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*"Searching back in time to discover,  
preserve, and share our heritage."*



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*Annual dues is due  
Jan. 1, 2023*



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*There is no friend as loyal as a book. -Ernest Hemingway*

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy New Year Members and Friends!

Thank You, Thank You! for your support and interest in continuing family history education. The past three years have been a challenge for all of us but we have managed to bring programs and classes into your homes with modern technology and perseverance from a dedicated group of members. We will strive to bring you the best programs and educational classes that are available to us, hopefully we can continue meetings at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center this spring. Bridge shutdowns, and transportation issues for our Washington members have been a genuine problem. We have resumed membership dues. It has not changed still a great value for individual and family membership. Donations are always appreciated, they help pay for paid speakers and internet access to program presentations. Again, have a happy new year and I hope everyone is looking forward to another successful year!

*Georga*

## SOCIETY NEWS



*Columbia Gorge  
Genealogical Society  
Publications*

New news on our publications. We are now offering our publications in digital PDF format. The files can either be sent to purchasers on thumb drive, CD/DVD or directly transferred from Onedrive or pCloud. The files in whole are 919 mb. Most are too large to be attached to emails. We are still offering our books as print. The prices have not changed for print copies. Refer to our blog page, <https://gorgegen.blogspot.com/> for price list and order forms.



### Want more webinars and presentations?

FamilySearch has webinars and classes to guide you in every phase of your family history journey. There is also PDF handouts from past presentations. Click on over to the latest list of upcoming classes and instructional videos and live presentations at:

[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Family\\_History\\_Library\\_Classes\\_and\\_Webinars#Past\\_Webinars\\_.26\\_Handouts](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Family_History_Library_Classes_and_Webinars#Past_Webinars_.26_Handouts)

Links and external resources - They are provided as a convenience and for informational purposes. They do not constitute an endorsement or approval of any product, service or opinion contained in the linked web site. Our reference to any specific commercial product, process, or service by trade name, trademark, service mark, manufacturer, or otherwise does not constitute or imply endorsement, recommendation, or favoring by us nor do we guarantee the accuracy, completeness, timeliness, or correct sequencing of information located at such addresses. CGGS does not profit monetarily in anyway to products, websites or suggested links published in this newsletter.

## Timeless Tombstones ~

You have spent hours researching and documenting your ancestors and loved ones and you have uploaded them to your tree. Now your folks can find them on Ancestry or can they? What about the other millions of possible connections you missed if they aren't a member of Ancestry?

Lets take a step further and create a Find A Grave record too. Find a Grave records are contributed by users. That means that you, the family historian, is the primary creator of the record. Only after you have created it does Ancestry display it. So with that in mind, take one more step in preserving and documenting your family. Yes, Ancestry owns Find a Grave but if your tree is set to private, the tree information will not be available. If you are worried about privacy on Find a Grave remember:

- \*You do not have to upload a photo
- \*You do not have to give out YOUR information
- \*You can be a alias contributor
- \*You can make rules for your uploaded information
- \*You are in charge of what the public sees

So creating a memorial is just one more "research" step beyond vital records and online trees.

If you have not created memorials for family members yet, head on over to Find A Grave informational page and follow along with how to create pages and it also answers some important questions.

<https://support.findagrave.com/s/article/Creating-Memorials>

### UPDATE!

Find A Gave has launched an app that uses the Geographic Information System (GPS) to document cemeteries as well as individual graves. This is a great asset into preservation and the information they contain. A workshop was given recently in West Virginia for Americorp members. The story can be read here:

<https://www.yahoo.com/now/fairmont-grave-workshop-empowers-cemetery-145400044.html>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ancestry.findagrave&gl=US&pli=1>

## The NEW National Archives Catalog



Recently the National Archives released their newly updated and designed catalog.

So many new features and now you can become a Citizen Archivist. NARA states one of the new features is "There is a stable URL for every description which you can copy via the Share button to paste anywhere (email, documents, social media, and direct messages). We will have a widget for easy sharing on Facebook soon, and later we may iterate on some other social media sharing features, based on feedback from customers". Also easier formats and searching platforms have been added. New enhanced image viewing with pan and zoom, and the catalog is completely compatible with all devices from phones to desktops. The legacy catalog is still available but will be retired in March 2023.

<https://www.archives.gov/research/catalog/ngc-preview>



Have a timeless tombstone you would like to share?  
Send your photos and story to [gorgegenealogical@gmail.com](mailto:gorgegenealogical@gmail.com)

## Winter reading - Local Authors- Whats on your bookshelf?

### A New Book for Mosier History Lovers

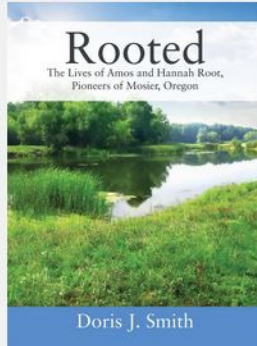
"Rooted—The Lives of Amos and Hannah Root, Pioneers of Mosier, Oregon" by Doris J. Smith

A new book has been published that Mosier history lovers will enjoy! The book "Rooted—The Lives of Amos and Hannah Root, Pioneers of Mosier, Oregon" by Doris J. Smith is the story of a pioneering couple who traveled west in 1871 from Indiana in search of the perfect place to settle.

Their journey began with a secret elopement to a neighboring town and continued to Chicago, where, owing to the completion of the two-year-old transcontinental railroad system, they were able to board a train for San Francisco. However, Amos and Hannah were bound for Oregon, where they spent time in two different locations before fleeing from a reported Indian uprising. Eventually the couple purchased farm ground near the tiny village of Mosier, Oregon, where they lived for 45 years, improving their farm, rearing eight children, and becoming an integral part of their small community.

"Rooted" explores the genealogy of Amos and Hannah, relating details of the lives of their ancestors as they fled religious persecutions and crossed oceans to new lands, where they worked hard to build new lives. It is fascinating to see personality traits passed down through generations. The lives of Amos and Hannah are explored using family memoirs, as well as numerous articles from historic newspapers. Old black and white family photos complete the depiction of small-town life and allow us to merge names and faces. This book serves as an impetus for others who wish to honor their forebears with a record off family history.

The book may be ordered from [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or [outskirtspress.com/bookstore](https://outskirtspress.com/bookstore). Paperback formats are \$28.95 and hard covers are \$40.95.



Mosier, much apart of Wasco County history and connections to Hood river and Klickitat County in Washington, it was looked at as a high agriculture producing community with apple, pear and cherry orchards still in existence today, 100 years later.

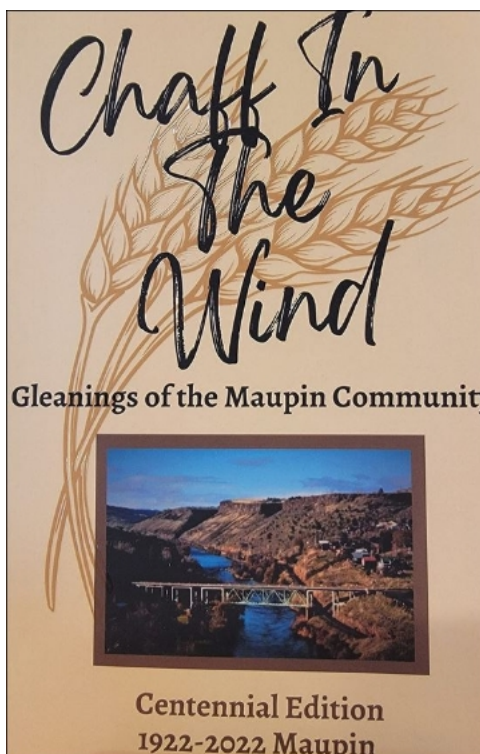
The Root Family was a vital part of the community both agriculturally and genealogically as many ancestors still live there today.

Doris's book can be purchased through major book sellers and through Outskirts Press at

Press at

<https://outskirtspress.com/bookstore/details/9781977257079>

Connect with the Mosier community through their newsletter at :  
<http://www.mosiercommunity.com/newsletter/>



First published in 1986 by the Friends of the Maupin Library, *Chaff in the Wind* now has been updated to include two more chapters added by Delson Suppah of the Confederated Tribe of Warm Springs. This edition was published in celebration of the Centennial celebration of the Maupin community. Book can be ordered and purchase from the Southern Wasco County Community Library.

Southern Wasco Community Library  
507 Grant Ave  
Maupin, Or. 97037  
[southernwascolibrary@gmail.com](mailto:southernwascolibrary@gmail.com)

Call 541.395.2208

## A Spotlight on the White Salmon Valley Community Library



White Salmon Community Library is a 9,000 sq. ft institution located at 77 NE Wauna Ave., in White Salmon Washington. The library was started by the White Salmon Women's Club in 1929 has moved and gone under remodel several times over the near century. The building it is now, a former bowling alley, is owned by the SDS Lumber Company and is annexed into the Fort Vancouver Library District.

Library services include spacious area for reading , researching and participating in many weekly events for both adults and children. Books in all formats, music, movies, magazines and newspapers can be enjoyed here. Historical newspapers are also available on microfilm both at this location and through the FVRL system.



A generous addition is the computer area with ample stations for research and study. Printing and scanning are available also. The library also has a microfilm library and microfilm reader that is available. Chromebooks are also available to check out for in library use. Some local newspapers and historical documents are available at he library as well as several online sites of Ancestry, Heritage Quest, Fold 3 , Newsbank and Proquest.

For a list of resources available on the FVRL system please connect here:  
<https://www.fvrl.org/resources-a-z>

## Historically Speaking - Pioneer Projects

The Washington State Genealogical Society is excited to announce a year-long contest to document the family histories of every man, woman and child living in Washington Territory on or before it became a state on November 11, 1889.

Beginning today, genealogical societies and individual genealogists can start researching and documenting Pioneers and two subsequent generations for inclusion in the Pioneer Pursuit Collection. We intend to make the histories accessible online at the end of the contest, October 31, 2023.

It is estimated there were nearly 350,000 people living here in 1889. Together, we can uncover the family histories of those Pioneers — and win a cash prize. For more information about this important undertaking, including forms, examples and resources, please visit the [Pioneer Pursuit web page](#).

Pioneer Pursuit page - <https://www.wasgs.org/cpage.php?pt=96>  
<https://wasgs.org/blog/2022/10/31/wsgs-announces-pioneer-pursuit-contest/?fbclid=IwAR0xiVN3PpbRhfyEhl1QKT7g8rOxCTe1YSv4a79S3a8ryXY5CnpFOkd9il>



### Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers

The Oregon Pioneer Association was formed in 1875 to create one central organization from the several pioneer groups that had been active since 1850 in various parts of the Oregon Country, including what are now the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, parts of Montana and Wyoming and the Province of British Columbia in Canada up to the latitude of 54 degrees, 40 minutes. That Association became the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers in 1897 and incorporated in 1901, with the purpose of keeping the spirit, memories, and stories of our forebears alive for future generations. The original Association also formed the nucleus of the Oregon Historical Society.  
<https://oregonsdop.org/>

*Coming March 2-4 2023*



<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/rootstech-2023-registration>



## Genealogical Forum of Oregon

GFO offers free monthly GenTalk webinars. The schedule can be found on their Gentalk webpage.

These webinars are open to the public and are free. <https://gfo.org/learn/gen-talks.html>

Take advantage of all GFO's programs and events, become a member!

<https://gfo.org/support-us/membership/>

## facebook

If you haven't joined genealogy Facebook groups you are missing out on some great sites for information, research and meeting some of your favorite worldwide lecturers and presenters. Institutions, libraries, museums, genealogy societies and Genealogy based international and US sites too! Here is a list of top Facebook sites to checkout.

**The Genealogy Squad** - Hosted by Cyndie Ingle (Cyndi's List), The Genealogy Guys (Drew Smith- George Morgan) and Genealogy Pants (Cari Taplin) offer professional help in questions and education of research. The site has 53,000 members .

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/genealogysquad>

**Katherine Willson** - Facebook genealogy list has 16,000 links for genealogy and history based material. It can also be found at Cyndi's List.

<https://moonswings.files.wordpress.com/2021/01/genealogy-on-facebook-jan-2021.pdf>

<https://www.cyndislist.com/social-networking/facebook/>

**Technology For Genealogy** - Group dedicated to the tech side of researching . This group has 23,000 members .Computer, scanning, online storage, publishing, software, and other device help.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/techgen>

**Cyndi's List** - Cyndi's Facebook page boasts 60,000 members and has the latest updates and information for all genealogists.

<https://www.facebook.com/CyndisList/>



The **NEW** World Cat (catalog) site has updated their world catalog to focus more on... Genealogy! In March, Georga foster will present a program the the focus and features of the new (or improved) online website we have just been using for finding books in libraries all these years. Updated and not your old resource anymore. Check out the new site and get acquainted with the new resources and layout then join us for a in depth review in March.

<https://www.worldcat.org/>

[https://www.worldcat.org/topics/genealogy\\_](https://www.worldcat.org/topics/genealogy_)



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March 11, 2023  
11:00am

Presentator Georga Foster

Register at <https://gorgegen.blogspot.com/>

## From Our Genealogy Experts around the Web

### From Dick Eastman- Use a VPN - 11/12/2022

A VPN is a Virtual Private Network. It protects you from spying intruders and getting your personal information from being taken. Its almost a must have in today's "virtual " world.

Dick recommends Proton VPN, a free and paid version is available. Read his post for more information and all the advantages and disadvantages of running a VPN.

<https://eogn.com/page-18080/12986064>

The 1921 England and Wales Census are now accessible for the first time online at FindMyPast.

Offering more detail than any previous census, the not only asked individuals about their age, birthplace, occupation and residence (including the names of other household members and the number of rooms), but also their place of work, employer details, and gave 'divorced' as an option for marital status.

<https://www.findmypast.com/blog/family-records/1921-census>

To sign up for Dick's free newsletter: <https://eogn.com/page-18077>

### From Cyndi Ingle -Cyndi's List

On speaking of citations and bibliographies, the genealogy community conforms to the *Chicago Style* format when citing and writing bibliographies. It is important to cite sources when presenting or writing genealogical or historical material. It gives validity and integrity of the author and protects the original work from plagiarism.

There are a number of sites that generate a citation for you or you can read just what is contained in a *Chicago Style* citation.

<https://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html>

<https://www.mybib.com/tools/chicago-citation-generator>

<https://www.citethisforme.com/us/citation-generator/chicago>

<https://www.cyndislist.com/aboutus/>

### War Research - Traces of War

The website itself is a combination of several other research sites and contributions from over 80 war researchers. Much information here including persons, photos, geography and records. It a must see for WWII researchers as this is its main focus. Pupils and students can freely use our texts and pictures for essays, presentation and the like; provided you include our website in your list of sources.

<https://www.tracesofwar.com/>



### Military Records - Gopher Records

Specializing in the retrieval of Civil War and other 19th-century military records from the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), including service records, pensions, medical records, Court Martial records, Bounty Land records, and others. They will duplicate the records of your choice and deliver them faster and at a much lower cost than if you ordered them directly from NARA. If you need records, we will gopher you!

<https://gopherrecords.com/> (highly recommended)

They also offer a free records assessment.



Brian Rhinehart, professional genealogist, owner of CivilWarRecords.Com and also a National Archives expert in military records offers lookups and record retrieval on his website. He is a national speaker and an upmost expert in Revolutionary, War of 1812 and Civil war documentation.

<https://civilwarrecords.com/>



## Oregon Genealogy

### Oregon Genealogy Network

Oregon Genealogy Network on Facebook now has over 600 members and growing. It is a vital resource for your genealogy questions and is a very informative source for researching. The network consists of amateur as well as researchers well versed in helping you answer your family history questions.

Many members are members of other genealogy and history groups around the state.

Join today!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/190997804291208/>

### Oregon History and Genealogy

Oregon Historical Society  
1200 SW Park Ave.  
Portland, Oregon  
503.222.1741

### Genealogical Forum Of Oregon

Oregon's premier genealogy library!  
Library, Book Store, classes and more!  
Online classes and events  
<https://gfo.org/who-we-are/calendar.html>

### Oregon Genealogical Society

Oregon Genealogical Society, Inc.  
955 Oak Alley  
Eugene, Oregon 97401  
<https://oregongs.org/>  
(541) 345-0399

### OrGenWeb

Or GenWeb is hosted by USGenWeb and is part of a volunteer group of researchers and genealogists from each state providing free online information to the genealogy community.  
Started over 20 years ago, USGenWeb has grown into one of the largest free genealogy sites on the internet.  
<http://www.orgenweb.org/index.html>

## Washington Genealogy

### Washington Genealogy Network

Washington Genealogy Network on Facebook now has over 550 members and growing. Like its sister state of Oregon, this site provides researchers a way to find information and answers to your research questions.

Many members are members of other genealogy and history groups around the state of Washington.

Join Today!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/222494824442130/>

Yakima Valley Genealogical Society  
1901 S. 12th Avenue  
Union Gap, Washington 98903-1256

Washington State Genealogical Society  
1901 S. 12th Avenue  
Union Gap, Washington 98903-1256

## Local Historical Resources

Wasco County Historical Society  
300 W. 13th St.  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058  
541-296-1867

Wasco County Original Courthouse  
410 W. 2nd Place  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058  
541.296.4798

Wasco County Pioneer Association  
vasallee@gmail.com  
541.296.4043

Ft Dalles Historical Museum  
500 W. 15th and Garrison St.  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058  
541.296.5457

Hood River Historical Society  
300E Port Marina Drive  
Hood River, Oregon 97031  
[info@hoodriverhistorymuseum.org](mailto:info@hoodriverhistorymuseum.org)  
541.386.6772

## Mid-Columbia Genealogical Resources

### Family History Centers

The Dalles FHC  
1815 E. 15th St.  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

Goldendale FHC  
N. Columbus Ave & McLinley  
P.O. Box 109  
Goldendales, Wa. 98620

Stevenson FHC  
650 NW Gropper Rd.  
Stevenson, Wa. 98648

Hood River FHC  
1825 May St.  
Hood River, Oregon  
97031  
541.806.0372

### Libraries

The Dalles Wasco County  
722 Court St.  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.2815

William G. Dick Library  
5000 Discovery Drive  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.8600 EX. 219

Hood River County Library  
502 State St.  
Hood River, Or. 97031  
541.386.2535

### Ft. Vancouver Regional Libraries

Goldendale  
131 West Burgen St.  
Goldendale, Wa. 98620  
509.773.4487

White Salmon Valley  
5 Town and Country Square  
Whire Salmon, Wa. 98672  
509.0493.1132

Stevenson  
120 NW Vanciouver Ave.  
Stevenson, Wa. 98648  
509.427.5471



### Historical Resources In The Gorge

Fort Dalles Museum  
W. 15th & Garrison St.  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.4547

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center  
5000 Discovery Drive  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.8600

Wasco County Historical Society  
300 W. 13th St.  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.1867

Museum of Hood River  
300 E. Port Marina Dr.  
Hood River, Or. 97031  
541.386.6722

Gorge Heritage Museum  
202 E. Humbolt  
Bingen, Wa. 98605  
509.493.3228

Dufur Historical Society  
P.O. Box 462  
Dufur, Or. 97021

Klickitat County Historical Society  
127 W. Broadway  
Goldendale, Wa. 98620  
509.77.4303

Presby Museum  
127 W. Broadway  
Goldendale, Wa. 98620  
509.773.4303

Sherman County Historical society  
200 Dewey St.  
Moro, Or. 97039  
541.565.3232

Maryhill Museum  
35 Maryhill Museum Drive,  
Goldendale, Wa. 98620

Original Wasco County Courthouse  
PO Box 839  
410 West 2nd Place  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058252  
(541) 296-4798

Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center  
990 SW Rock Creek Dr.  
Stevenson, Wa. 988648

# Calendar This!

## Upcoming Programs

(Subject to change)

All programs and lectures are scheduled for ZOOM. Please check the blog for a complete schedule of events and more information.  
<https://gorgegen.blogspot.com/>

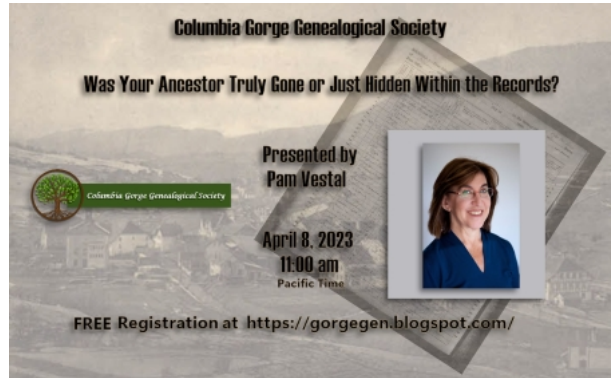
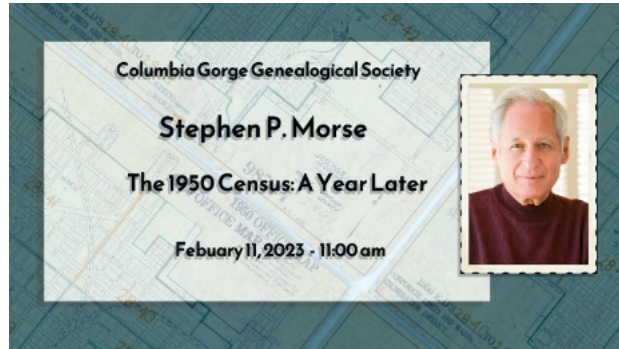
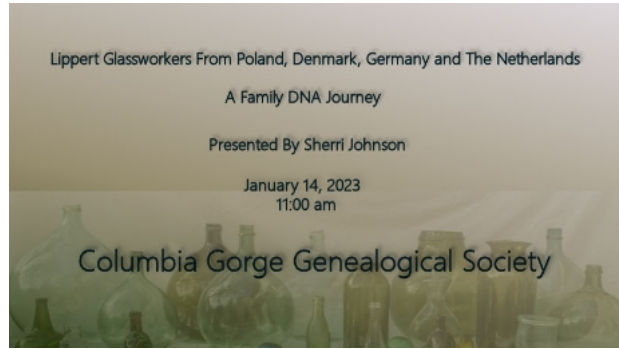


**January 14, 2023 - Lippert Glassworkers of Poland, Germany, Denmark and The Netherlands - A family DNA Journey " - Sherri Johnson**

**February 11, 2023- A year Later - Stephen P. Morse**

**March 11, 2023 - The NEW World Cat - Focus and Features  
Georga Foster**

**April 8, 2023 - Was Your Ancestor Truly Gone or Just Hidden Within the Records?  
Pam Vestal**



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