



# THE Forum Insider

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## GFO Membership Benefits Continue To Expand

Growing collection of digitized records from the library's collection move online

An exciting new compilation has been added to MemberSpace, the members-only section of our website. “Digital Collections” provides access to select GFO Library resources on your computer.

Our volunteers are making records digitized before the closure available inside MemberSpace. New content is added weekly and will be announced in the GFO E-News every Thursday.

“Digital Collections” is subdivided into four categories: indexed images, eBooks, digital journals, and manuscripts.

“Indexed Images” includes treasures like *Oregon Death Certificates 1903-1905*, an image collection comprising 4,796 death certificates, primarily from Multnomah County.

A highlight within “eBooks” is *Southwest Oregon*

*Obituaries by Cemetery*. It is a digitized and searchable version of a published book in the GFO Library.

*The Bulletin of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon* from January 1951 to the present—as well as journals from other genealogical societies—can be accessed in “Digital Journals.” All issues are word searchable.

The Billings Collection, just one of the selections within “Manuscripts,” contains Lorelei (McDonald) Billings’ research on her maternal line and her husband’s ancestors. She traces the family from Oregon to Tennessee with some branches reaching England and Ireland in the 1600s. A finding aid is included.

Until now, using these resources required going to the GFO library or paying for copies. Now you can see the images online at home. It is another great reason to become a GFO member ([gfo.org/membership](http://gfo.org/membership)).

### VOICES OF OUR PATRONS: 75 YEARS SHARING FAMILY HISTORY

## Little Old Ladies in Tennis Shoes

Judy Goldmann

When I attended my first Open House of the Genealogical Forum of Portland, Oregon\* in 1965, I had no idea that I would still be around and interested in this group of hobbyists in the year 2021. I attended an Open House on the tenth floor of the Meier and Frank Store, with my beginning efforts in a shallow cardboard box.

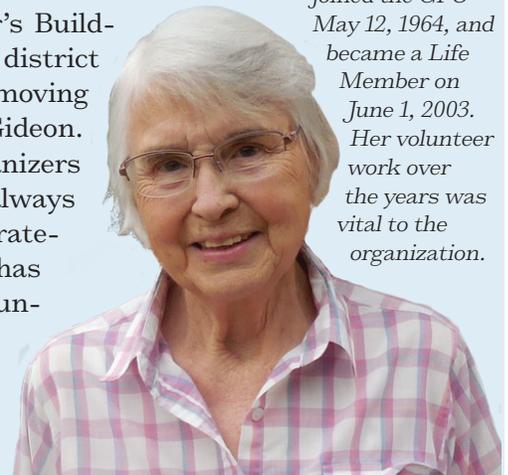
The Forum has grown to a very sophisticated bunch of researchers from the core of a few women looked upon as “Little Old Ladies in Tennis Shoes.”

At first, I visited a small library of genealogy books at the home of Mary

Brewer in Oregon City. Next, it was in the Neighbors of Woodcraft Building, then the Governor’s Building, and later in SW 5th district of Portland, before moving to the library on SE Gideon. The quality of organizers and researchers has always impressed me; I am grateful that the leadership has kept us together and under a roof somewhere.

Through the GFO, I became acquainted

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Judy Goldmann joined the GFO May 12, 1964, and became a Life Member on June 1, 2003. Her volunteer work over the years was vital to the organization.

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### Library Hours

Closed for COVID-19

Many services online.

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## Annual Appeal Keeps GFO Stable

When the pandemic hit, our library closed, and our board faced unexpected costs. Frankly, we also assumed the economy would take a hit, and we’d see fewer donations and perhaps lower membership.

You’ve proved those forecasts wrong! Thank you!

We aimed to raise \$25,000 and

instead raised more than \$30,000.

That’s a marvelous testament to all of you who share our mission to make history accessible and to keep it safe for future generations.

This level of support means we may not need touch our reserves after all. We’re so grateful to have members like you.

## Volunteers Needed to Fill Positions on the GFO Board of Directors

The GFO prides itself on being run entirely by volunteers. That makes its Board extremely important because directors also lead various departments.

This year, we have three very important positions to fill on our Board: treasurer, vice president, and director at large.

Our current treasurer and vice president are not running again.

Do you have experience in accounting? Would you have organizational skills to share?

The GFO needs you! These are vital roles to fill.

Board members must be GFO members in good standing and agree to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2021. Responsibilities



ties include attending at least nine of our 12 monthly board meetings each year and submitting monthly reports. During the pandemic, board meetings are virtual.

Please contact Vince Patton at [president@gfo.org](mailto:president@gfo.org) if you would like to know more about these positions. Active and engaged members are what keep GFO thriving.

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## Q Review to Host Author

The Q Review, a GFO Special Interest Group that discusses an article from the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* each month, will play host to the author of February's article.

Pam Anderson, professional genealogist, will join the meeting to discuss her article "Indirectly Identifying Relatives of Michael Kerns of Blair County and Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania."

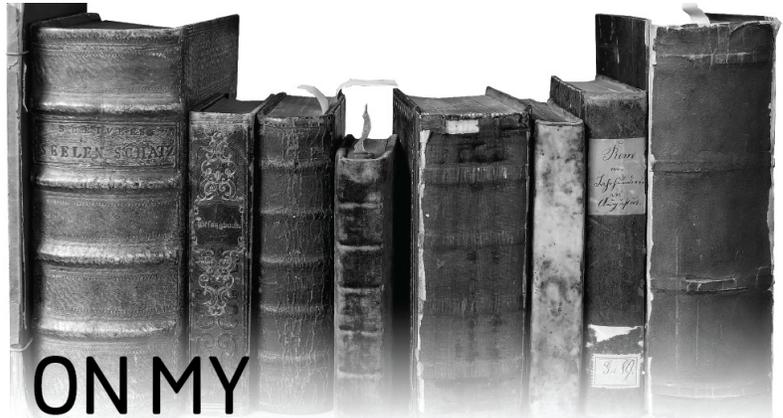
February's meeting is on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 6 p.m. Email [qreview@gfo.org](mailto:qreview@gfo.org) for article and link to join.

## Please Update Membership Contact Details

Our GFO members are important to us, and we don't want to lose track of you. Whether you have changed your physical or digital address, please remember to send your new contact information (name, address, phone number, email address) to [membership@gfo.org](mailto:membership@gfo.org).

When you send changes, it is helpful to include your member number if known. And note, in case of a name change, please include original name.

Even if you receive our publications digitally, the GFO sends occasional information by mail. We don't want you to miss critical information regarding your membership.



## ON MY BOOKSHELF

*Dottie Ritner is a proud member of the GFO and became interested in family history in her early teens listening to her mother's reminiscences, including that of listening to FDR on the radio. She joined Ancestry in 2005 looking for her European roots. Her introduction to the GFO came with a DNA match for her son-in-law while researching his Black history. Sherylita Mason-Cruise, who has done talks for the GFO on DNA, turned out to be a DNA match to her son-in-law. Sherylita took Dottie to the GFO and "I had to join immediately. Now with GFO, I continued my searches and hopefully soon we will be back in the building—finding, learning, and volunteering."*

**T**hese two books I found mentioned in other folks' posts on *Ancestry.com*. I was able to purchase copies and get valuable information to extend two of my lines.

The first is from my father's grandmother's line, *History of the Kuykendall Family since its Settlement in Dutch New York in 1646*. The book was written by George Benson Kuykendall, MD, and published here in Portland in 1919. It has helped to identify my Dutch heritage. The book is available through Google Books at [bit.ly/3mws50i](https://bit.ly/3mws50i).

The other book, *Rambles About Morley*, centers on my mother's line and goes back to Morley, Leeds, West Yorkshire, England. It was written in 1866 and is available at Google Books: [bit.ly/3muk8sh](https://bit.ly/3muk8sh).

Due to COVID-19, I had to cancel a trip to England this summer that would have allowed me to visit my ancestors' graves. It is so exciting to find these sources, and I am always looking for more.

*We'd love to feature the genealogy book(s) that you can't live without. Please send us a brief description of the book(s) and how they have helped your research. Send your book suggestions to [insider@gfo.org](mailto:insider@gfo.org).*

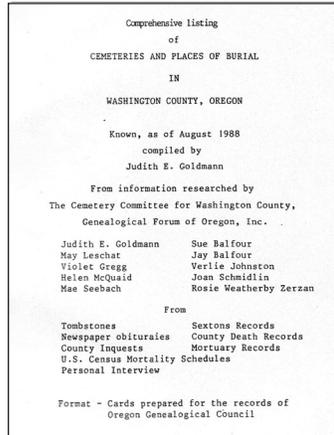
LITTLE OLD LADIES IN TENNIS SHOES, FROM PAGE 1

with Jay and Sue Balfour who lived in Hillsboro. They had begun the then monumental job of visiting the cemeteries of Washington County, where they recorded the burials, locations, and information on management. I assisted the Balfours with these readings, and continued with their project after they moved from Washington County. The other early researcher in our county was May Ringle Lepschat. I inherited the Balfours research, as well as that of May Lepschat.

In those days, before the advent and widespread use of the computer, all information was recorded and indexed by hand. Those cards were then matched with obituaries that we could find, as well as other resources such as county records, the Oregon Death Index, and the Donation Land Claims compilations.

These records on Washington County's early settlers—as well as a printed cemetery record book, tours, and co-operation with the Washington County Museum—have been the basis for helping later genealogists search for their ancestors.

Computers made records easily searchable, so a committee of the Genealogical Forum took up the task of reading the microfilm for the 1910 Census for the state. A full set of the 1910 films for the state was purchased. Copying and arranging those handwritten entries into an index, as well as adding the Soundex code was begun. Other county genealogical societies assisted by recording their counties, which were added to the database. This huge undertaking began to languish for lack of help and enthusiasm. Another, rather informal, group of Forum members, "The Friday Group of Indexers," took an interest in the 1910 project. They helped to finish the last few counties and the deciphering of some of the difficult handwriting snags. I enjoyed this group led by Eileen



Comprehensive listing of cemeteries and places of burial in Washington County, Oregon: known as of August 1988, compiled by Judith E. Goldmann, is available at the GFO Library. While the library is closed, members can ask *Lookup Service* volunteers to copy a page for them.

Chamberlain and Julie Kidd, and I credit their efforts to finish the Soundex of Oregon's 1910 Census, making it a usable, printable, and eventually saleable collection.

I have enjoyed my years of membership in the Genealogical Forum of Oregon and value the many friends made over these years. I hope to soon finish a book about my family, that of Joseph L. Meek.

*\*The name of the organization was shortened to the Genealogical Forum of Oregon in 1986.*

*Throughout 75th anniversary year of the GFO, The Forum Insider would like to feature your reflections on what the organization has meant to you, whether you are a long-time member or just discovered the GFO. We are interested in the impact the library has had on your pursuits, through education, resources, or friendships that have occurred as a result of our community. Please send your stories, from a short paragraph to no longer than about one page, to [insider@gfo.org](mailto:insider@gfo.org) or use the form at [bit.ly/2L6iXCt](http://bit.ly/2L6iXCt).*

## Donate Your Vehicle to GFO



Do you really want to continue to pay insurance, registration, maintenance, and more for a vehicle you leave alone more than you drive?

We accept cars, trucks, and even boats as a form of support and provide free pick-up. Our Vehicle Donation Program has also requested that drivers practice safe and secure interactions with donors, including minimizing contact.

Call 855-500-7433, or set up a free vehicle pick-up at [bit.ly/2XyMnw2](http://bit.ly/2XyMnw2).



# Genealogical Forum of Oregon ♦ 75th Anniversary VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

## Saturday, March 27, 2021

- |       |                           |                              |
|-------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 10:00 | Genealogy Problem Solvers | Katie Daly,<br>Kristin Parks |
| 1:00  | UK Research               | Duane Funk                   |

## Wednesday, March 31, 2021

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|-------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 10:00 | Great Lakes Ancestry Group | Fran Hart    |
| 1:00  | Q Review                   | Alexa Waddle |

## Sunday, March 28, 2021 IRISH DAY

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|------|---|-----------------|
| 1:00 | Irish Surnames                                      | Karen Hubbard   |
| 3:00 | Searching for Second Great-Grandfather John Spillan | Patricia Delich |

## Thursday, April 1, 2021

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|-------|---------------------------|---------------|
| 10:00 | Oregon Land Claim Records | Gerry Lenzen  |
| 1:00  | U.S. Federal Census       | Geri Auerbach |

## Monday, March 29, 2021 ONLINE SOURCES DAY

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|-------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 10:00 | Finding Records on FamilySearch   | Laurel Smith |
| 1:00  | Finding Records on Ancestry       | Laurel Smith |
| 3:00  | Family Trees and Authored Sources | Laurel Smith |

## Friday, April 2, 2021

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|-------|---|----------------|
| 10:00 | Freedman's Bureau Records                           | Janice Sellers |
| 1:00  | French-Canadian Connection to Detroit-Cadillac Area | Rita Carpenter |

## Tuesday, March 30, 2021 DNA DAY

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|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 10:30 | Comparing DNA Companies     | Tim Janzen      |
| 1:00  | Finding Common Ancestors    | Emily Aulicino  |
| 3:00  | An Introduction to GEDmatch | Lisa McCullough |

## Saturday, April 3, 2021

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| 10:00 | Indentured Servants: Our Forgotten Ancestors | Judi Scott,<br>Carol Surrency |
| 1:00  | German Ancestry Group                        | Mike Fernandez,<br>Tia Cobb   |

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## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

[gfo.org/learn/special-interest-groups/](https://gfo.org/learn/special-interest-groups/)

### AFRICAN AMERICAN GROUP

Third Saturdays  
12–2 p.m.  
Led by Janice Sellers  
[African\\_American@gfo.org](mailto:African_American@gfo.org)

### BRITISH GROUP

Fourth Saturdays in Jan, Mar,  
May, and Sep  
1–3 p.m.  
Led by Duane Funk  
[UK@gfo.org](mailto:UK@gfo.org)

### DNA – Beginners

Fourth Saturdays in Feb, May,  
Aug, and Nov  
9 a.m.–12 p.m.  
Led by Emily Aulicino  
[DNA@gfo.org](mailto:DNA@gfo.org)

### DNA – Advanced

Fourth Saturdays in Jan, Apr, July,  
and Oct  
9 a.m.–12 p.m.  
Led by Tim Janzen  
[DNA@gfo.org](mailto:DNA@gfo.org)

### DNA Q & A – The Basics

First Wednesdays  
1–3 p.m.  
Led by Lisa McCullough  
[DNA\\_QA@gfo.org](mailto:DNA_QA@gfo.org)

### FAMILY TREE MAKER

Monthly, usually second or third  
Sunday. Be sure to check the GFO  
calendar.  
1–3 p.m.  
Led by Laurel Smith  
[FTM@gfo.org](mailto:FTM@gfo.org)

### FRENCH CANADA GROUP

Third Sundays  
3:30–5 p.m.  
Led by Carol LaBrie and Laura  
Mitchell  
[FrCan@gfo.org](mailto:FrCan@gfo.org)

### GENEALOGY PROBLEM SOLVERS

Third Saturdays  
9:30–11:30 a.m.  
Led by Katie Daly  
[GPS@gfo.org](mailto:GPS@gfo.org)

### GERMAN GROUP

First Saturdays  
1–3 p.m.  
Led by Mike Fernandez and Tia Cobb  
[German@gfo.org](mailto:German@gfo.org)

### GREAT LAKES REGION

Second Saturdays  
(except Aug & Dec)  
9:30–11:30 a.m.  
Led by Fran Hart  
[GreatLakes@gfo.org](mailto:GreatLakes@gfo.org)

### IRISH GROUP

Third Wednesdays in Feb, Apr, June,  
Aug, and Oct  
6–8 p.m.  
Led by Karen Hubbard  
[Irish@gfo.org](mailto:Irish@gfo.org)

### ITALIAN GROUP

Fourth Sundays in Feb, May, Aug,  
and Nov  
1 p.m.–3 p.m.  
Led by Stephanie Silenti  
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### LEARN & CHAT

First and third Wednesdays  
10 a.m.–12 p.m.  
Led by Sandy Alto and Jeanne Quan  
[LearnandChat@gfo.org](mailto:LearnandChat@gfo.org)

### MEXICAN ANCESTRY

SEEKING LEADER  
[President@gfo.org](mailto:President@gfo.org)

### THE Q REVIEW

Second Thursdays  
6 p.m.–7 p.m.  
Led by Alexa Waddle  
[qreview@gfo.org](mailto:qreview@gfo.org)

### VIRGINIA GROUP

First Saturdays, Sept–June  
10 a.m.–12 p.m.  
Led by Judi Scott and Carol Surrency  
[Virginia@gfo.org](mailto:Virginia@gfo.org)

### WRITERS' FORUM

Second Saturdays, Sept–May  
1–3 p.m.  
Led by Peggy Baldwin  
[Writers@gfo.org](mailto:Writers@gfo.org)

## Upcoming GFO Meetings

### VIRGINIA GROUP

Saturday, February 6, 2021  
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

February's meeting will feature Elsie Deatherage presenting "Researching your Family in Maryland."

Maryland is where many of our ancestors arrived before heading west or south. Learn how the colony's religious background, history, and geography shaped record availability and location.

Register in advance for this online meeting here: [bit.ly/35fgUDW](https://bit.ly/35fgUDW).

### FRENCH CANADA GROUP

Sunday, February 21, 2021  
3:30–5:30 p.m.

This month there will be a presentation on Acadian French History of Louisiana by member Robert Dupuis.

For a link, write to [FrCan@gfo.org](mailto:FrCan@gfo.org).

### DNA BEGINNERS GROUP

Saturday, February 27, 2021  
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Group leader Emily Aulicino will present "X-Chromosome: The X-tra Special Chromosome."

Learn how the X-chromosome is different from the other autosomes, and how to find your common ancestors. Understand the rare situations where some people do not match close relatives or siblings on the X as expected. There will be time for questions.

Email [dna@gfo.org](mailto:dna@gfo.org) for a link to this meeting.

# Oregon Historical Society Program Focused on Racism

In December 2019, the Oregon Historical Society published a special issue of the *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, “Expectation and Exclusion: An Introduction to Whiteness, White Supremacy, and Resistance in Oregon History.” The issue offered an in-depth view of the ways Oregon history has been shaped by white supremacist ideology and policies, and resistance to those frameworks, for almost two centuries.

On December 10, 2020, OHS executive director, Kerry Tymchuk, and the editor of the *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, Eliza Canty-Jones led a free virtual program, “Racism in Oregon: A Brief Review,” via Zoom. The *Lake Oswego Review* reported that this webinar may have been the largest “gathering” in the city since the beginning of the pandemic with 800 online attendees.

As Tymchuk noted, the goal was to reflect the good, the bad, and the ugly side of Oregon’s history with racism. It started with The Oregon Donation Land



Act, which offered land to white settlers, and the original Oregon constitution which barred Black people from moving in.

“Our job is not to paint a rosy picture that all things were always great in Oregon,” Tymchuk said. “Our job is to tell the history of all populations of Oregon.”

This program was presented by the Oswego Heritage Council and Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the City of Lake Oswego and Lake Oswego School District.

“Racism in Oregon” is available to view at [youtu.be/P1DbQYJzEXw](https://youtu.be/P1DbQYJzEXw).

The OHS 2019 issue “Expectation and Inclusion” is available at: [bit.ly/2WrnGkm](https://bit.ly/2WrnGkm).

## Organizing Your Research

### Making Molehills ... Out of Mountains



Presented by  
**Cari Taplin, C.G.**



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## Rebecca Whitman Koford, CG, CGL

Executive Director, Board for Certification  
of Genealogists

- ▶ Courthouse Research & Indexes
- ▶ Land Records: Rich Sources  
for Your Research

## Linda Harms Okazaki

Charter Member, Nikkei Genealogical Society

- ▶ Introduction to Japanese American Research
- ▶ WWII Internment Camps: Japanese,  
Germans and Italians

## Sherri Camp, MLS

Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society,  
Past President

- ▶ African American Research Strategies
- ▶ Treasure Trove of Free Websites

## Michael Lacopo, DVM

Professional Genealogist

- ▶ Diseases and Epidemics of Our Ancestors
- ▶ Researching Invisible Ancestors



[gfo.org/zoomboree](https://gfo.org/zoomboree)

GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON

## Persistence Rewarded with Mayflower Society Membership

*Sheridan Lucas, GFO Member*

I started this hunt looking to prove a story that we were descended from the presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams. I found that not to be true, but it led me to the *Mayflower*. When one door closes, another opens. Starting with the Silver Books at the GFO library, and after two years of effort, I was able to follow my great-great-grandmother Mary Adams back to her great-grandmother Desire Fuller. After looking through 1400 pages of microfilm to locate actual records for the births and marriage of Desire's parents, John Fuller IV and Anna Tobey, I followed the Fuller line back to Edward Fuller and Captain Matthew Fuller.

Along the line, there were several challenges. My mother's family surname changed over three generations in the 1900s, which required a written explanation to Mayflower, proving that Peter-Peters-Pater were indeed all the same descendancy. My grandmother was born at home, so the only record of her birth was in an index. I could not find her marriage

record until the wonderful Sequoia Genealogical Society suggested that I look in the next county, where I found it. Similarly, I could not find a birth certificate or marriage record for my great-great-grandmother, until a worker in a title company in Kansas went to a local courthouse and found land records from which I was able to prove that Albert Sheets and his wife,

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*Starting with the Silver Books at the GFO library, and after two years of effort, I was able to follow my great-great-grandmother Mary Adams back to her great-grandmother Desire Fuller.*

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Mary E. Adams, were indeed married. I sent the blessed lady a gift certificate. She said work was slow in wintertime, and she did not mind doing it.

But there was another problem: no birth certificate for Mary Adams' mother, Lucinda. My DAR Registrar, Heather Tremko, helped me a lot. In fact she printed the 50 pages of documentation into a Word document so that I could apply to Mayflower, because my office skills are nonexistent. She found a death certificate for one of Lucinda's brothers in Tacoma, of all places, that stated the full names and birthplaces of his parents, and by extrapolation, they were also Lucinda's parents. Heather Tremko wrote a very logical proof argument, which is something else that I learned about.

The result: I was accepted into the Mayflower Society in June 2020. The dots got connected from this one application, and now I am proving three more Mayflower ancestors: John Tilley (whose daughter Elizabeth married John Howland, joining two ancestors in the first generation of Plymouth) and William White, whose son Peregrine was born aboard the *Mayflower* while it anchored off Cape Cod, before Plymouth even got started.

Lucinda Fuller Adams was descended from Edward and Matthew Fuller. But it is her husband, David Milton Adams, who is descended from William White, John Howland, and John Tilley. Two Mayflower families joined into one with their marriage. I wonder if my third great-grandparents were aware of their heritage. Another mystery to be solved....



# Nominations Requested for GFO Hall of Fame

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon has established the Hall of Fame Award as a way to honor members who have performed outstanding service and shown exceptional leadership skills on behalf of the Forum. The award is limited to one person per year, except in the case where a pair of members has worked together.

A nomination may be made by any Forum member, and the recipient will be selected from the panel of nominations by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The recipient must have a well-documented history of service, leadership, and accomplishment in more than one facet of the Forum over a significant period of time.



Information submitted for nominees who are not selected for the award will be retained by the Secretary for possible use in future years by the Board.

An honorary life membership is given to the recipient. An official biography will be prepared from the data submitted and will be presented to the recipient for verification prior to the publication of the award.

## Schedule

*February:* Newsletter announcement about nominations including criteria.

*April:* Nominations presented to the Board.

*May:* Board selects a recipient, prepares the plaque, and orders a life member badge.

*June:* Award presentation at the Annual Membership Meeting.

*July:* Publication of official biography in newsletter.

## Procedure

Any member may nominate another member for the award in writing. A nomination must be submitted to the Forum President at [president@gfo.org](mailto:president@gfo.org) and should include the following:

1. Name and member number.
2. List of services, activities, positions, and accomplishments.
3. A narrative describing the nature of their work in terms of its importance to the success of the Forum.
4. A short biography.

All areas of service will be examined and may include, but not be limited to, serving as an officer or Board member, chairing a major committee, special interest group, research committee, or data development committee, serving as a research assistant, or performing other responsibilities. Other important activities to present might include publishing their own books, teaching, giving presentations, and developing publications or electronic GFO products such as online databases or CDs. The Board will review the information on all nominees and may consider nominations carried forward from a previous year.

The Board will select the one which, in their judgment, is the most deserving. The Board may decline to select a recipient if the available nominations are found to be inadequate or if no nominations are re-

## Treasurer's Report

TREASURER: ERIN RANDALL [TREASURER@GFO.ORG]

### DECEMBER 2020

INCOME		
Donations	\$	34,351.53
Memberships	\$	3,509.00
Seminars & Other Programs	\$	—
Library & Research	\$	114.50
Book Sales & Misc. Income	\$	693.45
Interest & Dividends	\$	1,621.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>40,289.53</b>
EXPENSES		
Administration	\$	1,829.76
Education Programs	\$	—
Facilities & Equipment	\$	5,049.52
Library & Research	\$	103.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,983.14</b>
<b>Net Income for the Month</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>33,306.39</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Net Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>32,180.74</b>



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## February Anita Marks

For the month of February, the GFO would like to honor former Webmaster Anita Marks.

Anita was appointed to the volunteer position in June 2019. When the pandemic hit, the web site became more important than ever. Anita devoted herself to creating a members' portal—now called the MemberSpace—the key component to providing services to our members when the

physical building must be closed.

Not only has the MemberSpace served us throughout this crisis, it has transformed the way the GFO can provide service in the future, paving the way to reach a new set of patrons who have come to expect web-driven services.

Anita has had to step away from this position. We thank her for her hard work and dedication in trying times!

## Free Webinars to Watch Live

The Southern California Genealogical Society is offering the following free webinars in February and March. These webinars are free if you register ahead and watch live.

### **Unscrambling the New Orleans Passenger Lists**

*Beth A. Stahr, MLS, CG*

Saturday, February 6, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

The port of New Orleans was the second largest U.S. port of immigration in the early nineteenth century. This lecture explains the origin and derivation of overlapping indexes and passenger lists for the port. It provides a chronological approach with examples of using the microfilmed and online resources to find immigrants.

Register at [bit.ly/2KFIhim](https://bit.ly/2KFIhim).

### **Alcoholics and Teetotalers: Finding Yours in America's Temperance**

*Michael Brophy, MBA*

Saturday, March 6, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

The Temperance Movement was a social movement to reduce the consumption of alcohol in the United States in the 19th and early 20th centuries. The movement has a large effect on California from social lives to politics.

Register at [bit.ly/2KkiyMF](https://bit.ly/2KkiyMF).

### **Find African American, French, Jewish, and Spanish Revolutionary War Patriots**

*Ellen Kowitt*

Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Have you considered applying for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution lineage society but didn't think your ancestors qualify? Learn about DAR's current efforts to encourage new applications from a variety of heritage groups including women descending from African American, French, Jewish, Spanish, and other patriot ancestors.

Register at [bit.ly/3mvHON7](https://bit.ly/3mvHON7).

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# GFO FEBRUARY 2021 ONLINE EVENTS

The library is *closed* until safe to reopen. All events are online.

Check the calendar for the URL to participate in online events: [gfo.org/calendar](http://gfo.org/calendar)

## Wednesday, February 3

10 a.m.–12 p.m. Learn and Chat  
1–3 p.m. DNA Q&A: The Basics

## Wednesday, February 17

10 a.m.–12 p.m. Learn & Chat  
6–8 p.m. Irish Group

## Saturday, February 6

10 a.m.–12 p.m. Virginia Group  
1–3 p.m. German Group

## Saturday, February 20

9:30–11:30 a.m. Genealogy Problem Solvers  
12–2 p.m. African American Ancestry  
2–3:30 p.m. Gen Talk: Organizing Your Research

## Tuesday, February 9

6:30–8:30 p.m. Board Meeting

## Sunday, February 21

1–3 p.m. Family Tree Maker Group  
3:30–5:30 p.m. French Canada Ancestry

## Thursday, February 11

6–7 p.m. The Q Review

## Saturday, February 27

10 a.m.–12 p.m. DNA Beginners

## Saturday, February 13

9:30–11:30 a.m. Great Lakes Region Ancestry  
1–3 p.m. Writer's Forum

## Sunday, February 28

1–2:30 p.m. Italian Ancestry

## Tuesday, February 16

11 a.m.–12 p.m. Access GFO Resources  
3–5 p.m. Access GFO Resources