



The Forum Insider

Spring Seminar

J. Mark Lowe, CG

With humor and southern style, Mark will share his expertise and experience, focusing on strategies for finding the answers you need in original records.

Active and known nationally, Mark has specialized in Kentucky and Tennessee resources. He shares personal experiences that help both beginning and experienced researchers improve their skills.

For more about the topics he will cover and information about attending the seminar on April 21, see the flyer on pages 3 and 4.



Ballot Enclosed!

Don't forget to vote for GFO board members. Find the pull-out, fold-and-mail ballot on pages 5 and 6. Ballots must be received by May 7.

Parking Alert! – Ford Building Lot

The Ford building management has informed us that they will begin enforcing the one hour time limit on the parking spaces adjoining the building under the paned windows next to the loading dock. The one hour time limit will be in force 8 am - 5 pm.

Vehicles parked longer than one hour in these spaces will be ticketed and towed.

These spaces (which have new paint) can still be used for quick visits, but those spending longer than an hour should use the spaces on the other sides of the lot or spaces in other lots available to us.

Changes at the *Insider*

This April issue of the GFO *Insider* is the first for new editor, Becky Clark. I know she will do a fantastic job and that our members will enjoy any refreshing changes she may choose to make.

I have enjoyed my four years as the editor, but it is time for me to attend to my family research. Like many of you, I feel the pressure of getting more done in this lifetime.

I would ask that members give Becky feedback. Let her know what she is doing that makes you look forward to reading the newsletter, and also let her know what doesn't work for you.

Moreover, please give serious thought to changing your method of receiving *The Insider* to an online, electronic copy. You will then not only have color, but will save paper and mailing costs and lower your annual membership rate.

Thank you,
Janis Bailey

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:30 am to 5 pm
Wednesday
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President's Message

Mail-In Ballots

Ballots (included in this newsletter) are going out to elect a new GFO president, secretary, and director-at-large for the new fiscal year. Term limits per the by-laws have been reached on those three positions. Installation of these new officials will occur in the first few minutes of the June Annual Meeting portion of the Monthly Program, plus the approval of the new year's budget. A panel, "If I Had Only Known or Asked," will follow. Come. Bring a friend. These are open meetings, no guest fees. Ballots can also be dropped off at the library.

First Fridays

Artist Olinka Broadfoot, one of the tenants on the Basement floor, is spearheading a monthly First Friday opening of the basement businesses from 6 to 9 p.m. The GFO board has agreed to participate by having our library stay open that night, providing tours, and exposing visitors to a sample of our research resources. It will expose our GFO members to products or services that might be of interest. Olinka wants to use our tables and lobby area for a clay craft for the visiting kids. She has a friend who plays guitar, and with a few sample trays of pickles and desserts it makes for a pleasant evening once a month. March 2nd was the opening First Friday event.

The Basement businesses include Olinka Broadfoot's sculpture and painting studio (B-24), Meghan Kunzmann's ceramic studios (B-22), a printing business, a photography studio, Rawdacious Cheesecake and other gluten free desserts, Chapparral rare books business, a music lessons business, and, of course, Stew of Moonbrine Pickles.

Meanwhile, Olinka has been encouraged to put up some of her colorful artwork along the hallway walls, which we hope will create a welcoming

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From the Editor

Over the next few months Janis will be helping me learn the ropes as I take over as editor. You will notice *The Insider* has a different look. My goal is to have the layout and fonts be easy and pleasant to read. I am

open to your comments and suggestions.

Thank you, Janis, for all your hard work on *The Insider*.

—Becky Clark
gfonews@gmail.com

Submissions to the Insider

Send comments, corrections, news, short success stories, and announcements to Becky Clark, editor, at gfonews@gmail.com or leave messages at the GFO desk, 503-963-1932.

Provide submissions by the 7th of the month for inclusion in the following month's issue.

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Spring Seminar 2012

The GFO welcomes ...

J. Mark Lowe, CG



Saturday
21 April 2012
9 am - 4 pm
Milwaukie Elks

J. Mark Lowe, CGSM

Mark has been researching for more than twenty-six years and is past president of the Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society where he implemented a year-long series of genealogical skill building workshops for members.

Innovative and enthusiastic, Mark shares personal experiences that help beginning and experienced researchers gain new skills and insights for research. His expertise as a classroom teacher, principal, and professional researcher help him relate to a variety of groups with a dynamic style.

Mark is active in the USGenWeb project as a county coordinator in Kentucky and Tennessee, and he is secretary of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, vice president of the Genealogical Speakers Guild, and vice president of the Association of Professional Genealogists. For additional information visit Mark's website at www.kytnresearch.com.

Topics

- Finding Your Landless Ancestor
- Smith vs. Jones, et al.; A Closer Look at Court Records
- Dower, Dowry and Detinue: Women and Men's Property
- Is It Really Online? Finding and Using Original Sources at Home or Library

Seminar Features

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



Event Schedule

8-9 am	Registration
9:15	First session begins
	Morning break
1 hour	Lunch
	Afternoon break
3:30 pm	Program ends

Topics

Finding Your Landless Ancestor

Since land is the key in many ancestral discoveries, tracking those individuals who did not own land often becomes a daunting task. Learn to use Trust Deed Chattels and Tax Release Books to help locate those individuals without deeds and estates

Smith vs. Jones, et al.; A Closer Look at Court Records

When facts must be proven in court, many documents may be created. In court, relationships are proven and circumstances stated. Learn how to find these court records and how to use them effectively.

Dower, Dowry and Detinue: Women and Their Men's Property

Understanding how the legal system looked at our female ancestors is essential to following their records. Learn the terminology, the record types and strategies for finding the answers.

Is It Really Online? Finding and Using Original Sources at Home or Library

Take advantage of new online resources while developing your research skills. Learn about simple techniques that can improve your methodology and accomplishment.

Seminar Site

**13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd.
Milwaukie, Oregon**

Situated on the west side of McLoughlin Blvd., Oregon Hwy 99E, 1/2 mile south of the town of Milwaukie.

Located between SE Park Avenue (traffic light to the north) and the Bomber (restaurant to the south). Look for the Milwaukie Elks Lodge sign.

Lunch

No lunch available for those registering after 15 Apr 2012

Buffet lunch in the Elks dining room with payment of \$11 includes pot roast, baby red potatoes and several salads.

Coffee, hot tea, and cold drinks are included.

Breaks

Snacks and drinks are included with admission.

Refund Policy

For cancellations received after 15 April 2012, refunds will be made in the amount of the registration fee less a \$10.00 cancellation fee. Lunch fees are non-refundable if cancelled after 15 April 2012.

Lowe Spring Seminar Sign-up Form

21 April 2012

Members ___ \$40 received by 4/15/12 ___ \$45 received after 4/15/12 www.gfo.org

Non-Members ___ \$45 received by 4/15/12 ___ \$50 received after 4/15/12 gfoinfo@hotmail.com

Lunch ___ \$11 must be received by 4/15/12 Total Enclosed _____

Name _____ Member No. _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____

Email for confirmation _____

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Genealogical Forum of Oregon

Mail-in Ballot — Spring 2012

Ballots Must Be Received by Monday, May 7

See Reverse for Mailing Instructions

President (2 year term)

- Laurel Smith
- Write In Candidate _____

Secretary (2 year term)

- Keith Pyeatt
- Write In Candidate _____

Director-at-Large (2 year term, vote for one)

- Peggy Baldwin
- Jewell Dunn
- Susan LeBlanc
- Gerald Lenzen
- Rhonda Stone
- Write In Candidate _____

Candidate Bios

Laurel Smith

Laurel Smith joined the GFO in 2006 and is currently serving as a GFO Director-at-Large. In 2010 she began volunteering in the Library and quickly became immersed in the relocation effort and finding opportunities to promote the organization.

Laurel orchestrated the planning and promotion of the GFO's grand opening events, serves on the Education Committee, and works as a receptionist/research assistant. She spearheaded the addition of library hours on Fridays and on Wednesday evenings, offers workshops during her scheduled library hours, and continues efforts to promote the GFO library and events. Her diverse background has included positions in education and management, as well as service on the Portland Skyliners Board of Directors.

Laurel would like to see our organization and library even more vital than it has been in recent years. If elected President, she hopes to foster education, increase membership, stimulate volunteerism, and increase public familiarity with the Genealogical Forum of Oregon.

Keith Pyeatt

Keith is an architect, a full-time genealogy enthusiast, and a graduate of Brigham Young University

and the University of Colorado, Denver. He is becoming a credentialed genealogist. He conducts original genealogical research in record repositories throughout the United States and has given presentations for a variety of family history events and local genealogical societies.

Peggy Baldwin

Peggy Baldwin first joined the GFO in the late 1970s. She facilitates the GFO Writers' Forum and GFO Writing Contest and has worked as a research assistant. She has a BS in business administration, minor in computer science, and a Masters of Library Science and has worked as a health sciences librarian for 30 years.

Since 2005 Peggy has been a professional genealogist serving clients and speaking on genealogy topics at the GFO and elsewhere. Peggy is a strong believer in the importance of what the GFO does for the genealogical community and would enjoy serving on the board and serving the members of the GFO.

Jewell Dunn

Jewell has over 20 years of genealogical research experience in major repositories. This includes over five

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years of volunteer experience at the Washington State Archives, Southwest Region, in Olympia, WA.

Her education includes an MBA from American Military University and a BA from The Evergreen State College. She has also attended many classes at the Institute of Historical and Genealogical Research at Samford University, Birmingham, AL.

Jewell was the 2005 scholarship recipient of the National Institute on Genealogical Research in Washington, D.C. Her memberships include: DAR, NGS, Association of Professional Genealogists, GFO, Virginia Genealogy Society, and Virginia Historical Society.

Her lecture topics are: Germany, Immigration, Naturalization, Native Americans, Virginia, Oregon, and Washington State.

Susan LeBlanc

Susan LeBlanc, a native of Portland, Oregon, began researching her family history over forty years ago. For over fourteen years she has volunteered in the LDS Family History Center in Milwaukie, Oregon.

She graduated from BYU in 2005 with a BA, General Studies, with a focus in Family History and in 1985 with an AA in Spanish. She also received the BYU certificate for research in North America.

Working to create accurate and complete family histories is one of her specialties. She enjoys helping others research, lecturing, teaching classes, and translation work in Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish. In 2010 she became an Accredited Genealogist through ICAPGen specializing in New England Research.

Gerald Lenzen

Gerry Lenzen was born in Glidden, Wisconsin, July 19, 1937, and came west with his parents in 1941 just before the attack on Pearl Harbor. He graduated from Portland State University and retired from the Bonneville Power Administration in 1994 after 32 1/2 years.

He has researched in Germany, the Midwest, New England, and the southeastern U.S.

Gerry is a Life Member of the Forum, assists in the GFO library, serves on the Education Committee, teaches several levels of classes in genealogical research, and is Co-Chair of the GFO Fall and Spring Seminars. He is a member of many other historical and genealogical societies throughout the United States and lectures locally,

regionally, and nationally on a variety of research topics.

Rhonda Stone

Rhonda joined the GFO in January 2010 and has been a weekly volunteer research assistant on Wednesday mornings ever since. She is active in the Heritage Scrapbooking, British, German, Illinois, and Virginia interest groups and has participated in many of the new classes at the library. Rhonda is a retired elementary school teacher with many years of secretarial experience. She is currently awaiting membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Rhonda's volunteerism and participation in many interest groups put her in close contact with the GFO membership, which is essential for the role of Director-at-Large.

Ballot Mailing
Fold in thirds, this side out, with address showing. Seal with tape, no staples.
Add first class postage and mail, or drop in the ballot box at the GFO.
Ballot must be received by May 7.

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Calamity Jane in Genealogical & Historical Context

Dr. Richard Etulain, Professor Emeritus of History, University of New Mexico, entertained us with a presentation of his research on Calamity Jane for his current book. Calamity Jane, born Martha Canary, was illiterate and left few sources behind. Using genealogical and historical tools, Dr. Etulain has filled in more of the details of her life.

Look for the Gaps

He emphasized that silences and gaps are important. The newspapers of the time reported on Calamity Jane when there were sensational stories, such as public drunkenness, but there were long periods in between when she was probably leading a normal law-abiding life with nothing to catch the interest of reporters.

Over the years many versions of her story have been written with little basis to substantiate them. The interest in Calamity Jane seems to stem partly from the lack of major female figures in a Wild West populated by many men with strong stories.

Start Writing Now

He suggested starting to write up your research before you have finished it, or you might never do it. "How many of you have actually finished your genealogy?"

Don't Give Up

Dr. Etulain shared a record of one of Calamity Jane's marriages he found only eight years ago.

Thanks go to Chaparral Antiquarian Books, who sponsored the event as a benefit for the GFO.

- *Becky Clark*



Pennsylvania Expands Access to Vital Records

The policy permanently restricting access to all vital records in Pennsylvania has been reversed by recent legislation. The new law allows public access to death certificates after 50 years and birth certificates after 105 years.

The new custodian for the records is the Pennsylvania State Archives. Initially they will be opening access to about seven million death records for the period 1906 to 1962.

In addition, it was reported that the Bureau of Vital Statistics is exploring partnerships to provide access to digital images on the Internet. The State Archives already has a digitization contract with Ancestry.com for other record groups.

For more information, see the article "Roots & Branches: Law Changed; Internet Access Will be Next Step" in the Lebanon Daily News www.ldnews.com.

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atmosphere when one exits the down elevator. In past years the upstairs art studios have held an occasional Open Studios event, but nothing is planned for right now. Stay tuned.

New Forum Insider Editor.

Janis Bailey has asked to step back from her duties as the editor of the Forum Insider newsletter so she can catch up with her own research. Becky Clark has agreed to take on the position. We welcome her to this position. And we applaud Janis' efforts these past four years to keep us informed.

May the year of 2012 find a breakthrough of your genealogy brick walls.

- *Lyleth Winther*
lylethw@gmail.com

Finding Your Roots

This new PBS series with Henry Louis Gates continues on OPB Sunday evenings at 8 p.m.

1940 Census Release
April 2!

www.1940census.archives.gov/

To help index, contact Sue LeBlanc:

dslblanc@aol.com

Around the GFO

Audio Visual Committee - Volunteers Needed

Nanci Remington has volunteered to work with a group of members on organizing audio visual equipment for events setup and training people on GFO equipment. This committee will be producing a written set of guidelines for using our electronic equipment.

Ideally, this group would include representatives of the different interest groups that use electronic equipment for their presentations, as well as others who are interested in helping with special events.

There will be an organizational meeting on Wednesday, April 18, at 9:00 a.m. at the library. If you have suggestions or ideas, please contact Nanci at nancicr@comcast.net.

Financial Report – December through February

Our checking account balance at Wells Fargo was \$27,869.84 on 29 Feb 2012. Deposits for the three months totaled \$32,887.00, and expenses were \$16,441.50.

Donations to the Annual Appeal totaled \$14,785.00, to the Endowment Fund \$600.00, and to the General Fund \$105.00. Research requests totaled \$197.50. We received registrations for the German mini-seminar and our Annual Spring Seminar with Mark Lowe. Our landlord reimbursed us \$1,371.52 to offset our expenses for the upgraded light fixtures in the front area.

Expenses included rent for January through March of \$3,200.00 per month (our first rent payments for our new site), the street sign permit renewal of \$652.00 for an indefinite period, new laptop computers, two new desks for the ends of the reading tables, the additional lighting along the west wall, and the \$2,000.00 payment for our commercial to run on four episodes of *Who Do You Think You Are?*

–Jeanette Hopkins, Treasurer

Food and Beverages in the Library

The library rules for our new research library call for no food or beverages. Snacks can be consumed in the lobby area where tables are provided by our group. We don't want spills or crumbs on the books, computers, or tables anywhere in the library.

The back conference area is used for many purposes, including meetings of special interest groups and the GFO monthly board meetings. It has been a tradition over the past three years that food and drink be allowed at interest group and board meetings. The Writers' Forum Group holds a meeting over the lunch hour, the British Group has an annual Snacks of Our Ancestors meeting, the Irish Group usually has a celebration the Saturday closest to St. Patrick's Day, the Virginia group is planning an upcoming event, and the monthly board meetings have a couple of folks coming straight from work.

The board decided that food and beverages will be allowed in this area at these regular meetings as long as the space is left clean. Other special events or meetings in this area may have food with approval of the board or its

designee. Library books and resources may not be out, and the groups will have to clean up after themselves as we have no paid staff for that task. Requests should be addressed to the board's designee, Laurel Smith, bearpair@comcast.net.

We on the board have spent several board meetings discussing this issue because researchers using the library might be confused and wonder why they can't also have snacks out when they're doing research. Why? Because the GFO computers are out, front and center, as well as our precious books, the reason for having such a great library.

Also, the board approved leaving the tables arranged in a "round table" fashion (as much as you can with rectangular tables), chairs in place, which works for most of the interest groups and the GFO board's needs. If you have to change the arrangement, please put everything back into the pattern posted in that space.

We are still finding our way with the use of this new space, and we knew we would have to make some compromises.

–Lyleth Winther, President.

Library Rules

1. Check in at the front desk.
2. Use only pencils, not pens.
3. No food or drink consumption is allowed in the Library; meeting and special exceptions may be made with prior permission from the Board or the Board designee.
4. Cell phones should be on silent; conduct phone conversations in the Common Area.
5. Do not mark Library materials; remove your bookmarks.
6. GFO is not responsible for lost items.
7. Laptop computers, scanners, and cameras are allowed.

Genealogical Treasure Donations

The GFO is requesting donations of your genealogical treasures and other items for the drawings at our spring seminar. Drop them off by April 15.

Amazon.com Commission Update

Thanks to everyone who is using our website to access Amazon before placing your order. We earn up to 4% on your purchase at no cost to you or us. We've averaged \$43 a month from July 11 to February 12 with February's being the highest ever at \$61. Keep up the good work!

Jeanette Hopkins, Treasurer

Interest Group News

British Interest Group

May 26, 1 - 3 pm. Join us for the last meeting of the year. We will have a presentation on a topic of interest, the usual brickwall sessions, along with members sharing goodies for our annual "Snacks of Our Ancestors."

Some Snacks are homemade and come from recipes passed down through the families, and others are products bought in the food section of the Scottish Country Shop. It is located between 14th and 15th on the south side of Powell Blvd. near the post office and can be accessed on the 17th exit going south off of Powell.

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Finnish Genealogy

The Hiski Project is a wonderful website for people looking for birth, marriage, and christening dates and documents for people from Finland.

A second great site is the Institute for Migration which costs 15 Euros a year to access.

Both sites are in English and have Finnish records that are being translated.

If anyone is interested in using either site, please contact Joan Galles on Fridays at the GFO Library.

Interest Group Meeting Times and Contacts

British

4th Saturdays of
Sep, Jan, Mar, May
1 - 3 pm
Lyleth Winther lylethw@gmail.com

Computer

3rd Saturdays of
Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec
April moved to April 28
9:30 am - 11:30 am
Genealogy software programs.
Daphne Garrison
degarrison@gmail.com
Roger Ostrom wrostrom@gmail.com

DNA

2nd Tuesdays of
Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
1 - 2:30 pm
Emily Aulicino
aulicino@hevanet.com

German

1st Saturdays monthly
Sep through Jun
1 pm - 3 pm
Carolyn Bergeron
cbergeron67@msn.com
Nanci Remington
nancicr@comcast.net

Heritage Scrapbooking

1st Sundays monthly
Sep through May
1 - 4:30 pm
Bonnie LaDoe bladoe@aol.com

Illinois

2nd Saturdays
9:30 am
Kristy Gravlin hannah@teleport.com
Harlene Patterson
harlene5@yahoo.com

Irish

3rd Saturdays of
Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov
1 pm
Suzanne Lemon
slemon46@yahoo.com

Lenore LeMans

lenorel@comcast.net

The Master Genealogist

3rd Saturdays of
Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec
April moved to April 28

12 pm - 1:30 pm
Exploring TMG and recent updates.

Roger Ostrom wrostrom@gmail.com

Daphne Garrison
degarrison@gmail.com

Virginia

1st Saturdays monthly
Sep through Jun
10 am - 12 noon
Judi Scott judiscot@gmail.com
Carol Surrency icsurr@gmail.com

Writers' Forum

2nd Saturdays monthly
Sep through May
11:45 am
Peggy Baldwin
peggybaldwin@family-passages.com

Interest Group News (continued)

Genealogical Research on the German Palatines of New York State

April 7, 1 - 3 pm. For the past 20 years, Harvey Steele has been researching his German ancestors who migrated to the New York Mohawk Valley in the early 18th century. They were part of a group of about 3000 German-speaking people who are often called "Palatines" because many of the earliest came from the Palatinate (or Pfalz) and settled in the area centering on what is now Little Falls, New York. The program will focus on the early origins of the migrating Germans, the movement down the Rhine to Holland and London, and their earliest history, culminating in the American Revolution, and the creation of Herkimer County. A full description of the presentation can be found under Current Information at <http://gfo.org/intgrp/german.htm>.

If you think you have New York Palatine ancestors please bring (or send) a list of the names.

Upcoming Event.

Bend Spring Seminar - Dick Eastman

Dick Eastman, founder and editor of *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter*, blog.eogn.com, will be the featured speaker at the Bend Genealogical Society Spring Seminar April 20-21.

Friday evening is a social event. Saturday has four topics:

- The Organized Genealogist
- Cloudy with a Chance of Genealogy – Cloud Computing
- Mocavo vs. Google – Internet Search Engine Comparison
- Conservation - Keeping up with Technology

Early registration at a reduced rate ends April 13th. For information and the registration form see www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs/springseminar.html.

Classes & Programs

Wednesday classes are free of charge to GFO members. Non-members who wish to attend must pay the day use fee of \$7, but may research in the library all day in addition to attending the class or opt to receive a one day pass to use at a later time.

Family Trees on Ancestry.com

Wed., April 4, 6 - 7 pm.

Explore one of Ancestry.com's most valuable, addictive, and dangerous resources. Bring your research and learn how to make these online trees work for you, how to use them judiciously, and ways to help keep your families' information accurate. If you have a laptop computer **and** an Ancestry account, you may find it helpful to bring your computer to

this session. Since Family Trees cannot be accessed via the Library Edition, this will be a demonstration of the trees via presenter's personal account. This class is given by Laurel Smith.

Hansel & Gretel Genealogy

Wed., April 11, 6 - 7 pm.

Many of our ancestors left a fine trail of breadcrumbs for us to follow. Follow a case study to see one way to uncover that trail and follow it back in time. Laurel Smith will demonstrate how she began with one clue and discovered the trail that led back to the 1600s.

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Members' Favorite Websites

- www.gfo.org
- www.archives.gov/aad
- www.usgenweb.com
- www.rootsweb.com
- www.cyndislist.com
- www.familysearch.org
- www.ancestry.com
- www.nara.gov
- www.sos.mo.gov/archives
- www.multcolib.org
- www.ohs.org
- www.ccg-wa.org
(Clark Co. Gen Soc)
- www.cyberdriveillinois.com
- <http://genealogy.az.gov>
- www.dar.org
- www.theshipslist.com
- <http://abish.byui.edu/specialcollections/westernstates/search.cfm>
(Western States Marriages to 1928)
- www.kshs.org (Kansas)
- www.ellisland.org
- www.multcolib.org or
- www.wccls.org
HeritageQuestOnline
- www.findagrave.com
- www.fold3.com \$
(free for 1st week)
- www.genuki.org.uk
- www.genealogy.com \$
- www.genealogytoday.com
- www.interment.net
(cemetery inscriptions)
- www.obitcentral.com
- www.progenealogists.com
- http://www.mocavo.com/wiki/en/Main_Page

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Classes & Programs (continued)

Introduction to Picasa

Wed., April 18, 10 am and 6 pm.

Picasa is a free, easy to use program from Google that allows you to organize, edit, and share photos and digital documents. Learn how to use this tool for both personal and genealogy records. We will go step by step with a group of photos: scan, organize, edit, create a collage, upload to the web, and order a print. This class is given by Nanci Remington.

Introduction to Google Documents

Wed., April 25, 10 am and 6 pm.

Google Documents is a free site that allows you to create documents, spreadsheets, and presentations and store them online. See how to get started using these tools and the advantages of having some of your documents stored in the "cloud". This class is given by Nanci Remington.

Introduction to Court Records: The Genealogical Value in Dusty Old Books and Files

Sat., May 12, 2 pm, *free* monthly program.

- *Keith Pyeatt.*

New Library Books

Mannerheim, C. G. **Across Asia, From West to East in 1906-1908, volume 1: Records of the Journey.** Anthropological Publications: Oosterhout, The Netherlands, 1969. 950 A000 History

Watson, Bruce McIntyre. **Lives Lived West of the Divide: A Biographical Dictionary of Fur Traders Working West of the Rockies, 1793-1858 Volumes 1, 2, and 3.** Univ. of British Columbia: Kelowna, BC, 2010. 970 A000 Biog

Douglas, Althea. **Finding Your Ancestors in English Quebec.** Heritage Productions: Toronto, Ontario, CAN, 2001. 971.4 A000 How-To

Szucs, Loretto Dennis and Matthew Wright. **Finding Answers in U. S. Census Records.** Ancestry Incorporated: Salt Lake City, Utah, 2002. 973 A000 Census

Hill, Thomas C. **Monthly Meetings in North America: A Quaker Index [fourth edition, revised],** by the author: Cincinnati, OH, 1998. 973 A000 Church

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Why the Free Classes?

Dear GFO,

I am a new member and have been impressed with the quality of workshops I have attended that have been taught by GFO members. For example, I learned how to follow the clues in genealogical records from Laurel Smith when she taught "Hansel and Gretel Genealogy," and I learned several ways to track down information via newspapers on line from Tom O'Brien. I've noticed that even members who seem fairly experienced compared to me are there in attendance, so obviously it's a good learning experience for many. The amazing thing is that these workshops have been absolutely free. I am curious why GFO is not charging at least a minimal fee, given the quality of information shared.

With appreciation,

Carol Mason.

Carol, it's great you are enjoying the classes and finding them useful. The classes are being offered free because the GFO wants to provide added value for our members. Helping members with their genealogy is part of our mission as an organization, and we hope that if you value the classes you will tell others about our resources. For those who aren't members, the library entrance fee to attend is a modest investment to try out our library and what we have to offer. We do charge for more extensive classes given by genealogy professionals.

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April 2012

GFO Calendar

<i>April</i>		
Sun 4/1	1 pm	Heritage Scrapbooking
Mon 4/2		Free Monday
Wed 4/4	6 pm	Laurel Smith, Family Trees on Ancestry.com
Sat 4/7	10 am	Virginia Group
	1 pm	German Group
Tue 4/10	1 pm	DNA Group
	6 pm	Board Meeting
Wed 4/11	6pm	Laurel Smith, Hansel & Gretel Genealogy
Sat 4/14	9:30 am	Illinois Group
	11:45 am	Writers' Forum
	2 pm	Free Monthly Program: Peggy Baldwin, Writers' Contest Awards
Wed 4/18	10 am, 6pm	Nanci Remington Introduction to Picasa
Sat 4/21		Spring Seminar Library Closed

<i>April (cont.)</i>		
Wed 5/25	10 am, 6pm	Nanci Remington Introduction to Google Documents
Sat 4/28	9:30 am	Computer Group
	(date change) 12 pm	TMG Group
<i>May</i>		
Sat 5/5	10 am	Virginia Group
	1 pm	German Group
Sun 5/6	1 pm	Heritage Scrapbooking
Mon 5/7		Free Monday
Tue 5/8	6 pm	Board Meeting
Sat 5/12	9:30 am	Illinois Group
	11:45 am	Writers' Forum
	2 pm	Free Monthly Program: Keith Pyeatt, Court Records: Genealogical Value in Dusty Old Books & Files
Sat 5/19	1 pm	Irish Group
Sat 5/26	1 pm	British Group

<i>June</i>		
Sat 6/2	10 am	Virginia Group
	1 pm	German Group
Sun 6/3	1 pm	Heritage Scrapbooking
Mon 6/4		Free Monday
Sat 6/9	9:30 am	Illinois Group
	2 pm	Annual Meeting, Installation of Officers, Free Monthly Program: Panel, If I Had Only Known or Asked
Tue 6/12	6 pm	Board Meeting
Sat 6/16	9:30 am	Computer Group
	12 pm	TMG SUG
Sat 6/23	10 am	Keith Pyeatt, Introduction to Genealogy \$15