/videos/sunny-morton>.

Also, look at the size of that audience!

*[Editor's Note: This entry was posted in Seredipity. WASGS BLOG 5/18/16]*

## How to ensure that all your genealogy, your life's work, will be lost.

### Eight thoughts from Donna.

- Do not ever make time to talk to relatives and collect their memories and memorabilia.
- Do not make time to share photos with relatives and get positive ID for them.
- Do not bother to scan in old photos and memorabilia and certainly do not bother with backups.
- Do not both to compile a list of who-in-the-family gets what of all the family treasures you've collected over the years.
- When cleaning out grandma's house after the funeral, just bring lots of big black plastic bags for everything to take to the dump or Goodwill.
- Do not bother with transferring all the family information you have stored in binders and boxes to an online program.
- Do leave so much stuff stuffed in your office that your kids will be overwhelmed and not really know what to keep and what to toss.

### Don't make a plan - without a plan you surely will fail and your genealogy will be lost.

**Sad Facts: Your local genealogy society DOES NOT WANT all your binders and boxes of un-organized papers and stuff. Neither does the Family History Library. And neither do your kids! They want the information and not all the stuff and they want it organized.**

## Genius Ideas For Disaster-Proofing Heirlooms And Mementos In Your Home — Come Fire Or High Water

Professional conservators and curators offer ideas to help you protect your family’s treasures when faced with even the worst calamities

By Jason Kersten

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Karen Baker will never forget September 26, 2015. Like a lot of moms, she was spending her Saturday shopping for back-to-school clothes for her two kids, when her cell phone rang. A neighbor was calling. ‘Get home now,’ she told Karen. “Your house is on fire.”

Minutes later, Karen pulled up to her three-bedroom ranch house in Trumbull, Connecticut, and confronted a surreal scene: Fire trucks, ambulances, police cars and a swarm of neighbors all gathered in front of her smoldering home.

Fortunately, no one was home at the time, and the fire, believed to have been electrical, was contained to her home office. But toxic soot particles had spread

throughout the entire house, embedded every porous surface. Coupled with the mold caused by the downpour of water from fire-hoses, the family suffered a total loss. And it wasn’t just the structure; the majority of her most cherished family heirlooms and mementos — old photos, antique jewelry, prized books, even the baby teeth and locks of hair she collected from her children over the years — were gone forever.

“We lost pretty much everything we owned,” says Baker. “We came out with just the clothes on our backs.”

It took a year to rebuild their home. During that time, Baker thought a lot about what she could have done to better protect her family’s most important and valuable possessions. We reached out to experts for recommendations about how you can protect keepsakes ahead of time — and make the right decisions for your valuables after disaster strikes.

### **Store valuables in high places, but not too high**

In general, but especially before a flood or predicted storm, move your most important valuables above expected high water marks, and never store important items in basements or attics. “These areas are easily subjected to mold, floods, insects, mice, leaking roofs and hot temperatures that speed chemical deterioration,” says Brenda Bernier, the James Needham Chief Conservator for Harvard University Library.

Francis Barra and his wife, who lived in Far Rockaway, New York, when Hurricane Sandy

struck, learned this lesson the hard way.

“We had all the stuff you can’t replace in the basement: photos, books, marathon medals,” he says. “In 15 minutes, water filled the basement to the ceiling.”

These areas are also difficult to reach in the event of an immediate evacuation, which may happen in cases involving fire or tornadoes. Bernier recommends sealing paper, books and jewelry in waterproof plastic boxes or in zip-top plastic bags, both of which are easy to grab and move quickly, and storing them on higher shelves in easy-to-access bedroom or hallway closets.

### **Don’t wrap furniture or artwork in plastic**

Shelley Smith, a decorative arts and objects curator with the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (AIC), advises against wrapping artwork or furniture in plastic. Mold can start forming within 24 hours of exposure to water, and plastic traps moisture. “Mold damage can be worse than if the object simply got wet and was allowed to air dry,” says Smith. With large items, even if the most you can do is get them up on blocks, they may have a better chance of surviving and dry out faster.

### **Air might be your best friend after water damage**

Because mold forms so quickly, the sooner you can safely gain access to a flooded home, the better. Immediately open doors and windows to get air circulating through the home. “If possible, spread out your valuables, bring in dehumid-

ifiers and fans, and keep the temperature low by turning the heat down or using air conditioners," says Bernier, who notes you will need a generator to run these appliances if electricity in your area has not been restored.

**Don't stack – fan out books and papers**

Soaked documents and books will probably develop water stains, but you can avoid further damage by fanning them on a table to dry. Lay papers flat; fan out the pages of books and set them upright. "When the book no longer feels damp, place it flat with weight on top to minimize warping," advises Bernier, who notes this technique does not work on books with glossy pages, which may require professional restoration. One resource Bernier recommends is the [American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works](#) (AIC), a membership organization for professional conservators, which has an extensive list of members by region.

**Never blot artwork**

Do not attempt to blot dry a wet work of art, as this could damage the surface. Instead, lay it flat and let it air dry. Try to get four to eight inches of space underneath the artwork using blocks, and direct fans away from the surface. Also, don't panic if the piece has been submerged in water. AIC's Smith once recovered paintings from the walls of a room in Marfa, Texas, that had been flooded to the ceiling. "Once dry, the paintings, which were soggy, dried out nicely and required no additional work," she says.

**If you can't air-dry wet photos, put them in the freezer**

Wet photos should be dried face up, with nothing stacked on top. Because this process requires an enormous amount of room, Bernier shares another option if you can't air-dry wet photos or find adequate space: freeze wet photos until you have time or space to deal with them. Individual photos can be placed in zip-top plastic bags; if you have entire boxes and albums that are wet, secure them in plastic wrap and tape any seams. When you're ready to dry the photos, defrost them in the plastic to keep them damp, then gently separate with clean fingers. For tricky separations, slip a butter knife between photos.

If your photos have dried and stuck together or are stuck to pages in a photo album, do not try to pull them apart. Bernier recommends contacting a conservator, who may be able to re-humidify or submerge them in water to separate them.

**Air-dry antique furniture, wooden surfaces and jewelry before cleaning.**

If your first instinct is to wipe down wet furniture, wooden floors, and metal objects or surfaces with a towel or mop after a flood or water damage – don't. Disturbing wet surfaces can damage the varnish and cause scratches. "The least amount of physical contact, the better," says Smith.

Furniture should be air-dried, slowly and out of the sun to help avoid warping, Smith says. Remove the drawers and items in-

side drawers to facilitate drying. Only attempt cleaning once the object is dry. "Using a vacuum with a HEPA filter and a soft brush to guide the dirt and debris into the nozzle," says Smith. "Never use vacuum attachments because they're too rough."

Anything metal and exposed to fresh water should be air-dried and taken to a professional cleaner or conservator, says Smith. Salt-water can corrode metal objects exposed to air, so items that have been soaking in a storm surge should be kept submerged. "Keep it wet until a conservator can desalinate it," says Smith.

**Don't touch soot**

Because of particulates and toxicity, Bernier says valuable fire-damaged objects should be handled by professionals. If you decide to DIY, Bernier warns against water or cleaning solutions, which can push soot deeper into the object. Instead, she recommends using specialty soot sponges, which are inexpensive and available online. "Cut them into roughly two-inch cubes so they are easier to handle and can pick up more soot," she advises.

(From email *Farmers Friendly Voice* - February 2017 Issue)

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The Language of Totem Poles

From *Vita Brevis* Jan. 30, 2017
By Zachary Barceau

The term 'family history' has long been associated with the written word and is most often found recorded in books, bibles, and public documents. Native Americans of the Pacific Northwest, however, have been using

another method for more than 125 years: totem poles.

The word 'totem' is derived from the Ojibwe 'odoodem,' meaning "his kinship."^[1] The earliest record believed to depict a totem pole is from the Pacific coast voyages of Captain James Cook in 1778, when his ship's artist, John Webber, sketched ceremonial interior poles depicting faces.^[2] While they were first identified in 1778, most known totem poles can be dated no earlier than the late nineteenth or early twentieth centuries.^[3] That totem poles did not appear frequently prior to this period probably reflects a lack of efficient carving tools and wealth, and the leisure time required for their construction.^[4]



Totem poles exist in a variety of forms and for a multitude of purposes, perhaps the most notable being the house frontal pole. This pole, usually standing twenty to thirty feet tall, has the most elaborate and decorative carving and usually tells the story of the family or clan which owns them.^[5]

These totems often stand at the entrance to the home of the head of a clan and are carved with "clan emblems and depictions of events, legends, and myths that recalled family history."^[6] One such myth of ancestral beginnings is the belief that an ancestor transformed from an animal into a human, and as a result, many totem poles will depict animals that the clan either identifies with or believes to be an ancestor.^[7] Often times, the totem was believed to protect members or to serve as a symbol of the clan.^[8]

Other types of totem poles include:

House posts. Usually eight to ten feet tall and used in the interior of the home to support the roof beam.^[9]

Mortuary poles. The rarest type of totem pole, they may be as tall as fifty to sixty feet. These poles incorporate a grave box which will hold the remains of the deceased.^[10]

Memorial poles. These stand in front of a clan house for up to one year after a person has died. The purpose of these poles is to honor the deceased and also to identify who will be his or her successor.^[11] Memorial poles often displayed crests and figures which depicted events or achievements in the life of the deceased.^[12]

Welcome pole. Usually situated at the edge of a stream or on a beach to welcome guests or intimidate strangers.^[13]

Shame/ridicule pole. Used for public ridicule to embarrass groups or individuals for unpaid debts or when they do something wrong.^[14]

Totem poles are just one of the many ways in which family history is spread in Native American culture. These poles all tell a unique story of one's family and the achievements and major events in the lives of the owner's ancestors. Each type serves a different purpose, but all are unique and tell stories which can be passed down through generations.

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**Online Genealogy Dictionaries & Other References**

Dick Eastman's *EOGN* 12/30/16  
The Web is fast replacing reference books. References to almost any information can be found

online quickly. In fact, it is often faster to look up information online than to look in a book already on your bookshelf. Of course, an online lookup is also much cheaper than purchasing a reference book.

Here are some reference sites that I have found to be useful to genealogists:

Abbreviations Found in Genealogy: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~rigenweb/abbrev.html> and the *Encyclopedia of Genealogy* at <http://www.eogen.com>.

A List of Occupations, many of which are archaic: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~usgwkidz/oldjobs.htm>.

Archaic Medical Terms: *Rudy's List of Archaic Medical Terms* at <http://www.antiquusmorbus.com/>, *Cyndi's List of Medical Terms* at <http://www.cyndislist.com/medical#Diseases>, a list of archaic medical terms and meanings used in various English speaking countries at [http://www.genproxy.co.uk/old\\_medical\\_terms.htm](http://www.genproxy.co.uk/old_medical_terms.htm), and the *Encyclopedia of Genealogy* at <http://www.eogen.com>.

The Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names: <http://www.getty.edu/research/tools/vocabulary/tgn/index.html>

The Geographic Names Information System (GNIS), developed by the U.S. Geological Survey in cooperation with the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN), contains information about almost 2 million physical and cultural geo-

graphic features in the United States: <http://geonames.usgs.gov/index.html>

Glossar: Die Familie: English-German glossary of terms frequently found in genealogy research: <http://www.univie.ac.at/voelkerkunde/cometh/glossar/heirat/h-menu.htm>

Meanings and origins of first names – an etymology (the origin of words) and list of the most popular names: <http://www.behindthename.com/>

Cemetery Junction Directory – A directory of more than 50,000 cemeteries. Search by cemetery and family name. Links to obituaries and genealogical societies in the U.S, Australia, and Canada: <http://daddezio.com/cemetery/>

A Glossary Of Terms Used In Heraldry (coats of arms): <https://www.heraldsnet.org/saitou/parker/index.htm>

Where to Write for Vital Records – Addresses and guidelines for contacting each U.S. state or territory for vital records and documents: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welcom.htm>

This are just a few that can be found online. ~~~~~

## Forbidden trails

By Nancy Bernard  
*Vita Brevis* Nov. 1, 2016

At the New York State Family History Conference held in September in Syracuse, I attended two excellent lectures about the Erie Canal: “Canal Fever: Life, Work, and Travel on the New York State Canals, 1818–1918” and “Gateway to the West: Interstate Migration on Canals,” presented by Pamela Vittorio.

As someone who attended college in the Mohawk Valley region and lived in Buffalo for several years, I have certainly driven my share on the New York State Thruway. Although I get dubious looks from family, I’ve always enjoyed “hang[ing] a left at Albany” to see the incredibly beautiful countryside that borders the highway and to catch glimpses of the Mohawk River and Erie Canal. The canal played a significant role in nineteenth-century migration of families heading west from New England, and I was curious to learn about other early routes from New England.

There is a great [website](#) that has amassed information about migration routes. These routes are from and within New England, New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey; they include trans-Appalachian routes, southern routes, and routes to the North-Central Plains, Southwest, and Western Mountain states. The site also contains many links to maps and images. A few links are broken, but the descriptions of even those routes are helpful and provide the basis for further research.





The earliest paths were the Native American foot trails that eventually became horse paths and wagon roads. The Old Connecticut Path was the first Native American trail used by the earliest colonists of Massachusetts Bay, beginning around 1630, and it led west from the first settlements on the eastern coast. In 1635, this route was used by settlers of Watertown when they removed to Wethersfield, Connecticut. The following year, Rev. Thomas Hooker and his congregation followed the path to the Connecticut River and founded the English settlement of Hartford. The Old Connecticut Path connected with many other early migration routes such as the Kings Highway, also known as the Boston Post Road.

“The threatened penalty for unauthorized use of the trail was to be ‘burned at the stake’ or ‘roasted.’”

Another early path was the Pequot Path, a Native American trail that ran south and westward from Providence to New London, Connecticut. It was the earliest traveled highway used by the

English settlers of Rhode Island.

But the path with the most intriguing name was the Forbidden Path or the Forbidden Trail. According to the website, the name of this Native American trail comes from the Seneca tribe, Keepers of the Western Door of the Six Iroquois Nations. According to an article by Albert G. Hilbert, it was a secret trail that edged the Iroquois homeland while leading west through Iroquois-controlled lands. It was “a strategic route, and for security purposes, was barred to both unfriendly or undesirable tribes and to all white men. This trail starting at Tioga Point of the Susquehanna and ending on the Allegheny River became known as the Forbidden Trail. The threatened penalty for unauthorized use of the trail was to be ‘burned at the stake’ or ‘roasted.’”

There long had been controversy regarding the location of the trail – where it went through New York and Pennsylvania – as well as whether David Zeisberger, a Moravian missionary, was the first white man to traverse the trail in 1767 and

1768. However, the trail has been definitely located in both states and can be followed closely.

The article can be read [here](#). See also Paul A. W. Wallace, ed., *The Travels of John Heckewelder in Frontier America* (Pittsburgh: The University of Pittsburgh Press, 1958).

## Curious About Your Surname?

By Jim Bull

Ever wondered how widespread the distribution of your surname (or your ancestral surname) really is? I stumbled upon a website that told me just that! I clicked to [www.locatemyname.com](http://www.locatemyname.com) and entered BULL and found out that the U.S. state with the most Bull-people is California (1293 and my brother is one); with Texas next (1212 and is where the Bull Stone House Assn. genealogist lives). New York was third with 1126 and is where my 8<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather immigrated to from the UK in 1715.

The top five countries with Bull’s are USA, UK, Canada, Norway (home of violinist and composer Ole Bull) and Australia.

I could have searched for the Bull surname in a bunch of different countries even! The popularity of the surname in the U.S. is #2019, very low on the list but I don’t know how many surnames there are in the US. Go try your surname..... have fun!

## An Active Pursuit

By Rhonda McClure  
*Vita Brevis*, July 8, 2016

While the variety of televised programs about family history have certainly increased interest in the hobby, I fear that it has begun to supply a skewed approach to genealogical research. So many of these shows show others doing

the research for the person, and then making the big reveal, that more often than not we find visitors to the



NEHGS Research Center here in Boston expecting us to do the actual research for them.

Don't get me wrong – I love to assist

family historians with their research. We all need a little guidance from time to time as we struggle with a particular line on the family tree. And I understand that for many people this is a new hobby and they may not understand what to do. Again, I am happy to assist in getting those individuals started. I still remember when I first got involved in family history – back in the pre-computer dark ages of hand-written charts and forms and drafting countless letters to repositories, town halls, and county clerks.

I also remember being one of those "odd" individuals who was interested in family history. We would huddle together at the annual conferences, drawing strength from the fact that we weren't as alone as we originally thought. There were people interested in how we discovered a record or located that private cemetery, as opposed to our own family who tried, not too successfully, to stifle yawns as we shared such information. There were certainly

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Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society has planned a day trip to the Genealogical Forum Of Oregon on April 8, 2017. This trip is for members and former members of the society. We plan to leave the Home Depot parking lot at 8:30 AM. Carpooling or self driving is the mode of transportation for the day. If you need a ride or additional information please contact Georga Foster at 541.296.2882 or email [georga.foster@gmail.com](mailto:georga.foster@gmail.com).

There is no admission fee for members and former members attending. Lunch is on your own with 3 eateries within a block of GFO or you can bring sack lunch.

Visitor and parking information and additional maps can be found on GFO's website at : <http://gfo.org/who-we-are/visit-us/> .

GFO has waived admission fees for our group and we will be given a tour and use of the facilities for the day. The GFO opens at 10:00 am, however the library opens at 12:00 .

Cameras, laptops are permitted, phones on silent. We may use their computers, copiers and other equipment in their facility.

Please RSVP to [georga.foster@gmail.com](mailto:georga.foster@gmail.com) so we know how many to expect and we can advise GFO on the number of members that will be attending.

**Where should the remains of this distant cousin actually be located?**

(Find out on May 13)

Upcoming Events

**Date April 8, 2017**  
**CGGS MTG: Car pool to Portland**  
**Field Trip to Genealogical Forum of Oregon**  
 See Article to left on this page.

**April 15, 2017**  
**9:00 to 4:00 640 Ingle St.**  
**Mt. Vernon, OR Community Hall**  
**Grant Co. GS Spring Seminar w/ Pam Vestal**  
 Info: Call Jeannette @ 541-932-4718 or email [GCGSociety94@Yahoo.com](mailto:GCGSociety94@Yahoo.com)

**April 22, 2017**  
**9:00 to 4:00 Bend Golf Club**  
**Spring Seminar w/ Judy Russell**  
 Click [here](#) for presentation details

**April 21—23, 2017**  
**Skagit Valley, WA**  
**Heritage Weekend**  
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**April 22, 2017**  
**8:30-4:00 Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 7809 Tieton Dr., Yakima**  
**Spring Seminar**  
 Go to <http://yvgs.net/eventListings.php?nm=74#nm74er118> for Information

**April 29-30, 2017**  
**Genealogy Forum of Oregon**  
**Spring Seminar w/ John Colletta.**  
**On Immigration & Naturalization.**  
 See <https://gfoorg.presencehost.net/learn/spring-seminar-2017.html>

**May 13, 2017**  
**1:00, Discovery Center**  
**CGGS Monthly Meeting**  
**"A Grave Situation"** presented by President Georga Foster

**June 10, 2017**  
**1:00 Discovery Center**  
**CGGS Monthly Meeting**  
 Program Information TBA

**July 9, 2017**  
**1:00 to 4:00, Sorosis Park**  
**Celebrate CGGS 40th Anniversary**  
 See article page 1; more in July *Tales and Trails*

## 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: M-Tue 10am-5:30pm<br/>Wed 10am-8pm<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: Mon.-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/>Mon. &amp; Wed.-Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.<br/>Sat. 9:00 a.m.—5:00 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/>Mon.&amp;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>                 |

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others eager to hear how best to research in the National Archives and what was on microfilm at the Family History Library.

It is this involvement and the hunt that are the fun for most family historians. I have often said at lectures that the day I need only click a single button and be shown an entire family tree I will need to find a new hobby. I love the challenge when someone says "You can't find my tree." I like the mental exercise required in figuring out what records or resources will break through a brick wall.

When you visit a repository, please do a little homework ahead of time. Almost every repository now has some information online about its holdings. If there is an online catalog, search it for localities and families you are researching. We have individuals who make a trip to Boston only to be disappointed because we don't have the book or record they expected us to

have. I feel so bad for them and dislike it that I have contributed to their disappointment.

If you are struggling with a language, we are happy to help. If you have never researched in French-Canadian records or don't know what types of records might exist in Germany or Italy for your families, we are happy to assist you. But remember that family history – like golf, stamp collecting, or fishing – requires your involvement, too. It is not a passive hobby where you simply sit and watch others do it. After all, where is the fun in that? ~~~~



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*[Editor's Note: I've seen this a couple times over the last several years. In this unprecedented year it seems to ring even truer. This essay is the work of Lori Borgman and was first published in the Indianapolis Star on 15 March 1998.]*

### **An Absolutely Brilliant Obituary Printed In The London Times**

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, life isn't always fair and maybe it was my fault. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge). His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student only worsened his condition. Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student, but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion. Common Sense suffered further as the churches became businesses and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault. Common Sense finally gave up the will to live after a woman failed to realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement. Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason. He is survived by his 5 stepbrothers; I Know My Rights, I Want It Now, Someone Else Is To Blame, I'm A Victim, and Pay Me For Doing Nothing. Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

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