Digitizing Photos Workshop ~ Registration Form ~ Sunday, July 31, 2016

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Celebrations of July Fourth

Ferndale, CA, 1911 (http://library.humboldt.edu); American Colony, Jerusalem, between 1905 and 1913; Takoma Park, MD, 1923 (both http://www.loc.gov)

Annual Membership Picnic

Save the Date

September 18, 2016

The picnic will be a potluck at Mt. Scott Park. Bring hot dishes, salads, desserts or other food. We will not be cooking hamburgers or hot dogs at the site this year. The GFO will provide lemonade and iced tea. We plan to eat around 1 pm.

Things to know: No smoking or use of tobacco in any form, or alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park.

Move information will be provided closer to the event.

Address: SE 72nd Ave & Harold St. in Portland.

So. Cal. Jamboree Sessions Videos Free

Only a Few More Days!

Some video sessions are free until July 5th. You don’t have to be a member, and registration is free. Visit this link:

http://genealogyjamboree.blogspot.com/2016/05/jamboree-2016-registration-now-open-for.html
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Events Calendar
Genealogical Council of Oregon
Summer Genealogy Fest
July 30, 2016 9 am–4 pm
Registration due by July 15
http://www.gcoconference.com/summer-genealogy-fest.html

Thomas W. Jones PhD, CG, CGL,
FASG, FUGA, FNGS
Methods of Proving Parentage
Problem Solving with Probate
Solutions for Missing and Scarce Records
When Sources Don’t Agree, then What?

John Philip Colletta, PhD, FUGA
Immigration to America, Colonial Times to World War II: Where Do Your Ancestors Fit in?
The Germanic French: Researching Alsatian and Lorrainian Families
Rediscovering “La Famiglia:” Accessing and Using the Records of Italy
How to Prepare for Successful Research in European Records

Timothy P. Janzen, MD
Chromosome Mapping and Autosomal DNA Analysis
Examples of the Use of Autosomal DNA for Genealogical Purposes

Emily Aulicino
DNA Basics: Understanding the Gene in Genealogy

Lisa McCullough
GEDMatch- What is GEDMatch and how it’s used

Judi Scott
There is an app for that!

Karen Mauer Jones, CG
Records Created by New York’s Towns and Cities: Uncommonly Rich Resources

Pam Vestal
Voting Records: Genealogy’s Best Kept Secret

Janice Lovelace PhD
Did Your Ancestors Own Slaves? Do you have Pre-Civil War ancestors?

Lane Community College
Center for Meeting and Learning
4000 East 30th Avenue,
Eugene, Oregon

GFO Fall Seminar
D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS
October 15 Saturday all day
The Web, the World and YOU!
Evaluating and Documenting Online Sources
Bridging the Gap: Finding Ancestors in the US between 1780 and 1830
Putting it Together: A Case Study October 16 Sunday morning
Online Resources for Colonial America
Trial by Community: Colonial American Legal Traditions
Check out his blog at:
https://www.djoshuataylor.com/blog/
Lots of us do! So the GFO is kicking off a campaign to make the resources for German research in our library even better than they are now. We want to purchase all the Map Guides to German Parish Registers. Currently we have 8 of the 55 volumes.

Many consider the guides indispensable when researching German church records.

The publisher has offered us a 15% price reduction if we can buy the volumes we’re missing all at once.

Want to help? Please donate to the got Germans? campaign.
We will need about $1,400 to make the purchase. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated now and by future researchers.

According to Wikipedia, the German American ethnic group – those Americans who have full or partial German ancestry – make up 50 million people and is second only to the 55 million Hispanics in the United States. And, this German American group in the U.S. comprises about one-third of the German diaspora in the world.

German immigrants came to America in significant numbers starting in the 1670s and millions more came in waves throughout the 19th century. The Germans are known for keeping good records. But, because of several factors, including the language barrier, the complex and diverse patchwork of small kingdoms, duchies and other principalities, and the unfamiliar and elaborate Fraktur script, conducting German genealogical research can be daunting to begin and challenging to achieve success.

Finding and searching through church records is key to finding historical vital records in Germany. And once found, these records can be rich – revealing parents and other previously unknown family group members. But the researcher may know only a specific town – if they’re lucky – or more often just a general area, perhaps gleaned from a passenger list record. The Map Guides to German Parish Registers are a powerful tool designed to make searches of German records easier saving the researcher time and effort. Unlike ordinary maps or gazetteers, these guides can help in identifying what church parishes are in a local area and further assist by providing information about accessing those records. The parish maps in each volume identify neighboring parishes or districts, helping the researcher to narrow down additional search areas. Included with the parish maps is a listing of resources specific to that area, which as anyone who’s done German research knows, varies greatly. The map guides also include microfilm record numbers available to view through the Family History Center Libraries.

These Map Guides to German Parish Records are widely considered a definitive reference guide for German genealogical research. However, the GFO

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Whether sending a check, paying on PayPal (payments@gfo.org), or donating at the Library, please indicate your gift is for the got Germans? campaign. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Laurel Smith

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Library currently has only eight volumes in this 55-volume series. Because of the very large German ethnic group in the U.S. and specifically in the Portland area (as reflected by our members and patrons), and because these guides are such an effective tool, this is a hole in our Library’s resources that we wish to fill. So we are kicking off a fundraising campaign to purchase more.

While available in hardbound ($65 each), we would like to get the less expensive softbound editions, with a list price of $34.95 each. Through special arrangement, the publisher has agreed to give GFO a 15% discount on this large purchase if we order them all at one time. With the discount, if GFO purchased all of the available volumes today, the bill would total about $1,396 – a savings of about $246! Won’t you help by donating what you can today to this special fund? Small, medium or large contributions – all will be accepted with deep gratitude! Questions? Please send us an e-mail at give@gfo.org, or leave a message for Liz or Laurel at 503-963-1932.

On the Shelf
A search through GFO’s library holdings reveals a collection of guides to genealogical research on Germans and Germany. And that doesn’t even begin to scratch the surface of the hundreds of books on German research topics.

A Beginners Guide to Germanic Genealogy; Edwards, Lois Hemmeter; 2005
A Genealogists Guide to Discovering Your Germanic Ancestors; Anderson, S. Chris; 2000
American genealogical resources in German archives (AGRIGA): a handbook; Smith, Clifford Neal.; 1977.
Easy Guide to German Genealogical Research, Book 1; Southworth, Marianne Muthreich; 1988
Encyclopedia of German-American Genealogical Research; Smith, Clifford N.; 1976
Finding Your German Ancestors, A Beginners Guide; Hansen, Kevan M; 1999
Finding Your German Ancestors; Rerup, Hans W.; 1990, 2002
Genealogical Guide to Tracing Ancestors in Germany; Palen, Margaret Krug; 1995
German - English Genealogical Dictionary; Thode, Ernest; 1992
German Family Research Made Simple, new revised edition; Konrad, J; 1997
German immigration to America in the nineteenth century: a genealogist’s guide; Wellauer, Maralyn A.; c1985.
In search of your German roots: a complete guide to tracing your ancestors in the Germanic areas of Europe; Baxter, Angus; 2015, also 4th ed., 2008
Map guide to German parish registers: Kingdom of Bavaria - Unterfranken; Hansen, Kevan M.; 2007
Volume 1: Grandduchy of Hessen; Hansen, Kevan M.; 2004

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GFO Stars
The Entire Team of Research Assistants

Back row: Jim Morrow, Richard Eckman, Rhonda Stone, Harold Hinds, Judith Leppert, Nanci Remington; Front row: Sharyl Swope, Jane McGarvin, Cathy Lauer, Gerry Lenzen. There are many more RAs not pictured.

They directly support the heart of GFO—its library and the people who use it. And they do this with sometimes incomplete information, when someone who may have the answer to a question is not around. They work hard on special projects and are willing to pitch in with whatever is needed while on their shifts. BRAVO!

Would You Like to Join the Research Assistant Team?

You don’t need to be a seasoned researcher to volunteer. While you are volunteering you’ll learn about our collection and resources which will help you further your own research.

An RA will greet and assist patrons who visit our library. This might mean helping someone search on Ancestry.com, finding a book on the shelf, or collecting money for a book sale. An interest in helping people is the key to enjoying this position! There are occasional phone calls that come into the library that you’ll answer, too.

Training is provided by an experienced volunteer and until you learn the ropes you’ll be paired with a more experienced RA. Most RAs commit to one four-hour shift a week, but some work only once a month. We must have two volunteers working any time we are open, so any gift of your time is appreciated.

If you’re interested in this volunteer work, contact Cathy Lauer at volunteer@gfo.org or 503-963-1932.

The Oregon Encyclopedia

An Authoritative and Free Resource on All Things Oregon
http://www.oregonencyclopedia.org

Finding the heart of the Oregon story is the goal of the Oregon Encyclopedia. Topic writings are by local experts and citizens on people, places, events, and the natural world from prehistoric times to now.

In addition there are essays, images, documents, maps, and student and teacher resources.

Partners in this enterprise are: Oregon Historical Society’s Digital History Projects, Portland State University and the Oregon Council of Teachers of English.

OPB ~ Oregon Experience Episodes
http://www.opb.org/television/programs/oregonexperience/episodes/
- Streetcars
- Jazz Town #1004
- Thomas Condon: of Faith and Fossils #1003
- The Jewish Frontier #1002
- Oregon Shakespeare Festival #1001
- Civilian Conservation Corps
- State of Jefferson #901
- and dozens more
What could buttons possibly teach us about our family’s story? At ‘Buttons, History ... and Genealogy?’ in May, Dorothy Krugner, a long-time lover of history, historical fashion, and button collecting gave a talk on their history and a display of hundreds of buttons. Like all aspects of costume, buttons reflect the society that creates them.

Did you know that some of the delicate inserts on the metal buttons were so small they could only be made by women and children (often working at home with poor lighting). Shell buttons had to be soaked before they could be cut and sanded. Workers’ health was (and still is) a concern with many of the buttons. Sanding shell with no masks or eye protection is dangerous. Other concerns were also pointed out by our conscientious speaker, who often visited the sites of button manufacture.

Covered buttons reminded me of my youth. They were covered in a fabric that often matched the clothing they adorned. Jeweled buttons were for the wealthy. Bone and horn buttons often were the least expensive until plastic came into vogue. It’s amazing what you can learn from such a small thing.
Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s report for the period ending
May 31, 2016. Richard Crockett

May income $3,543.34
General fund donations 418.00
Membership income 2,197.00
Digital photo workshop 300.00
Fall seminar 43.00
Guest fees 56.00
Parking passes 100.00
Reading Room 138.30
Research 41.50
Amazon commissions 17.34
Used book sales 322.20

Total expenses $5,423.69
(Includes: $115.40 donor appreciation event, anti virus protection for all machines for a year at $55.99, and the normal monthly expenses, including the rent.)

Net loss for the month $1,880.35
Year net loss to date $5,478.66
Checking account balance $41,579.05

Celebrations of July Fourth

Photo credits, this page–Left: North Charleston’s 4th of July Festival, Albert Herring, 2011; Sailors and Marines, Boston Navy Week, 2012, U.S. Navy. Right: Confetti rains down at the completion of the song, Boston Pops Orchestra, U.S. Navy, 2008; Fireworks on the night of the Fourth of July, Winslow Homer, 1868; A Fourth of July celebration, St. Helena Island, SC., Farm Security Administration, 1939.
Why Was the Information Removed from Online?
Dick Eastman ~June 17, 2016

Note: This is a slightly updated version of an article I published about a year ago. A couple of newsletter readers have sent messages to me in the past few days expressing dissatisfaction with records that were available online but recently have disappeared. I am offering this republished article as an explanation about why we should not be surprised when that happens. I will also offer a suggestion as to making sure you keep your own copies of online records that are valuable to you.

Two newsletter readers sent email messages to me recently expressing dissatisfaction that a set of images of vital records has been removed from a popular genealogy site. Indeed, removal of any online records of genealogical value is sad, but not unusual. Changes such as these are quite common on FamilySearch, MyHeritage, Ancestry.com, Fold3, FindMyPast, and many other genealogy sites that provide old records online. Removal of datasets has occurred dozens of times in the past, and I suspect such things will continue to happen in the future. I thought I would write a brief explanation.

In most cases, information of genealogical value obtained from government agencies, religious groups, museums, genealogy societies, and other organizations is provided under contractual agreements. The contracts specify what information is to be provided, how it is to be made available, and what price the web site has to pay to the provider for the records. All contracts also have a defined expiration date, typically 2 years or 3 years or perhaps 5 years after the contract is signed.

When a contract nears expiration, the two parties usually attempt to renegotiate the contract. Sometimes renewal is automatic, but more often it is not. Maybe the information provider (typically an archive) decides they want more money, or maybe they decide they no longer want to supply the data to the online genealogy service. For instance, in the time the information has been available online, the information provider may have learned just how valuable

Why isn’t it all online?
Daniel Klein, in The Jersey Journal, describes the factors that slow the process of digitizing historic records for online access in libraries, government agencies, and other archives. Thanks to Dick Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter for pointing us to the article.

The main points:
• Time, people, and other resources
• Scanning, cropping, color correction of image
• Care and handling of fragile materials
• Cataloguing and metadata writing for each record
• Storing the original, and managing the online records

(Metadata: this means data about data. It describes the contents, source, citation, location of the record (either physical or digital), and access, plus other bits of information. You use metadata every day when you look at the label on a box of food, read the insert on a prescription, or browse a library’s online catalogue.)

He also suggests contacting a local historical society or library if you’d like to volunteer to help make more records digital.

And, the GFO can always use help in that endeavor. Manuscripts — Organize, create finding aids, and scan personal papers and manuscripts donated over the years, to make these collections available to researchers. Once trained, volunteers can work independently to process an entire collection or choose one step, such as organizing or scanning. We are most in need of scanners right now. Contact Nanci Remington at manuscripts@gfo.org.

Some More Reasons It’s Not Online
8 Reasons You Can’t Find Squat About Your Ancestors Online
Kenneth R Marks

http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/8-reasons-you-cant-find-squat-about-your-ancestors-online#.V2b3JPkrLb0

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the information really is. The information provider may decide to ask for more money or may even refuse to provide the information any more since the provider may have a NEW plan to create their own web site and offer the same information online on their new site for a fee.

Sure, that stinks for those of us who would like to have the information everywhere; but, it makes sense to most everyone else. I am sure the budget officer at most any state or local government archive thinks it makes sense.

Every contract renegotiation is different, but it is not unusual to agree to disagree. The contract ends, and the web site provider legally MUST remove the information from their web site. The same thing frequently happens to all the other online sites that provide old records online.

Moral of this story: If you find a record online that is valuable to you, SAVE IT NOW! Save it to your hard drive and make a backup copy someplace else as well. If there is no option to save, make a screen shot and save it on your hard drive or some other place where it will last for many years. Just because you can see the record online today does not mean that it will be available tomorrow.

http://www.eogn.com

NARA: Why aren’t all the records online?

From their web site: NARA tries to make as many records as possible available via the National Archives Catalog. This is a daunting task, even with records that were created in electronic format. The volume of records in NARA’s possession that pre-date electronic formats is so vast, that costs and resource availabilities will most likely preclude the conversion of all of them to electronic formats. However, as resources permit, NARA will continue to select records to be digitized and made available electronically.

We do have access to several online resources such as Ancestry.com and Fold3 which is available in our Research Room.

Volume 13: Province of Rhineland III, Regierungsbezirk Trier; Kingdom of Prussia and Regierungsbezirk Pfalz; Kingdom of Bavaria; Hansen, Kevan M.; 2007
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Kingdom of Prussia, Province of Westphalia; Hansen, Kevan M; 2011.
Researching in Germany: a handbook for your visit to the homeland of your ancestors; Minert, Roger P; c2001.
The Genealogist’s Guide to Fraktur: For Genealogists Researching German-American Families; Earnest, Connie Pattie; 1990
The German Research Companion; Riemer, Shirley J.; 2000, c2010
Trace your German roots online: a complete guide to German genealogy websites; Beidler, James M; c2016.
Tracing Your German Roots; Wellauer, Maralyn A; 1978

Animated Maps

Here are two imaginative animations that track the changing borders in Germany* and Europe through a sequence of individual maps. Both were created by author “House of Green” and can be found on YouTube. The Germanic lands video in particular dramatically demonstrates the origins of the difficulties in identifying locations in family history research. [*The author acknowledges that using “Germany” as a geographic term for the region in the years before the German nation was formed is problematic.]

“Political Borders of Germany from 1789 to 2005”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?annotation_id=annotation_70334027&feature=iv&src_vid=LwsxzHxMk-tA&v=cV6illXcwBw

“Political Borders of Europe from 1519 to 2006”
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ng0KnjS_M44
Special Interest Group Meetings

**Book Group**
From Bonnie: The GFO book group has met the last couple of years on the second Saturday of the odd month. Attendance has dwindled and again this year I have conflicts for the July and September meetings. I’ve decided to give the book group a rest over the summer and look at it again in October or November.

Judith Rees has been the most consistent member. We both have an unread copy of *Family* by Ian Frazier and I have a copy of *Forgetting Ireland* by Bridget Connelly. We may get together informally to discuss these books next fall or choose to meet as a formal discussion group. I’ll let you know but my feeling now is that the book group has served its purpose. We’ve read and discussed some great books – some better written than others, some better documented – but all with value.

Thanks for the support. Bonnie Randolph

**Family Tree Maker Group**
The Group is on hiatus for the summer.

**Irish Group**
*Saturday, September 17, 10 am–12 pm*
This will be the last meeting of this group; Suzanne Lemon will be stepping down as group leader.

*Learn & Chat with Connie Lenzen*
There will be a summer hiatus with the group returning on September 7.

**DNA Advanced Group**
*Saturday, July 23, 9 am–12 pm*
Tim Janzen will explain how to organize and sort your autosomal matches segment list and what column additions would be helpful. He will focus on how to use that information for your genealogy. The meeting will update everyone regarding changes for various companies.

Time is given for your questions which may be sent before the class to Emily at: aulicino@hevanet.com. Please check the calendar for additional information on the group and what to bring.

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**Special Interest Groups**
*http://gfo.org/intgrp/index.htm*

**Beginners DNA**
3rd or 4th Saturday in February, May, August, and November;
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**
See notice above.
— Bonnie Randolph bbrandolph@clear.net

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

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

**Italian**
The 4th Saturday of each month from May through Oct. Check calendar for times. — 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 lcsurr@gmail.com
July 2016

GFO Calendar  [http://gfo.org/calendar.htm](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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