

Genealogical Forum of Oregon



HOUSE HISTORIES

A Workshop by
Connie Lenzen, CG

Have you ever wondered who lived in your house before you did? Have you wondered when your house was built? Have you wondered who built your house? Do you want to see what your house looked like when it was built? Or, is there a building that you would like to research?

Connie will lead us through the process of learning the history of your house. There will be examples from Multnomah and Clackamas County, but the principles can be applied to any location.

Connie Lenzen is a Board-certified genealogist, author, and researcher.

Limited to 50 attendees
Don't miss out - register now!

Questions to info@gfo.org or 503-963-1932

Sunday
31 January 2016
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
GFO Library



House Histories Workshop ~ Registration Form ~ Sunday, January 31, 2016

Members: ___ \$20 received by 28 January 2016 ___ \$25 received after 28 January 2016

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Total \$ _____ Payment enclosed Paid online at [PayPal.com](https://www.paypal.com) using the email address payments@gfo.org

Name _____ Member No. _____

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Please make check payable to "GFO."

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Genealogical Forum of Oregon
DISCOVER YOUR IRISH ROOTS
AND
IRISH LAND RECORDS

Speakers: Gillian Hunt and Fintan Mullan
Ulster Historical Foundation

Spring Seminar and Workshop
Two Different Sessions ~ Attend One or Both

Saturday Seminar
12 March 2016
9 am–4:30 pm

Discover Your Irish Roots

- ◆ **Introduction To Irish And Scots-Irish family history research**
- ◆ **Census substitutes and other important sources for the nineteenth century: strategies for success**
- ◆ **Records related to the different churches in Ireland**
- ◆ **Emigration from the north of Ireland to North America – strategies for researching emigrant ancestors**
- ◆ **Land workshop on Sunday at the GFO**
- ◆ **Q&A**

Sunday Workshop
13 March 2016
9:30 am–12:30 pm

Irish Land Records

- ◆ **Land workshop**

Fintan Mullan is the Executive Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation. Working with technology partners, Mullan was a pioneer in the creation of online resources for Irish research. He maintained the Foundation's prominence in digital database developments for Irish genealogy. Mullan has managed the production of over 100 publications, including the popular *Researching Scots-Irish Ancestors*. He has lectured widely in the U.S. and in Canada, the U.K., Australia, and New Zealand.

Gillian Hunt is Research Officer with the Ulster Historical Foundation and manages the Foundation's many genealogical activities. She carries out research for clients, teaches courses in Northern Ireland, and gives talks on family history in Ireland, the U.K. and U.S. Hunt has also provided research for and appeared on BBC Northern Ireland television shows, including "Who Do You Think You Are?"

Ulster Historical Foundation
<http://www.ancestryireland.com/>



Saturday Seminar Details

New Location

Milwaukie Center
5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.
Milwaukie, Oregon

Seminar Features

Books from Heritage Quest
Books from Ulster Historical Foundation
Books from the GFO
Raffle

Syllabus

\$3 for paper copy – a free copy will be sent by email

Lunch

Bring your own or order from GG's Deli. A lunch selection form will be sent with your confirmation. Sack lunch is \$8.35, includes choice of sandwich and salad. Add \$1.00 for gluten-free bread.

Coffee, tea and snacks provided throughout the day.

Questions? Email seminar@gfo.org

Sunday Workshop Details

Location

GFO Library
2505 SE 11th, Suite B-18 (Basement level)
Portland, Oregon

Limited to 40 Attendees ~ Register Early!

Syllabus

\$3 for paper copy – a free copy will be sent by email

Payment and Refund Details

Pay online with PayPal using email address
payments@gfo.org

Pay by check, mail to: Irish Workshop, GFO, 2505 SE 11th, Ste B-18, Portland, OR 97202-1061

For cancellations received after 9 March 2016, refunds will be made in the amount of the registration fee less a \$10.00 cancellation fee.

Lunch fees are non-refundable if canceled after 9 March 2016.

Registration Form

You may sign up for Saturday, Sunday, or both sessions. Prices are reduced for early registration.

Enter number of attendees, and sum each row, then calculate the total price for the final box.

Name _____		Member No. _____							
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<input type="checkbox"/> Payment enclosed		<input type="checkbox"/> Paid online at PayPal.com using the email address payments@gfo.org							
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	Member		Non-Member		Member		Non-Member		
	Number	Price each	Number	Price each	Number	Price each	Number	Price each	
Saturday Seminar Discover Your Irish Roots		\$40		\$45		\$45		\$50	
Lunch from CG's Deli (optional)		\$8.35		\$8.35		\$8.35		\$8.35	
Add gluten-free bread		\$1		\$1		\$1		\$1	
Syllabus (Paper copy)		\$3		\$3		\$3		\$3	
Sunday Workshop Irish Land Records		\$20		\$25		\$25		\$30	
Syllabus (Paper copy)		\$3		\$3		\$3		\$3	
Total for All									



The Forum Insider

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GFO Beginners DNA Interest Group

Genetic genealogy is the most accurate tool a genealogist has. If you want to discover whether your genealogical paper trail is accurate, and can take some time outside of our meetings to reinforce what you learn, the new GFO Beginners DNA Interest Group is for you.

This group is designed to help attendees understand the basics of genetic genealogy. It will not go beyond the basics, and is a separate set of classes from the previously established DNA group. However, anyone is welcome to attend either group.

The group will meet four times a year: February, May, August, and November. Check the GFO calendar for the dates as they may fluctuate.

The first meeting will be February 27 from 9–11 am at the GFO Library. The topic will be Basic DNA Test Result Interpretation with a Q-and-A session following.

- ◆ Why do a DNA test and how it can help genealogy research.
- ◆ Which tests help with what areas of your pedigree chart.
- ◆ The three types of DNA tests (Y-DNA, mtDNA, and atDNA) and what the results mean.

If you do not know what type of test that interests you, email Emily Aulicino at aulicino@hevanet.com. It would be wise to test now so you have the results before the first meeting.



We look forward to seeing you.
Emily Aulicino,
Tim Janzen, and
Lisa McCullough

Family Tree Maker to End Software Sales as of December 31, 2015

Ancestry.com has announced the end of FTM software distribution. Though no more licenses will be sold, the software will remain viable for current license holders through 2016.

From Ancestry's blog: "Ancestry will continue to support current owners of Family Tree Maker at least through January 1, 2017. During this time, all features of the software, including TreeSync™, will continue to work, and Member Services will be available to assist with user questions. We will also address major software bugs that may occur, as well as compatibility updates." More at: blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2015/12/09/more-information-on-family-tree-maker-desktop-software/

GFO's president and FTM special interest group leader, Laurel Smith, advises users not to panic:

Take a deep breath and keep on using it for a month or so to let things settle out. They ARE still supporting FTM for another year, so you don't have to switch right away. A quick response may cause more problems than a slow, thoughtful approach.

To make a smart move, in-depth research will be needed. We will use our group time beginning in January to look at some of the other options, to see how data transfers to other programs, and have other presenters in to show us what they like about their programs.

Some companies are already trying to lure you in with half-price offers. I urge you to resist the temptation. FTM has tools that will allow you to move your tree to other database programs—and we can cover that in our group—but I maintain that it is TOO SOON for you to be taking that action.

So come to the January FTM meeting and make a more informed decision later in 2016. (The FTM SIG meeting is scheduled for Sun, January 17, 2016, 1 pm–3 pm.)



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Free Monthly Program

Third Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. with an interesting speaker.

Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday
9:30 to 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday
12 noon to 5 p.m.

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Submissions to the *Insider*: Send comments, corrections, news, short success stories, and announcements to Jackie Olson, editor, at insider@gfo.org or leave messages at the GFO desk, 503-963-1932. Provide submissions by the 7th of the month for inclusion in the following month's issue.

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Events

Crafting a Personal Family History

Harold Hines

Saturday, January 9th, at 11:45 am

Don't forget: GFO Book Group to meet. Author Harold Hinds will lead the discussion about his book, *Crafting a Personal Family History. A Guide Plus a Case Study: Three Generations of the Hinds Family in New York's Adirondack Mountains*. There are three copies of the book available at the library. Please call the front desk (503-963-1932) to ask if any are still available, as they're going fast!

Monthly Program: Family History Research in Eastern Canada - Quebec and the Maritime Provinces

Thomas Higgins

Saturday, February 20, 2-4pm

At GFO Library

History – Exploration, settlement, conquest and migration

The connection with New England
Quebec – Books, records, databases, “dit names,” the French language

Nova Scotia – Acadia, early English record, modern sources, getting assistance

New Brunswick – Sources, filling the gaps in the patchy early record
Newfoundland, Labrador, and PEI - Miscellaneous observations

Latino Americans: 500 Years of History

Drs. Marc Simon Rodríguez and Elena Avilés

Wednesday, January 20, 6-8 pm

The Oregon Historical Society will hold a viewing of *Latino Americans: 500 Years of History*, the first major documentary series for television to chronicle the rich and varied history and experiences of Latinos in the United States from the sixteenth century to present day. This event will screen episode V titled, *Prejudice and Pride (1965-1980)*, with an introduction by Dr. Elena Avilés. After the viewing, Dr. Marc Simon Rodríguez will lead an open discussion on the episode. Dr. Rodríguez is Associate Professor of History and Managing Editor of the *Pacific Historical Review* at Portland State University.

Oregon Historical Society
1200 SW Park Ave
Portland, Oregon 97205

Free and open to the public

Save the dates

GFO's Open House will be held April 9-17, 2016.





ANNUAL APPEAL

To Our Members and Supporters:

Did you know that in 2016 we will celebrate our 70th anniversary? From a small beginning, GFO has grown to become Oregon’s largest genealogy library. But one thing has remained constant: our mission to bring value to our membership by providing quality resources, valuable education, and an environment of community.

All of us at GFO love to break through those pesky brick walls whether our own, those of our members, or the ones brought to us by our library visitors. It’s the reason we devote our time and expertise to our organization; use the generous gifts you provide to make thoughtful purchases of resources, technology, and equipment; and strive to offer outstanding educational opportunities. We do it so you can achieve your family history goals.

We work hard for you, and we’d love to have your support. Please join us in our quest to make targeted improvements, large and small. Your generous participation in our annual appeal is instrumental in our efforts to further our mission, and to help keep GFO strong and vital for years to come.

Please read on for a look at what we’ve accomplished in 2015 and for a glimpse at our plans for the coming year.

Warm regards,
Laurel Smith, GFO President



GFO 2015 Highlights—made possible by the generous support of people like you.

- ❖ www.gfo.org – Our award-winning website is undergoing a total redesign with new features and greater functionality.
- ❖ Operating Reserve Fund – By establishing a policy and setting aside the resources to create an operating reserve, the GFO has gone a long way toward greater financial stability.
- ❖ Disaster Plan – Whether a leaky pipe, injured patron, or earthquake, GFO is better prepared for the emergency. More than a year’s work went into the creation of a comprehensive disaster plan.
- ❖ New GFO Logo – A brand new logo is in the works. Look for the unveiling soon!
- ❖ Library Improvements
 - Vastly increased Internet speed and Wi-Fi
 - New high-resolution microforms scanner with advanced features to help capture and save (or print) microfilm and microfiche images
 - Six commercial databases available in the library
 - Collection development – Our collection continues to grow through the books you donate and by making strategic purchases. Additionally, we have started a campaign to repair or replace our damaged books.
- ❖ Social Media Outreach – We’ve added weekly emails that keep you informed and up-to-date, and we now have regular posts to our Facebook page.
- ❖ Tri-Met Orange Line Event – This event was a rousing success, spreading the word to thousands of celebrants and resulting in over 100 new members!
- ❖ Italian Interest Group – our newest group at the GFO.

2016 GFO Wish List

- ❖ Continue Strategic Purchases and Preservation of Our Collection – We have an extensive list of books we want to acquire and hundreds need repair.
- ❖ Improve Library Shelving – The majority of our library shelves (about two-thirds) are only 7” deep while most of our collection requires 9” of shelf—

or more. Shelves with greater depth will more fully support our books, significantly extend their useful life, and reduce the need for repairs. It's possible to purchase clip-in shelves that will work on our existing framework. We have been looking and will continue to look for used shelving, but we are coming to the realization that we may need to purchase replacements. One new shelf will cost about \$30. That doesn't sound like much until you begin counting up shelves. Replacing all the puny shelves would be a whopping \$19,000! It is unlikely that we could replace them all in a single year, but it would be nice to get a start.

❖ Targeted Use of a Marketing Consultant – Having unsuccessfully sought volunteer help to fill this role, we want to hire a marketing consultant to help us grow our organization, raise our profile in the metropolitan area, and help us focus our volun-

teer efforts. Estimated cost is \$125–\$175 per hour.

❖ Manuscript Collection Scanning – We've settled into our space and will be here for many years. We continue to find ways to utilize the 5,000 square feet we rent; however, the manuscript collections people have donated over the decades continue to occupy too much valuable space—hundreds of cubic feet! And in their current form they are essentially unusable. If we could process these collections, who knows what treasures would be unearthed? We need another high-speed scanner and computer (estimated cost \$3,500), and we need help with the scanning. We are exploring the possibility of an internship program, but we realize we may be faced with hiring a document scanning service.

❖ For you to volunteer with us! Call us (503-963-1932) or email volunteer@gfo.org.

2016 Annual Appeal for the Genealogical Forum of Oregon Inc.

2505 SE 11th Ave Ste B18, Portland, OR 97202-1061 Celebrating 70 years! 1946–2016

Yes, I want be part of the future of the GFO! Here's my tax deductible donation of

___ Heritage Level \$1,000 and up ___ Ancestral Level \$250–\$499 ___ Pedigree Level \$500–\$999
___ Sustaining Level \$100–\$249 ___ Supporting Level \$50–\$99 ___ Patron Level up to \$49

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP+4 _____

Please check this box if you do not want your name published. Member No _____

Oregon Divorces 1925–34 Now Indexed



After years of effort, the GFO's Friday Morning Data Extraction Team, working at the Oregon Vital Records Office, has completed two new indexes on Oregon State Divorces. They are available for sale at \$10 each, either as a CD or on a USB drive (usable on either Windows or Mac platforms). They can be purchased in the library, or if you wish to order and have them mailed, please contact research@gfo.org

Volume 1: Oregon State Divorces 1925-1929

Volume 2: Oregon State Divorces 1930-1934

The team is currently working on divorces from 1935-1939 (expected index availability is 2016) and is in the early stages of working on divorces from 1940 - 1945.



GFO Star



Ray Ashmun

“Ray Ashmun has provided ‘behind the scenes’ service many members are unaware of. For numerous years, he assisted with mailing the *Bulletin* and the *Forum Insider* publications, by attaching mailing labels to the printed publications that were mailed to all members, and sorting them by ZIP Code before the bundled publications were taken to the Post Office. Today, the majority of GFO members receive their publications electronically and a mail house handles the *Insider*. But Ray has continued to help with the printed *Bulletin*, separating by ZIP Code and delivering the sorted trays to the Post Office.

Thank you, Ray, for your many years of service to the GFO!”

USB Drives at the Library

Did you forgot to bring your USB flash drive with you or find they’re too expensive at the store? We have inexpensive 2GB USB drives for sale at the library’s reception desk for only \$4.00.

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Curling at Eglinton castle (1860), by Roger Griffith

Towelday Innsbruck (2006), by Beny Shlevich

Snowball Fight (1937), by Hans Dahl

Skiers (1919), by Boris Kustodiev

Tobogganing (1885), by Henry Sandham

Schlittenfahrt am Jakobsplan (1840), artist unknown

Skaters near the Shore of Kalela (1896) by Akseli

Gallen-Kallela

Scène de patinage (1613), by Pieter Brueghel the Younger

Volunteer Opportunities

∞ *Research Assistants and Receptionists*

Now that summer is over, vacations have been taken, and children are back in school, please consider giving a little bit of your time to the GFO. We need as much help as we can get to keep the library open seven days a week. No prior experience is needed, we will train you on the job. Currently, our most urgent need currently is for Wednesday and Thursday afternoon shifts.

If you can help, please contact Cathy Lauer at volunteer@gfo.org or call the reception desk. 503-963-1932, and leave a message.

∞ *Manuscripts Scanners Needed*

Volunteer opportunities include organizing and relabeling the paper files, scanning, pulling metadata from the collections, and researching the history of the collections’ authors and/or highlighted families. Volunteers like you are invaluable in reaching our goal of fully digitizing our over 100 manuscript collections and indexing all 28 of our family Bibles.

If you want to help preserve all of this irreplaceable historical content, please contact either Nanci Remington or LauraDenise White at manuscripts@gfo.org.

Explore Your Ancestors’ Lives in Old Newspapers

Newspapers have enormous value for family historians beyond the usual birth and death statistics. Stories and listings “provide more color and context for your ancestors.” An article in Family Search’s blog describes potential findings and ideas for seeing the family in its community through the small as well as the large events.

Topics: Births, marriages, divorces (settlements, children), deaths, name changes, employment (work equipment, commodity prices), addresses (home and land purchases), significant events (new buildings, disasters, crimes), daily life events (out-of-town visitors, gatherings, community organizations), court cases, and immigration (ship sailings, passenger lists).

<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/explore-ancestors-lives-newspapers/>

GFO Nominations for Board Offices

The positions of President, Secretary, one Director-at-Large, and a position on the endowment committee will be up for election this year.

The nominating committee, Harold Hinds and Emily Aulicino, is responsible for finding candidates for president and secretary. Any interested parties may contact them or ask questions at nominations@gfo.org.

After publication of the candidates' names, other nominations may be made from the floor at the March general membership meeting, with the prior consent of the nominee (Article VI:6.3).

The board has "expressly requested that Laurel Smith run again for president" but this does not prevent other candidates from running. (Bylaw 6.9.1 states that: In no case shall any elected officer of the Forum serve more than two consecutive terms except at the express request of the Board.)

Directors-at-large shall be nominated from the floor at the March general membership meeting and/or by written nomination delivered to the Secretary of the Forum prior to the March general membership meeting. Nominations delivered to the Secretary shall be read at the March general membership meeting. All nominations shall be made only with the express prior consent of the nominee (Article VI:6.4).

Other information on nominations:

Article VI: 6.5 Only Individual Forum members in good standing may be nominated for elective office.

Article VI: 6.6 Officers of the Forum shall be elected by written ballot in April of each year.

The term of office is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018.



Just Discovered

Canadian records from dozens of databases free at Library and Archives Canada.

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/genealogy/Pages/introduction.aspx>

Are You Interested in Working on the GFO *Bulletin* Team?

GFO is looking for someone who is either familiar with or interested in learning the Adobe InDesign™ desktop publishing program to work as backup to our *Bulletin* layout editor. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be interested, please reply to Marti Dell at bulletin@gfo.org.

There are other needs regarding the *Bulletin* production that you may also be interested in: co-editing, proofing, and managing emails to and from the authors and proofers to keep the flow of work on target.

See Your Writing in Print!

The *Bulletin*, GFO's quarterly magazine is your publication. The editors hope you enjoy reading it, and we want to invite you to submit your family story, genealogy essay, or research report for publication. It is a great way to make sure your family's history is preserved and available to others in the future. And you will be able to pass your published article around at the next family gathering!

The magazine publishes a wide range of material including memoirs and personal essays, problem-solving articles, research articles and source guides, articles about family history travel, how-to articles, using technology, book reviews, and transcriptions or extractions from original sources.



General guidelines are available, but don't let them discourage you. Be brave! Our friendly team of editors will help you get your article in shape, assuring that you (and the GFO) will look good. If you have an idea for an article, but are not sure if it's a good one, pitch it to the editors.

Send articles, ideas, and questions to Marti Dell and Laurel Smith at Bulletin@gfo.org

Compilation of Published Sources

MyHeritage.com has announced a new free collection of digitized books. The site contains the scanned pages of over 150,000 publications. The sources are histories, directories, yearbooks, minutes, and more.

The search is easy and free. The basic form includes name, publication title, publication year, publication place, and keywords. The advanced search has options to fine-tune the matching of entries. The result is a bibliography with links to the pages.

Each page is viewable with zoom and pan capabilities, but it's not clear if it can be saved as an image file to your computer. If you have a family tree on the MyHeritage site, the record can be attached to a person in your tree; they will also notify you of potential matches. There is a window with OCR (Optical Character Recognition) translation of the text. You can select, then copy and paste the text to another document. You could also do a screen image capture (I used Snipping Tool) and save it to a file. A test search yielded new and interesting sources.

<http://www.myheritage.com/research/collection-90100/compilation-of-published-sources>

Genealogy Software Review Sites

If the FamilyTree news has you wondering what other software is available, here are a few review sites to begin your search.

<http://genealogy-software-review.toptenreviews.com/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_genealogy_software

<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2403077,00.asp>

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/researchtoolkit/softwareguide>

http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/windows_genealogy_software

<http://www.livescience.com/43695-best-genealogy-software.html>

And, for some free options, check out Dick Eastman's blog:

<http://blog.eogn.com/2015/12/10/free-genealogy-software/#more-10994>

Focus on Local Archives, Part 2

Part 2 in a series looking through the archives local to the Portland region and Oregon.

Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center
121 NW 2nd Ave
Portland, OR 97209
503-224-1458
info@oregonnikkei.org

<http://www.oregonnikkei.org/collections.htm>

The Japanese American History Museum's current exhibit is: Gambatte! Legacy of an Enduring Spirit, through January 17, 2016. The museum has permanent, visiting, and temporary exhibits, speakers for groups, guided tours of exhibits, an iPhone app for a walking tour of Portland's Japantown, oral histories (which can be accessed online), and a research library.

The Densho Digital Repository contains thousands of materials on the Japanese American community from the earliest immigrants to modern times, with a major collection on the WWII exclusion and incarceration experiences. Photos, correspondence, newspapers and other sources are available online. Topics cover businesses, arts, sports, families, community events and more. Images are a mix of copyrighted and Creative Commons licensed (free to use), but even the copyright material may be used for non-commercial, educational projects.





Learn and Chat Date Change

This meeting will change dates to the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Times remain the same.

Beginning Family Story Collecting

The *Oregonian* had a helpful article by Amy Wang on exploring family histories during holiday gatherings. But you don't have to wait for a holiday to start—any gathering will do. Several GFO members contributed ideas for initiating discussions and the value of collecting stories in learning about your family.

http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2015/11/family_history_holidays.html

Opening Adoption Records

A second recent *Oregonian* story, also by Amy Wang covers the 2014 Oregon law on the opening of adoption court records for adult adoptees and the birth parents.

http://www.oregonlive.com/kiddo/index.ssf/2015/12/oregon_adoption_records_law.html



Southern Oregon Historical Society Events

For location see <http://www.sohs.org/event-list>
Contact: 541-773-6536 ext. 200, library@sohs.org

Windows In Time: Heroes and a Few Villains; 6 Jan 2016 - 12:00 pm

Tales From the Collection: Digging Jacksonville; 23 Jan 2016 - 10:00 am

Windows In Time: Pioneer Surveyors in the Oregon Territory; 3 Feb 2016 - 12:00 pm

Courage in the Golden Valley: Southern Oregon Chinese History; 6 Feb 2016 - 9:00 am (SOHS's 2016 Annual Exhibition, 6 Feb–17 April 2016)

History Hike: Underground Jacksonville; 7 Feb 2016 - 11:00 am

Tales From the Collection: Old Time Music and Instruments; 27 Feb 2016 - 10:00 am

Special Interest Groups

<http://gfo.org/intgrp/index.htm>

Beginners DNA

February, May, August, and November; Future dates/times TBA.
9–11 am — Emily Aulicino, aulicino@hevanet.com Tim Janzen, and Lisa McCullough

British

4th Saturdays in odd months; 1–3 pm — Duane Funk
duanefunk@comcast.net

DNA

See GFO calendar for date and time (<http://gfo.org/intgrp/index.htm>); — Emily Aulicino
aulicino@hevanet.com

Family Tree Maker

3rd Sundays; 1–3 pm — Laurel Smith
bearpair@comcast.net

Genealogy Books

2nd Saturdays in odd months; 11:45 am–12:45 pm — Bonnie Randolph
bbrandolph@clear.net

German

1st Saturdays monthly; Sep–Jun; 1–3 pm — Nanci Remington
nancicr@comcast.net

Illinois and Its Neighbors

2nd Saturdays monthly; 9:30–11:30 am — Kristy Gravlin
hannah@teleport.com
Harlene Patterson
harlene5@yahoo.com

Irish

3rd Saturdays in odd months; 12–2 pm — Suzanne Lemon
slemon46@yahoo.com

Italian

Saturday May 30, Jul 25, Nov 28; 12–2 pm — Keith Pyeatt
k_pyeatt@yahoo.com

Photoshop Elements

2nd Wednesdays monthly; 1:30–2:30 pm — Sarah Holmes
slh@sarahholmes.com

Virginia

1st Saturdays monthly, Sep–Jun; 10 am–12 pm — Judi Scott
judiscot@gmail.com
Carol Surrency
lcsurr@gmail.com

Writers' Forum

2nd Saturdays monthly, Sep–May; 1–3 pm — Peggy Baldwin
peggy@familypassages.com
Carol Surrency
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January 2016

GFO Calendar <http://gfo.org/calendar.htm>

Library Work Parties ~ every month, all welcome

Sundays 9 am–12 pm: Map project on 2nd Sunday, other projects on remaining Sundays

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| Thu 1/1   | <b>New Year's holiday—Library closed</b>                                                                                                 |
| Sat 1/2   | 10 am–12 pm Virginia Group                                                                                                               |
| Mon 1/4   | <b>Free to Non-Members</b>                                                                                                               |
| Wed 1/6   | 10 am–12 pm Learn & Chat ~ NEW DATE<br>1–2 pm DNA Q&A                                                                                    |
| Sat 1/9   | 9:30–11:30 am Illinois Group<br>11:45 am–12:45pm Genealogy Book Group<br>1–3 pm Writers' Forum                                           |
| Tues 1/12 | 6–8 pm Board meeting                                                                                                                     |
| Wed 1/13  | 1:30–2:30 pm CANCELLED ~ Photoshop Elements Group                                                                                        |
| Sat 1/16  | 9:30–11 am Hunting and Gathering<br>12–2 pm Irish Group<br>2–4 pm Monthly Program—Stephen Hanks: Tracing an African-American family line |
| Sun 1/17  | 1–3 pm Family Tree Maker Group                                                                                                           |
| Wed 1/20  | 10 am–12 pm Learn & Chat ~ NEW DATE<br>1–2 pm DNA Q&A                                                                                    |
| Sat 1/23  | 1–3 pm British Group                                                                                                                     |
| Wed 1/27  | 10 am–12 pm Learn & Chat                                                                                                                 |
| Sat 1/30  | 9 am– 12 pm DNA Group                                                                                                                    |
| Sun 1/31  | 9:30–12 pm Seminar: House Histories with Connie Lenzen                                                                                   |

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| Mon 2/1 | Free to Non-Members |
| Wed 2/3 | 10 am–12 pm Learn & Chat ~ NEW DATE
1–2 pm DNA Q&A |
| Sat 2/6 | 10 am–12 pm Virginia Group
1–3 pm German Group |
| Tues 2/9 | 6–8 pm Board meeting |
| Wed 2/10 | 10 am–12 pm Learn & Chat
1:30–2:30 pm Photoshop Elements Group |
| Sat 2/13 | 9:30–11:30 am Illinois Group
1–3 pm Writers' Forum |
| Wed 2/17 | 10 am–12 pm Learn & Chat ~ NEW DATE
1–2 pm DNA Q&A |
| Sat 2/20 | 9:30–11 am Hunting and Gathering
2–4 pm Monthly Program— Research in Eastern Canada with Thomas Higgins |
| Sun 2/21 | 1–3 pm Family Tree Maker Group |
| Wed 2/24 | 10 am–12 pm Learn & Chat |
| Sat 2/27 | 9–11 am New! Beginners DNA Interest Group |