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GFO Library Is Open No Appointments Needed to Visit

After two long years, the GFO library is now open. The Research Library re-opened on April 7, 2022, for four days per week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The open hours as of publication are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Masks are required in the library.

The Ford Building has recently installed a call box to help with security in the building. Instructions to using the call box when you visit are here: <https://bit.ly/3x4J7eL>.

Always check the [GFO home page](#) before coming to the library to verify our current open days and hours.



The GFO Research Library is now open. Volunteers (from left) Judith Leppert, Geoff Smith, and Alexa Waddle work in the library on Friday, April 8, 2022. Photo courtesy of Keri Logan.

2022 Open House A Tremendous Hit

This year's Open House, held March 26 through April 2, had over 2,000 attendees. Our average presentation had 89 people attending and our largest, Eric Vaughn's "The Hidden Treasures Utilizing Newspapers," had 170 attendees. There were people attending from across the United States, Canada, Ireland, Scotland, and Australia.

The Open House generated 26 new members, many membership renewals, and 27 people signed up for this newsletter.

The presentations were well-received. Comments submitted by attendees included "I've attended so many great webinars this week! Thank you!", "Great information presented in an entertaining and thorough manner!", and "I learned so much; I can hardly wait to get started."

The GFO's Open House is an annual event in early spring, and it is always *free*. Open House is a service to the genealogical community and helps fulfill our mission to "promote genealogy and to provide genealogical education."

**OPEN HOUSE
DOOR PRIZE
WINNER NAMED**

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Virginia Roots and Vines

For May, we highlight the Virginia Special Interest Group (SIG) as part of our continuing series:

At Virginia Roots and Vines meetings, we discuss the history of Virginia as well as the surrounding states of West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and North and South Carolina. We explore methods for conducting sound genealogy research. We hope to foster collaboration among our many Virginia researchers and work on our research problems and brick walls together.

Each month we have a discussion or presentation on a topic related to our research. There is also time each meeting for discussion, suggestions, and perhaps individual research. If you would like to discuss or learn about a particular topic, please let us know.

On May 7 at 10 a.m. PT, the presentation will

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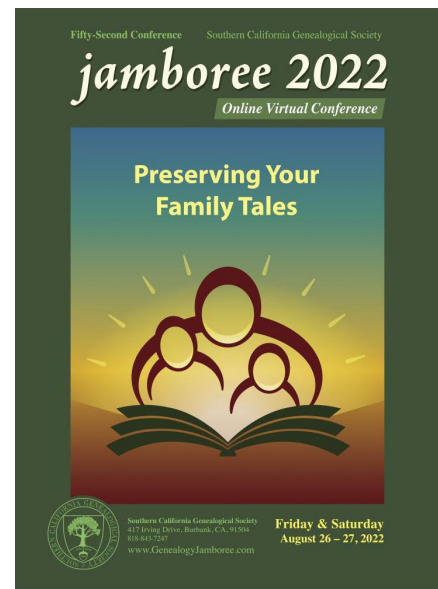
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Michigan Guest Wins Door Prize

The Southern California Genealogical Society graciously donated a standard registration to their two-day *jamboree 2022* as a door prize for our Open House. The jamboree 2022 is being held virtually August 26 and 27. The winner of the door prize is Michigan resident, Jamie W., who after being notified of her win said “Wow, thank you so much! What a great prize!”

The SCGS's Jamboree is a well-regarded annual conference. This year's Jamboree has 3 separate events: Genetic Genealogy 2022, jamboree 2022, and jamboFree 2022. For more information and to register: [SCGS Genealogy Jamboree 2022](https://www.southerncalifornia.org/genealogy-jamboree-2022).



GFO Ballot Available Until May 2

There is still time for GFO Members to cast their vote. The election will select four volunteer positions: President, Secretary, a Director at Large, and a member of the Endowment Committee. **The ballot is online this year.**

Your vote is important. All active GFO members get one vote. Joint members should submit two votes online.

Voting closes at 5 p.m., Monday, May 2, 2022. Access the ballot from the [GFO elections page](#).

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How to Get Research Help at *FamilySearch*

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FAMILYSEARCH.ORG

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/>

FamilySearch.org is designed to help people worldwide discover their family's history through its website and mobile apps. Many researchers are aware that *FamilySearch* provides billions of online records and indexes but are not aware of their complementary research help. By registering for an account, users may access these free, non-obligatory resources. Follow the links below to use these resources, which will enhance, guide, and break through the brick walls found in every family tree.

FAMILYSEARCH COMMUNITY

<https://community.familysearch.org/en>

The FamilySearch Community site connects people who are researching in the same region. This is the place to get collaborative help for specific research questions or upload documents for translation. The Community also provides links to important websites for research in specific geographical areas and posts significant events such as upcoming seminars and conferences.

To join a group, ask questions, or post documents:

1. On the FamilySearch Community home page, sign in by using your FamilySearch username and password.
2. Underneath the welcome banner at the top of the page are three tiles labeled FAMILYSEARCH HELP, RESEARCH HELP, and GROUPS. Select GROUPS. This is the fastest and most effective way to get help. Area specific queries posted in Research Help will be re-directed to a group.
3. The "Groups" page has two search bars. Do not use the main search bar at the top of the page. To search for a group to join, use the SEARCH GROUPS bar, which is located in the white space below the page header. Enter the name of the region or country of interest (e.g., Germany). A group name with an icon, such as a flag or map, will appear. Select the group you would like to join, such as "German Genealogy Research."

4. If a group does not match the region or country you searched for, you may wish to browse the available groups. Do this from the "Groups" page by selecting the RESEARCH GROUPS tab at the top of the white space below the header. Scroll down to see if your region or country of interest may be included in one of the available groups.
5. After clicking on a group to join, you will find the title of the group at the top of the page. Many groups will also give a brief description of what they cover and the names of the group administrators.
6. To join the group, scroll down the page until you see the white JOIN button located just above the announcements. The button turns blue when you hover over it. If you do not see the white/blue button, make sure you are logged in. You must be logged in to join a group, and you must join a group to be able to post a question.
7. To post a question or document, scroll down to the "Discussions" section and click on the NEW DISCUSSION button on the left side of the page. To ask for a translation, post the URL to the document in the discussion box. The URL makes translation easier for the translator, but you may post a document if a URL is not available.

VIRTUAL GENEALOGY CONSULTATIONS

<https://go.oncehub.com/ResearchStrategySession>

Get individual guidance and next step help by scheduling a virtual genealogy consultation with a research specialist. Each 20-minute session is held via Zoom and is a great opportunity for your family history questions to be answered by professional researchers at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Strategize with people who have extensive research experience with specific countries and regions.

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To sign up for a virtual genealogy consultation:

1. From the booking page, select an area of research by scrolling to choose the type of consultation you are interested in. Options include how to use the FamilySearch website, understanding DNA research, or tracing your immigrant ancestors. If you wish to consult with a specialist for a specific country, select a global region and then choose the country from the list that generates. Click on the green arrow on the right of your desired category.
2. If you selected a global region, narrow your option by selecting immigration, Jewish, or specific country research help. Scroll down the page to see all options.
3. Select your time zone from the pop-up table. Click CONTINUE.
4. Select a day and time you would like to meet with a specialist.
5. Enter the requested information in the form that appears. Providing detailed information about your research question and ancestor will help the research specialist prepare for your interview.

NAVIGATION NOTE

When scheduling your Virtual Genealogy Consultation, if you need to change your selection or go to a previous page, click on *Change Selection* located in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.

about German research, type “Germany Genealogy” into the search box on the main wiki page. This will open the Germany portal page where links can be followed to learn about record types, German history, handwriting classes, and more! This is the place for guidance on any aspect of German research.

From the Wiki home page, enter a location or topic in the search field, or click on an area of the map to bring up a selection table to select from a list.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY RECORD LOOKUP SERVICE

<https://www.familysearch.org/family-history-library/family-history-library-records-look-up-service>

The Family History Library offers a free record lookup service in fifteen different languages for guests who are unable to visit in person. Online patrons may request images of pages of books, films, or digitized records that are not available online. This is not a research service. All requests must include a title or call number for books or a film, fiche, or image group number for digital images. An email with PDF copies of the materials requested should arrive within approximately two weeks of each successful submission.

How to request a record lookup:

1. From the FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY RECORD LOOKUP SERVICE page, scroll down to the ribbon at the bottom of the page that says BOOK/FILM REMOTE ACCESS SERVICE REQUEST and click on the green button that says REQUEST LOOKUP.
2. Fill out your contact information on the “Remote Access Services Request” form and click NEXT at the bottom of the page.
3. For film, fiche, or digital image requests, please be prepared to provide:
 - Film, fiche or DGS number
 - Image number
 - Name on document
 - Locality of record (e.g., Germany)
 - Date of the record
 - A link to the image index
 - Any additional details that may help locate the record
4. For book requests, please be prepared to provide:
 - Title and author
 - Call number
 - Information needed
 - Any additional details that may help locate the record

LEARNING CENTER

<https://www.familysearch.org/help/helpcenter/learning-center>

The Learning Center is an online vault of recorded classes and webinars designed to educate researchers. Here, experts share insights, research strategies, and tips as they pertain to various regions or topics.

Search for courses of interest by entering a location, subject, or instructor name in the search bar located within the blue ribbon at the top of the page.

FAMILYSEARCH WIKI

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page

The *FamilySearch Wiki* contains over 97,000 genealogical articles. Each country, state, and many sub-jurisdictions have their own portal page with links to educational articles, record collections at *FamilySearch*, as well as websites outside their domain. For example, to learn

GFO's New Home Appeal Revitalized

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon Board launched our New Home Appeal a year ago in the May 2021 *Forum Insider*. After a brief hiatus, the New Home Committee is back at work under the direction of Geoff Smith. In April, members should have received a letter about the next stage of our campaign.

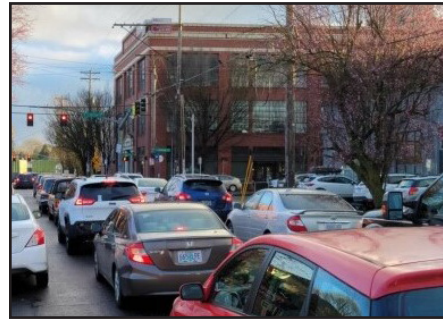
During the pandemic shutdown, the GFO continued library purchases and donation processing. Our holdings have increased by nearly 2,000 since the New Home Appeal began, and we don't anticipate a slowdown. To preserve resources for the future, the library requires more space.

Plus, we have been listening to you, our members! We know that you want a location with ample parking and larger classroom space. A permanent home would fulfill these desires while providing financial stability. Instead of facing steady rent increases in a costly city, our monthly payments would be an investment in GFO's future.

We need \$500,000—at the very least—for a down payment by late 2025. We have reached nearly 30% of this goal.

Moving forward, the New Home Committee has established some enticing donor recognitions:

- \$1,250 will purchase the space for one of our 153 bookcases, and we will install a plaque with your name on the bookcase.



Traffic backs up in front of the Ford Building, home of the GFO, as a train crosses SE 11th Ave. Photo courtesy of New Home Committee Chair Geoff Smith.

- \$8,500 will purchase the floor space for one of 13 research tables, and we will install a plaque with your name on the table.

You can help us purchase a new building by donating to the [New Home Fund](#) today! You can feel confident in your donation to our dedicated fund because the GFO earned Candid's 2022 Gold Seal of Transparency. (Visit our [Candid profile](#) for more information.)

Will you invest in a stable future for the GFO and the genealogists following in our footsteps?

Please give to the GFO New Home Fund at gfo.org/newhome. Contact Committee Chair Geoff Smith with questions or to join the New Home Committee at newhome@gfo.org.

GenTalk to Follow GFO Annual Member Meeting

The GFO Annual Membership Meeting takes place on June 18, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. PT. The first fifteen minutes of the online meeting will be dedicated to business. GFO members will be asked to approve our budget for the next fiscal year, which begins on July 1, 2022.



Leslie Brinkley Lawson

You'll also see next year's officers installed on the Board of Directors, and if a Hall of Fame recipient has been selected this year, you will hear the announcement.

A free GFO GenTalk with forensic genealogist Leslie Brinkley Lawson will immediately follow the brief meeting.

She will present "Before You Go: End of Life Planning."

As genealogists, we love end-of-life records: death cer-

tificates, probate/estate paperwork, cemetery records, obituaries, and so on. In our personal lives, however, we may not be so enthusiastic. Lawson will show you how to plan for the inevitable, covering topics such as creating an "End of Life" book and ensuring your family knows where to find your last messages.

Lawson's research focuses in locating missing heirs, identifying unknown heirs, probate research, due diligence, and kinship determination. Her experience ranges from proving family lines to proving parentage for those unable to speak due to injury or disability (dementia, Alzheimer's, schizophrenia). A national and regional speaker, Leslie is a past board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, a past President of the Council for the Advancement of Forensic Genealogists and immediate past president of the Oregon Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

Join us online on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. PT. Register in advance at gfo.org/gentalk.

The 1950 Census Is Here!

Help Make it Easily Searchable

On April 1, 2022, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) released the 1950 United States Federal Census for computer indexing by *Ancestry*. You can review what the computers have done and help make the census fully searchable by name.

To help review the 1950 census go to either NARA or *FamilySearch*:

1950 CENSUS—NATIONAL ARCHIVES

<https://1950census.archives.gov/>

1. Click “Begin search.”
2. Check the “Tips for searching the census,” and then enter the search parameters.
3. When you have entered your information, potentially matching pages come up on the next page. Click the “Help Us Transcribe Names” button on the right to begin indexing.

UNITED STATES CENSUS, 1950—FAMILYSEARCH

<https://www.familysearch.org/1950census/>

1. Sign into your free *FamilySearch* account.
2. Click START NOW.
3. Choose an available state and click GET STARTED in the “Review Names” or “Review Families” field.



This census enumerator is getting data from a Fairlington, Virginia, housewife for the 1950 Census. [National Archives](#).

4. Enter a last name (optional) to begin reviewing names.

For detailed explanations on searching and indexing the 1950 U.S. Federal census, including how to find an Enumeration District, visit Stephen P. Morse and Joel D. Weintraub’s article “[Getting Ready for the 1950 Census](#).”

Note: This information was current as of the date of publication. For up to the minute information, visit the [United States Census, 1950](#) page at *FamilySearch*.

Membership Dues to Rise in July

At the beginning of each fiscal year, the GFO increases member dues by \$1 per member per year to help keep pace with rent increases. This year, the Board adjusted the way amounts are calculated to ensure more uniformity going forward. This resulted in minor increases and decreases in various categories. This table shows the new schedule.

To renew your membership before the new price goes into effect, visit our [membership page](#) or contact the Membership Committee at membership@gfo.org and complete your renewal before July 1, 2022.

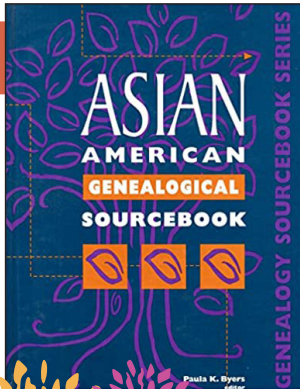
Membership 2022–2023	Digital*	Print*
Individual-12 mo	\$50.00	\$75.00
Individual-25 mo	\$100.00	\$150.00
Joint-12 mo	\$75.00	\$100.00
Joint-25 mo	\$150.00	\$200.00
Student-12 mo [ID req'd]	\$21.00 [†]	NA
Individual, Life Member	\$1000.00 [†]	NA
Joint, Life Members	\$1500.00 [†]	NA

*By choosing digital pricing, members will receive all GFO publications electronically. To receive our quarterly journal *The Bulletin* in print, the print price is applicable.

[†]Student and Life memberships receive digital publications only.

Asian and Pacific Islander Resources at GFO

The GFO Research Library is now open to in-person research, and we'd like to share some of our resources. In honor of *Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month*, we feature just a few books that can be found in our library. To search our catalog for other resources, visit gfo.org. Click on RESOURCES > RESEARCH LIBRARY > LIBRARY CATALOG. Enter your terms in the search window.



Asian American Genealogical Sourcebook

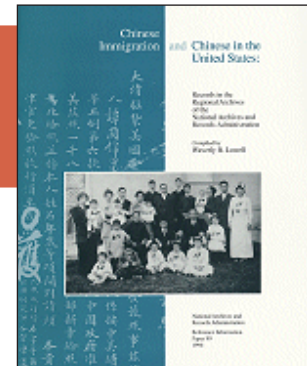
Byers, Paula K., Editor. Detroit, MI: Gale Research, 1995.
CALL NO: 973 .ETHNIC ASIA HOW-TO BYER 1995

The first part of this book covers immigration policies that affected individuals coming from China, Japan, Korea, South Asia, and the Philippines. A discussion of common challenges, such as transliteration of Asian languages and calculating for differing calendar systems is included. In the second part, records specific to Asian Americans are covered. Explanations are given for the types of records that may be available both in the United States and in the country of origin. Keep in mind that some of the mentioned collections may be online today, especially those kept by the Family History Library. The GFO is a FamilySearch affiliate library so collections not available from home may be accessible at the library.

Chinese Immigration and Chinese in the United States: Records in the Regional Archives of the National Archives and Records Administration

Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Administration, 1996.
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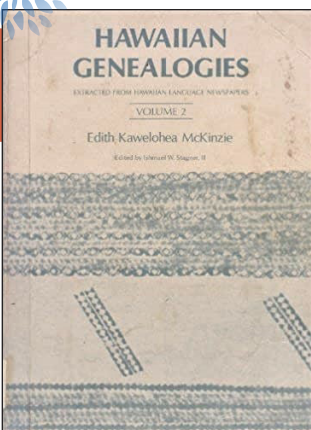
This pamphlet acts as a finding aid for the record groups held by the National Archives that are specific to Chinese immigrants. It includes descriptions for records held at regional offices throughout the United States. Using the record titles, you can search the [online catalog at the National Archives](https://www.archives.gov/research/catalog) to see which record may have been digitized.



Hawaiian Genealogies Extracted from Hawaiian Language Newspapers (vol. 2)

McKinzie, Edith Kawelohea. Laie, Hawaii: Inst. for Polynesian Studies BYU, 1986.
979.90 .GENEA MCKI v2

Genealogical lists printed in Hawaiian language newspapers between 1865 and 1920 have been transcribed in this second volume produced by Edith Kawelohea McKinzie. The lists appear in the original Hawaiian and include translation to English. This volume includes “some major kahuna or priestly lineages” (p. xiii).



Tutorial for County Coroner Records Online

Through a collaboration with the Multnomah County Archives, the tutorial for the digitized Multnomah County coroner records, written by *Insider* co-editor Keri Logan and originally published in the February 2022 *Forum Insider*, has been reproduced on the county archives web page. The tutorial can be accessed [here](#).

Coroner's records do not include all deaths, but any death of an individual not under the care of a doctor may have been investigated. These may contain name, age and birthdate, address, place of birth, cause of death, verdict of



jury, burial notes, and more.

The Multnomah County Archives has digitized coroner records from 1 July 1894–11 June 1923, however the archives holds undigitized records to 1965. To access the later records, contact the archives at records@multco.us or 503-988-3741.

Stengels, J.W.	35	male United States	Portland Or	Sept 16 1894	Portland Or	Sept 17 1894	shot & wounded
McCarthy, Paul J.	29	male United States	San Francisco	Sept 26 1894	Portland Or	Sept 27 1894	Mt. St. Helens
Anderson, Charles	30	male United States	Portland Or	Sept 23 1894	Albion Or	Sept 25 1894	Burned to death

Sample of Multnomah County coroner records from September 1894: Record of Coroner's Investigation p. 003, [Multnomah County Archives Digital Collections](#).



THE PORTLAND MACINTOSH USERS GROUP PRESENTS:

SPRING MACCAMP / MAY 6TH-8TH AT HULL PARK IN SANDY, OR

CLASSES

- **GET STARTED IN GENEALOGY / ANNE VERHOEVEN / JOYCE GRANT-WORLEY / PHIL O'NEIL**
This is a beginners class, but will also have information for users who are already working on a family tree. Scanning and video digitizing stations are available all weekend.
- **UPGRADE YOUR APPLE DEVICE AT MACCAMP / JOSHIN YAMADA / PEREN BJORK / LOREN LEED**
Get expert help in upgrading your Mac, iPhone or iPad to the new systems.
- **ORGANIZING YOUR VACATION PHOTOS / LAURAL ENGEMAN**
Laural Engeman has been documenting vacation travels for years, and will share proven ideas on how she brings it all together.

INFO

Costs: **\$175 per person*** includes single room, all meals and classes.

Reservations/Payment: pmug.org/product/mac-camp.

Full schedule/updated information: pmug.org/maccamp-spring-2022

ANY & ALL MACCAMP QUESTIONS ANSWERED AT

INFO@PMUG.ORG

*PMUG MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED, OBTAINED FOR ONLY \$12 PER PERSON: [PMUG.ORG/JOIN-PMUG](https://pmug.org/join-pmug)
PROOF OF COVID19 VACCINATION ALSO REQUIRED TO ATTEND. DIETARY ARRANGEMENTS AVAILABLE WITH PRIOR REQUEST.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

gfo.org/learn/special-interest-groups

SIG meetings occur virtually in Pacific Time. They are open to the public. Check the calendar (gfo.org/calendar) for meeting dates and registration links. When registration links are not on the calendar, contact the SIG leader or email gfo.events@gfo.org.

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BRITISH GROUP

Led by Duane Funk
UK@gfo.org

DNA – Advanced

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DNA Q & A – The Basics

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SPOTLIGHT ON SIGS, FROM PAGE 1

be “Using Land Records from State Land State: Part 1”—90% of adult, White males in this country before 1850 were landowners. Not many early records include such a large segment of the population, which makes them an invaluable resource for genealogists. Although you won’t necessarily find all the information you want in one record, the records can provide information about family relationships, vital events, and family migration patterns. Always squeeze every bit of information out of them you can. We’ll discuss where to find them, how to understand what we find, and some of the many ways to use them. We will also have some time to hear about any discoveries you may have found researching bounty land and answer any questions now that you’ve had time to digest the information. [Register in advance for this online meeting.](#)

The Virginia Roots and Vines SIG meets on the first Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. To learn more, register for a meeting, or contact facilitators, Judi Scott and Carol Surrency, visit [Virginia Roots and Vines.](#)

...AND CHECK OUT ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S ONLINE INTEREST GROUPS

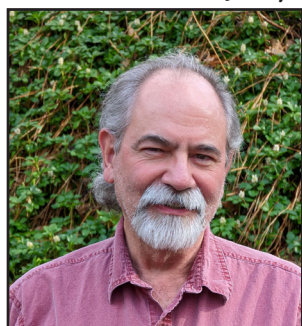
[Learn more and register for online interest groups at Rogue Valley Genealogical Society.](#)

- Colonial America Interest Group
Monday, May 09, 2022, 2–3:30 p.m. PT
- German Interest Group
Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. PT
- Family Tree Maker Interest Group
Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 1:30–3 p.m. PT
- Genetic Genealogy Interest Group
Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. PT
- Genealogy Newbies Interest Group
Thursday, May 12, 2022, 6–7:30 p.m. PT
- Irish Interest Group
Friday, May 13, 2022, 1:30–3 p.m. PT
- Brick Wall Roundtable
Saturday, May 14, 2022, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. PT

GFO RootsMagic SIG Starting in May

The GFO is thrilled to announce that a RootsMagic Special Interest Group will start meeting online in May. This SIG will be facilitated by Barry Wolff.

A native of New Jersey, Barry retired five years ago. His



Barry Wolff

37-year Engineering/Program Management career with The Boeing Company started in Seattle and ended in Philadelphia. He currently resides in Pennsylvania.

He always had an interest in knowing who his ancestors were, but it wasn't until retirement that he decided to do more than just talk about

them. Both his mother and his father's second cousin had done family research 25–35 years ago (prior to data being available online like it is today). There was one drawback, very little of this “headstart” information identified where/how they found the information. On his wife's side, he started from scratch. Thankfully, all four of their parents and his wife's 104-year-old grandmother are still with them and able to answer questions about their parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles.

After evaluating the options available at the time, Barry selected RootsMagic as the software tool to document and manage his genealogy research. Over the past year, he began helping other users on the RootsMagic User Facebook Group and now, after recently joining the GFO, he has volunteered to lead the new RootsMagic GFO Interest Group.

The RootsMagic SIG is an open forum for users of RootsMagic software of all experience levels to meet monthly. The goal of the SIG is to learn and help others through live demonstrations and discussion about how the software can be utilized to support individual research. In addition to open Q&A, monthly topics will be based on ongoing member areas of interest and feedback. All meetings will be virtual, via Zoom. Registration is available on the GFO RootsMagic page.

The kickoff meeting will be held on May 9 at 10 a.m. PT. Subsequent meetings will be on the first Monday of the month at 10 a.m. PT. You can submit meeting topic ideas and/or questions in advance of the meeting to RootsMagic@gfo.org.

Treasurer's Report

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March 2022 Income	
Contributions	\$890.68
Memberships	\$2,907.16
Annual Appeal	\$50.00
Library & Research	\$146.50
Book Sales & Misc. Income	\$1,661.45
Interest & Dividends	\$1,513.61
Total	\$7,169.40
March 2022 Expense	
Administration	\$1,098.48
Publications	\$327.51
Education fees	\$125.00
Facilities & Equipment	\$6,933.95
Library & Research	\$647.42
Total	\$9,132.36
Net Income for the month	-\$1,962.96
Year-to-Date Net Income	\$19,654.62
Donor Restricted Donations	\$24.00
Unrealized gains	\$7,334.81
Endowment Donation	
Total adjustments	\$7,358.81

IMMEDIATE OPENING ON THE GFO ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

The GFO is seeking a volunteer to join the Endowment Committee, a group of five people who help guide the investment decisions of the GFO Endowment and New Home funds. Some investment experience is helpful but not a requirement. Accountants, engineers, and people who are detail oriented generally are a good fit.

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GFO Bids Farewell to DNA SIG Founder

After 17 years, Emily Aulicino, facilitator of the DNA Beginner's Special Interest Group (SIG), has retired. Emily founded the GFO DNA group around 2005. In the beginning, about 30 people met in a back room at the GFO's prior location on Gideon Street in Portland. The GFO now has three DNA SIGs with membership lists in the hundreds. More than 100 attendees regularly attend online meetings.



Emily Aulicino (right) with Barbara Rae-Venter during the 2019 GFO Open House, which was the last in-person Open House before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Emily attributes the formation of the DNA SIG, as well as creating 11 DNA projects with Family Tree DNA and attending DNA conferences, for her many friendships and collaborations within the genetic genealogy community. Through her contacts, Emily brought noted speakers to the GFO group.

Emily met Colleen Fitzpatrick, internationally recognized forensic genealogist, in 2005 at a Family Tree DNA conference held in Washington DC at the National Geographic Society. When she invited Fitzpatrick to speak, the group had to move to the church across from the Woodstock Wine and Deli on Woodstock Boulevard to fit all the attendees.

Just after Barbara Rae-Venter was revealed as the forensic genetic genealogist who helped uncover the Golden State Killer, Emily—who had met Rae-Venter in London at another FTDNA conference—asked her to speak at GFO Open House.

Emily also arranged for a local cold case detective to speak on a panel regarding law enforcement's use of DNA.

All that doesn't even touch on the countless presentations Emily has shared with the GFO community. She is an accomplished speaker in her own right who has traveled the world, giving presentations throughout the U.S., Canada, Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, England, and Germany.

As she moves into this next phase, Emily will write about her ancestors, Evan Ogan and Susan Wycle. They are not her oldest Ogan line, but she feels they deserve special honor because Susan bore and raised 18 children in the first half of the 1800s, with all the children living to adulthood and having at least one child. She has also promised to work on a cookbook with her granddaughter. And she is looking forward to spending more time with family and friends and traveling again to visit friends across the U.S.

The GFO is indebted to you, Emily, for all the expertise you have brought to our community for nearly two decades. We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

DNA SIGs will continue at the GFO with Lisa McCullough's [DNA Q&A](#) group, which meets monthly on third Wednesdays from 1–3 p.m. PT, and Tim Janzen's [Advanced DNA](#) group, which meets quarterly on the fourth Saturday from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. PT. Visit the [SIG page](#) for links to register.

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GFO MAY 2022 ONLINE EVENTS

Check the calendar for the URL to participate in online events: gfo.org/calendar

Monday, May 2

10 a.m.–12 p.m. Access to GFO Resources

Wednesday, May 4

10 a.m.–12 p.m. Learn & Chat

Saturday, May 7

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

Monday, May 9

10 a.m.–12 p.m. RootsMagic

Tuesday, May 10

6:30–8:30 p.m. Board Meeting

Thursday, May 12

6–7 p.m. The Q Review

Saturday, May 14

1–3 p.m. Writers' Forum

Sunday, May 15

3:30–5 p.m. French Canada Ancestry

Wednesday, May 18

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

Saturday, May 21

9:30–11:30 a.m. Genealogy Problem Solvers
12–2 p.m. African American Ancestry

Sunday, May 22

1–2:30 p.m. Italian Ancestry

Saturday, May 28

1–3 p.m. British Group