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15-Year-Old Mystery Solved with Collaboration

Cathy Armstrong Cudney

On the 1940 census, my father and family are listed as living on Gates Road in South Kelly Butte, Multnomah County, Oregon. I could not find Gates Road on any maps of the Portland area. One day back in April, I was on a Zoom Learn and Chat [Special Interest Group] meeting. I asked if anyone knew how I could find this road. Gerry Lenzen told me there was a large map in the hallway at the GFO that should have this road on it.

I logged into the GFO MemberSpace and submitted a lookup request for someone to look at that map in the hallway for me. I got a quick reply from Doris Cruickshank, who received my request. She used an online map instead of the hallway map. Doris was familiar with the area of South Kelly Butte. She looked on the 1944 Metsker map of Portland online. Doris found Kelly Butte on map 32, but she was unable to locate Gates Road. However, she sent me the link to this map. The map is divided



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by areas of Portland. At the bottom of each map, it has a number with the owner of the property listed. How helpful this was!

She told me how to maneuver around this website. One of the great things about this map is when you get to the edge of the map, it is labeled with a number of the continuing map to look at. I started searching each map I felt was close to the area I thought Dad lived in. I finally found a Gates Road on map 40. It was close to Holgate and Powell. I then did a brief search on Google maps for the area around Holgate and Powell, and what did I find? On Holgate and 136th is Gates Park Prop-

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VOICES OF OUR PATRONS: 75 YEARS SHARING FAMILY HISTORY

The McGarvins: Researching and Volunteering Together

Jane McGarvin

Jerry McGarvin and I were born and raised in the Hood River valley. We married in 1965.

I got my first taste of family history in 1954 after my grandmother, Josie Darden Doggett, wrote her life story, *Our Lives*, after her husband, John, passed away. (Josie's life story was published in the GFO *Bulletin*, in June, September, and December 2019, and March 2020. I had an article about cousin reunion and travels published in the June 2020 edition of the *Bulletin*.) Jerry's intro-

duction to genealogy came from cousins who shared information on both his paternal family lines (McGarvin/Smith) and maternal family lines (Schneider/Hintz/Wiege).

In 1995, I heard about the Lake Oswego Public Library monthly genealogy program and its large genealogy reference section. As Jerry and I began looking through those records, we both became hooked on genealogy. I joined the GFO in 1998, taking

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Jane (Doggett) McGarvin and Jerry (Mac) McGarvin are life members. They were chosen 2020 GFO Hall of Fame recipients.

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Please send short success stories,
news, announcements, comments,
and corrections to Geri Auerbach and
Keri Logan, editors, at insider@gfo.org.

Find Historical Oregon Newspapers Through Multnomah County Library

Gerri Auerbach

Did you know that with a Multnomah County Library card you have online access to *The Historical Oregonian* (1861–1987), *The Oregonian* (1987–present), and the *Oregon Journal* (1902–1982)? These titles are not available through the [Historic Oregon Newspapers](http://HistoricOregonNewspapers) site; although that site does have the *Morning Oregonian* (1861–1937).

To use this resource, go to the library website home page (multcolib.org), click “Research” and then click “Research Tools”. A list of available research resources is listed. Library patrons also have access to the historic and current *New York Times*. Other newspapers (generally more current issues) are available through the NewsBank and ProQuest links on the “Research” page.

Many people beyond Multnomah County residents are eligible to get a free library card for the Multnomah County Library.

You can get a free library card if you live, own property, teach, or go to school in the following locations:

Oregon

- Clackamas County, except for Johnson City
- Hood River County
- Multnomah County
- Washington County

Washington

- Clark County
- Klickitat County
- Skamania County
- Some areas of Cowlitz County: Cities of Ariel, Cougar or Woodland, Yale Precinct

If none of these apply to you, you may be able to get access to these databases with a Multnomah County Passport card. These cards are available through the Oregon Library Passport Program.

To see if your local library is a participant, check the program website at bit.ly/304S4pS.

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erty! I then went back to the Metsker map and looked at the bottom for my family’s surname. I found it but was surprised to see it was listed under my grandmother’s name, not my grandfather’s. But knowing her, that seems about right.

I have found a new Portland resource that is free and easy to use right online. I am so happy I asked the question in the Zoom meeting and that someone was able to lead me

down the path that I needed to take. I have come to ask questions of more seasoned members of the GFO and to listen well. This led me to answer a question I have had for fifteen years. To access Historic Mapworks, visit bit.ly/3oQEckS.

Editor’s note. *The Learn and Chat Special Interest Group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month via Zoom. The meetings are open to the public. Visit the Learn and Chat page at bit.ly/3mMotJM.*

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Former GFO President Accepts VP Position

Laurel Smith agreed to step into the vacant Vice President role shortly after Susie Chodorow became our new President. Laurel sat for this interview with the *Insider* to discuss her new role and her history with the GFO.

Why did you accept the Vice-President position?

Susie reached out to me and asked me to be Vice President. As a relatively new Board member, Susie thought it would be helpful to have someone with experience on the Board with whom she could consult. Susie also wanted someone to share some responsibilities. I have agreed to fill the Vice President position until June 30, 2022.

What do you see as the role of the Vice President of the GFO?

Vice President is one of the GFO Board positions that doesn't have a pre-determined set of responsibilities. Traditionally, the VP focuses on a task of choice during their term, or one assigned by the President. There are duties that might be a good fit for the right person. For example, the VP could be the marketing manager. That doesn't mean necessarily creating marketing content, but rather gathering information and making sure it gets out. A dedicated



marketing manager would be a great benefit to the organization. And it should always be a goal for the VP to foster member relations.

When did you start genealogy?

I started genealogy when *Roots*, the TV show, came out. I did it for the short term, researching my adoptive family. I took no classes. What I really did was family history information collecting. I came back strong into genealogy in 2004 when I found my biological family.

When did you join GFO?

About 2007. I was Googling my husband's ancestors and up popped a hit on the GFO website. We went down to the GFO, which was then the Gideon Street location, and joined that day. I started volunteering for the GFO in about 2009.

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Happy Holidays

**Do you have a friend or relative interested in genealogy?
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*If gift card needed before Dec 15, allow seven days for processing. Different start dates may be requested.

MCGARVINS,
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genealogy classes. Jerry joined in 2002. We became Life Members in 2004.

At the Gideon Building, we attended the quarterly All-Nighter Research program led by Julie Kidd. Other GFO regular members attending were Duane Funk and Jim Rogers.

When the GFO moved to the Ford Building, we began attending several SIG [Special Interest Groups] meetings and a number of GFO seminars. Beginning about 2007 we went on several research trips to Salt Lake City Family History Library and attended several yearly week-long Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy programs.

After my retirement in December 2012, while doing research, Cathy Lauer suggested that I volunteer as a Research Assistant (RA). On my first day as an RA, a patron asked for assistance using Ancestry. Since I had used Ancestry at home, I felt comfortable assisting the patron. After a while, I also volunteered to help process Membership forms with Marge Enneking.

After Jerry's retirement in 2013, we began volunteering as the Wednesday morning RAs. After a year volunteer-

ing, then GFO President Laurel Smith suggested I consider running for the Director at Large position on the Board. I was elected to that position.

At the May 13, 2014, Board meeting, the Board approved a proposal from the Oregon Mentor Corps to help the GFO develop a disaster plan to respond to emergencies. Even before being sworn in as Director, I volunteered to chair the Emergency Preparedness Committee. I had been involved with the Oregon Association of Municipal Recordors (OAMR) since 1983 and knew the OAMR's Records Management Committee had worked with the State Archives on a Disaster Planning Manual that municipalities could use to develop their disaster plans. Rather than reinvent the wheel, I used this manual as the basis for GFO's Disaster Plan and single-handedly wrote that plan.

Jerry began his involvement with the GFO by attending the Family Tree Maker SIG and then working as an RA. He has served as GFO's Facilities Manager. In this role, he has bought and installed new shelving, built many shelving units throughout the library, and moved furniture as necessary. He

has expanded his GFO involvement to working on the Library Committee by indexing Oregon death and divorce records, newspaper obituaries, labeling books, and helping to prepare materials for digitizing.

We have attended many seminars where I staffed the membership table and Jerry was the "chief cook and bottle washer" and clean-up person of the refreshment/coffee area. He also helped with the set-up of seminars and other events and cleanup at the end of the events. Currently, we fold print copies of *The Forum Insider* and put the mailing labels on *The Bulletin*.

In recognition of our service to the GFO, the board named Jerry (Mac) as GFO Star several times and selected us as the Hall of Fame award recipients in 2020.

Throughout 75th anniversary year of the GFO, The Forum Insider has shared patron memories of our organization and their family history journeys. We would like to thank all the authors who contributed their reflections this year.

VICE PRESIDENT, FROM PAGE 3

When were you the GFO President?

I started in 2012 and served for three (two-year) terms. All elected GFO officials are limited to two terms unless the GFO Board specifically asks them to serve longer. The Board came to me and asked me to run.

What is your other role in the GFO?

My other role is Library Chair. The Library Chair reviews all the materials donated to the GFO. I also select items for purchase in collaboration with the Collection Development Committee. In addition to what we add, we also remove items that are outdated, of little use in genealogy, or don't fit our collection guidelines. I spend most of my time working with volunteers to catalog these new materials and process them for use by our members.

My primary focus right now is our digitization work. I select the materials to digitize. Currently we are not removing books from the shelf to digitize. We want to retain books in our collection for our patrons. We are digitizing duplicates as well as materials that could not be added because of their condition. We are, however, removing periodicals from the shelf to digitize them. Doing so prevents their loss and deterioration and makes them much easier for our members. It also creates much needed space for new acquisitions.

The best part of being Library Chair is working with the wonderful library volunteers. I couldn't (and wouldn't want) to do it without them. They have become my friends as well as colleagues.

Contact Laurel at vicepresident@gfo.org. To see the library volunteer opportunities, visit gfo.org/support-us/volunteer-opportunities.

Ed Vandehey Joins GFO Board of Directors

While skimming through the Oregon genealogy Facebook groups last December, Ed Vandehey discovered the GFO. He instantly felt at home with the Genealogical Forum of Oregon.

January rolled around, and the GFO was searching for a replacement webmaster. Ed volunteered to take on the website duties. Now that he has settled into the position, he has decided to take a more active role in the GFO and has recently joined the GFO Board of Directors. Ed hopes that others will volunteer with the GFO and perhaps become part of the Website Team.

“I love being part of a team with each team member having their own talents and skill sets. Yes, I hold the title of Webmaster, but it is the entire Website Team and others that are providing this valuable resource to the GFO members and visitors. Working closely with the Data Extraction, Library, Education, and Technology teams... we put out a pretty fine product!”

Ed is no stranger to non-profit organizations. While working as an IT Manager in a San Francisco Bay Area municipality, he volunteered as a “Big” with the Big Brothers / Big Sisters organization and served on the Board of Directors for Citizens Organized for a Police Station (COPS), a grassroots organization that raised funds and promoted the need to build a new police station in Pacifica, California. “I find volunteering to be very rewarding. I like to give back to my community and help out where



I can.”

For roughly 30 years, Ed has been researching his family history. Having grown up on a small berry farm, Ed had always been surrounded by family. His grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins lived next door. In the late 1970, Ed's family members were interviewed by a priest in the family named Father Scott Vandehey. Father Scott was researching the Vandehey family and their long journey from The Netherlands,

through Wisconsin, to the Forest Grove area of Oregon.

Ed's grandparents met in Forest Grove, started a family, moved to St. Paul, and ultimately settled in Woodburn. Father Scott authored *Wooden Shoes West* and *On Good Ground* based on his interviews and research. These two books written on their shared family are what started Ed's love and fascination for genealogy.

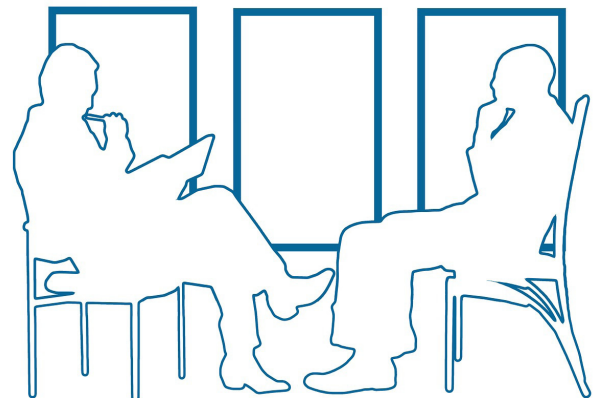
Now retired, Ed has returned to the family farm and is living in the house he grew up in, one that was built by his father 60 years ago.

“The house, the farm, and the neighborhood have all changed—but it is here that I find my family and share their stories of triumph over hardship.”

Early this fall, Ed and his husband celebrated 30 years together. They reside in Woodburn with their rescue dog, Tacoma. Contact Ed at webmaster@gfo.org with any comments or concerns or to volunteer for the web team.

GFO Needs Volunteers for Nominating Committee

Our board election is not until next spring, but we already need your help. GFO's bylaws require us to appoint three to five GFO members, who are not currently on the Board, to serve on a Nominating Committee. This committee shall nominate candidates for offices in the next election by January 31, 2022. Next year, we will have positions for President, Vice President, Secretary, Director at Large, and Endowment Committee member on the ballot. These are very important positions that we must fill. Would you be willing to help us find candidates? Please contact president@gfo.org if you can serve on the Nominating Committee or are interested in running for any of these positions.

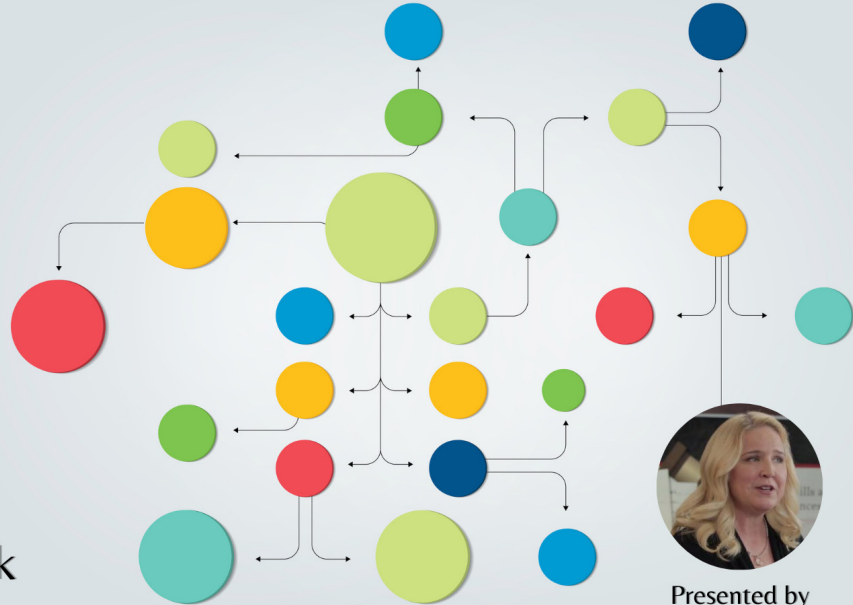


Using Cluster Research to Understand Your Ancestors

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Nov.

2:30 pm
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Free Registration:
gfo.org/gentalk



Presented by
Anne Gillespie Mitchell

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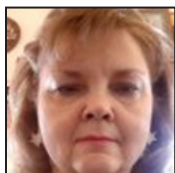
**Southern California Genealogical Society
and Family Research Library**

Free November Webinars from SCGS

Southern California Genealogical Society has two monthly webinars that are free to view if you register in advance and watch live. November's seminars have subjects that may be of particular interest to GFO members.

It Takes a Village to Unearth the “Real” History

by *Billie R. McNamara*
Saturday, November 6, 2021
10:00 AM, Pacific



Researchers spend substantial time on solo efforts or sharing with small cohorts. Participating in larger, crowd-sourcing activities enhances skills exponentially. Each contributor brings resources to a resulting knowledge base. Define, describe the value of, and acquire tools for locating and assess-

ing crowd-sourcing opportunities. Develop techniques for honing personal skills from crowd-sourced knowledge.

Register at bit.ly/3iYX5qR.

Western Overland Trails – Following the Seven Ts

by *Steven W. Morrison, MPA*
Wednesday, November 17, 2021
6:00 PM, Pacific



An overview of the seven major western overland trails, Oregon, California, Mormon Pioneer, Santa Fe Trail, and more. Learn about seven tracking techniques to help locate your ancestor and trace their route West.

Register at register.gotowebinar.com/register/8215640354277897230.

DNA May Reveal Secrets: Be Prepared

Emily Aulicino

We know that DNA is more accurate than genealogy records, which are man-made. Hopefully, everyone who has tested or asked someone to test has informed the tester that their DNA may reveal a surprise. Like genealogy, those surprises vary greatly: from name changes, illegitimate births, adoptions, sperm and ovum (egg) donors...and perhaps more.

Are you or your tester prepared for a possible surprise?

My family has some surprises. Names have been omitted, or the persons mentioned are deceased.

SURNAME CHANGE

My maiden name is Doolin. I tested a cousin only to discover he not only matched the Doolin surname, but matched six other surnames, even after doing the Y-111. A haplogroup administrator asked me to do the Y-500 test next because this administrator was also matched to these other surnames and had a theory for what was happening. The result was that all seven surnames (and some variations of them) were from the Seven Septs of Laois, a county in Ireland. I had been told all my life that we were Scots-Irish but had no idea from where we hailed.

Years later, my Doolin cousin matched a man living outside of London whose surname is Dowling. I have found no matches to any Dowlings in the United States. After meeting a friend who lives in County Laois at a conference in England, I was told that the pronunciation of Dowling was Doolin. This man authored a book on the Seven Septs and explained that, in 1641, the British were trying to break up the group, causing everyone to either go into hiding or leave the area. I'm stuck in the U.S. in 1750 in Virginia. The Dowling match has his line back to County Laois in 1795, so we are a few generations away from connecting, it would seem.

My Doolin cousin has since died, so I cannot do the Y-700 test.

SURNAME CHANGES BY CHOICE

A person in my Talley Y-DNA project has his line back to England and matches Talleys. However, his surname is Lorraine. Why the surname became Lorraine when the Talley ancestor came to the U.S is not known. It has been lost in time.

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS

We knew that my grandmother had a child before she was married, and no one knows the father's name. As her son had no male children, no possibilities have been located so far.

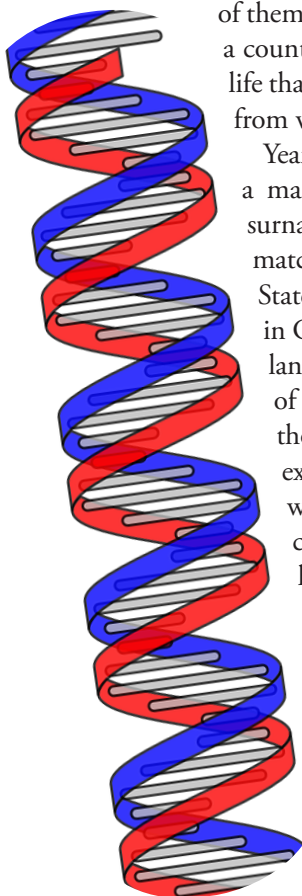
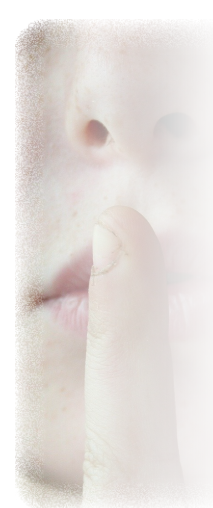
My grandmother's brother married a woman, and she bore four children. The family knew that one of the sons (the third child) was from an unknown male. In wanting to DNA test a cousin who was the daughter of the fourth child in this family, we discovered she was not a match to me. She was not my biological second cousin.

Since each of our families had illegitimate children, we tested other family members to see who bore the last name correctly. My second tester proved the surname for my grandmother. The cousin who is no longer my biological second cousin tested her brother and discovered that her father and the third child had the same unique surname...a very unique surname. I told her that her grandmother must have liked the guy as two of her four children, the two youngest ones, were by this unknown man.

ADOPTION

Several lines in my robust pedigree have surnames of their mother's other marriages. I found an Ogan man living in an area where my Ogan cousins lived, and I tested him. He did not match the surname, and I then discovered his father had taken the Ogan surname from his mother's second husband, Joseph Ogan. The tester and his father carried the biological surname (Abbott) of the wife's first marriage.

I have found women who had their child use the mother's



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DNA SECRETS, FROM PAGE 8

SPERM DONOR

maiden name because they had not married some cousin of mine or had divorced them. Another case in my family was that a man's father was Walker from a second marriage of my cousin. His mother married again, and the child has the surname of her third husband as do his descendants.

In another instance, my husband's aunt Vivian was said to be the full sister of my husband's mother. Their mother died a few months after Vivian was born. According to the family story, baby Vivian was given to a friend of Charlie (my husband's grandfather) to raise because Charlie had two other children small children and claimed he could not raise a baby alone. After telling this story to the family in Italy, they disputed it. I decided I needed a DNA test. After testing Vivian, I discovered she was a half-aunt. Her mother had an affair with another man while married to Charlie. I was given this man's name by a family member when my mother-in-law died. Sure enough, the young man was living in the home of my husband's grandparents at the time when the half-aunt would have been conceived. I do not know if her children know as I have not seen either of them in years and do not want to bring such a story to them, although it has nothing to do with them.

My family has a sperm donor who has at least 23 children. At least one of the children knows who he is, and this child's mother has spoken with the donor. This young man told me that thirteen of the siblings met in Arizona in January 2020. The young man also told me his biological father's name, which upset his mother, so I have not heard from him since. The donor wants to remain private, and even though he is in his fifties, he has not told his mother. I have known the donor's mother and her siblings most of my life, and I do not want to bring such news to them.

I'm very sure that many of you have discovered secrets revealed by DNA. So, the key here is let all your testers know the possibilities before they test.

Emily Doolin Aulicino, a retired teacher, has been a serious genealogist since 1970 and a genetic genealogist since 2005. She has written a book on her Gilmore lineage and is currently compiling one on her Ogan line. She has taught writing classes for seniors through Portland Parks and Recreation since 2005 and is now offering a Zoom platform. Emily's booklet "Memoing" My Memories is a guide to writing one's childhood memories and family stories. Emily has also published the book Genetic Genealogy: The Basics and Beyond. She has been a member the GFO since 1988.

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We Invite You to a GivingTuesday “Wedding Reception”

GivingTuesday is a day for GFO volunteers to come together to achieve an important goal. This year, on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the brides and grooms of Multnomah County (1917–1924) invite you to index their marriage records! These records have never been indexed before—making them difficult to search on site and impossible to search online. Your time this GivingTuesday will make the marriage records easily accessible for future researchers.

Our indexing “reception” will be held online. You will be able to visit in small Zoom rooms with other volunteers as if you were seated together at a wedding reception.

You won’t need to shop for a gift for this reception because the couples have just one item on their registry: the gift of your time. You can join the indexing party for the full day, a few hours, or just half an hour. Whatever time



you give is welcome, needed, and appreciated. There will be door prizes for the volunteers, including a GFO membership, a Spring Seminar ticket, and an Ancestry DNA kit.

For more information and to register for the event, visit gfo.org/givingtuesday.

Treasurer's Report

TREASURER@GFO.ORG

August 2021 Income	
Donations	\$1,007.54
Memberships	\$3,409.00
Indirect Contributions	\$2,242.95
Seminars & Other Programs	\$555.00
Library & Research	\$141.80
Book Sales & Misc. Income	\$2,007.45
Interest & Dividends	\$339.10
Total	\$9,702.84

August 2021 Expense	
Administration	\$4,391.98
Donor Restricted Expense	\$1,501.39
Facilities & Equipment	\$5,520.98
Library & Research	\$621.06
Total	\$12,035.41

Net Income for the month	-\$2,332.57
Year-to-Date Net Income	-\$4092.31

Donor Restricted Donations:	\$58,424.00
Unrealized gains	\$10,250.00
Endowment Donation	
Total adjustments	\$68,674.00

September 2021 Income	
Donations	\$502.54
Memberships	\$3,591.00
Seminars & Other Programs	\$780.00
Library & Research	\$92.00
Book Sales & Misc. Income	\$754.63
Interest & Dividends	\$835.73
Total	\$6,555.90

September 2021 Expense	
Administration	\$4,185.74
Publications	\$63.30
Speaker fees	\$125.00
Facilities & Equipment	\$5,391.98
Library & Research	\$533.15
Total	\$10,299.17

Net Income for the month	-\$3,743.27
Year-to-Date Net Income	-\$7,835.58

Donor Restricted Donations:	\$618.63
Unrealized losses	-\$7,889.92
Endowment Donation	
Total adjustments	-\$7,271.29



Topics for November SIG meetings

GREAT LAKES GROUP

Saturday, November 13, 2021
9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. PT

The November presentation is titled “Minnesota Ancestor in the Canadian Scottish Regiment of WWI.” Our presenter Nicki will lead us on the trail of a young Minnesota man who joined the Canadian Expeditionary Forces to fight in World War I, and how a battlefield injury changed his life. This is the tale of her grandfather Willard Sickner, which includes family lore and related adventures, some proven. Please email GreatLakes@gfo.org, to request a link to attend.

DNA BEGINNERS GROUP

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

Have you hit a brick wall in your research? Looking for some new research tips or inspiration? Join professional genealogist, Greg Wick, for a step-by-step analysis of how he successfully utilized autosomal and Y-DNA evidence to help him identify the origins of his paternal immigrant ancestor.

To register for the meeting, go to bit.ly/3lDCQAN.



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

gfo.org/learn/special-interest-groups

AFRICAN AMERICAN GROUP

Third Saturdays
12–2 p.m.
Led by Janice Sellers

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

DNA – Beginners

Fourth Saturdays in Feb, May,
Aug, and Nov
10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Led by Emily Aulicino

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

DNA Q & A – The Basics

Third Wednesdays
1–3 p.m.

Led by Lisa McCullough

DNA_QA@gfo.org

FAMILY TREE MAKER

Sundays in Oct, Jan, Mar, Jun

Led by Agnes Zueger
and Joyce Grant-Worley

FTM@gfo.org

FRENCH CANADA GROUP

Third Sundays

3:30–5 p.m.

Led by Carol LaBrie
and Laura Mitchell

FrCan@gfo.org

GENEALOGY PROBLEM SOLVERS

Third Saturdays, most months
9:30–11:30 a.m.

Led by Katie Daly

GPS@gfo.org

GERMAN GROUP

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1–3 p.m.

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Second Saturdays
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9:30–11:30 a.m.

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IRISH GROUP

Third Wednesdays in Feb, Apr,
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6–8 p.m.

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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
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Led by Sandy Alto
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THE Q REVIEW

Second Thursdays
6 p.m.–7 p.m.

Led by Alexa Waddle

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VIRGINIA GROUP

First Saturdays, Sept–June
10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Led by Judi Scott
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WRITERS' FORUM

Second Saturdays, Sept–May
1–3 p.m.

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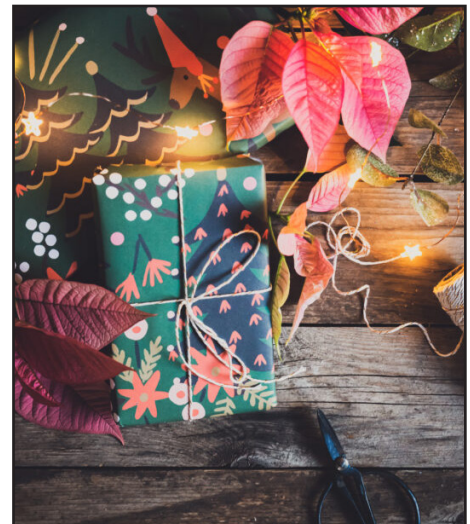
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Wednesday, November 3

10 a.m.–12 p.m. Learn & Chat

Saturday, November 6

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

Monday, November 8

10 a.m.–12 p.m. Access GFO Resources

Tuesday, November 9

6:30–8:30 p.m. Board Meeting

Thursday, November 11

6–7 p.m. The Q Review

Saturday, November 12

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

Wednesday, November 17

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

Saturday, November 20

9:30–11:30 a.m. Genealogy Problem Solvers
12–2 p.m. African American Ancestry
2:30–3:30 p.m. Gen Talk: Using Cluster Research to Understand Your Ancestors: When a Tree Isn't Enough

Sunday, November 21

3:30–5:30 p.m. French Canada Ancestry

Thursday, November 25

THANKSGIVING

Saturday, November 27

10 a.m.–12 p.m. DNA Beginners

Sunday, November 28

1–2:30 p.m. Italian Ancestry

Tuesday, November 30

9 a.m.–3 p.m. Giving Tuesday Volunteer Event