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GFO Reaches 60,000 Holdings

Geoff Smith, President

Last month, the GFO library hit an amazing milestone of 60,000 holdings!

The library's collection has grown by 50% since moving into our current location, the Ford building, in 2012—just eleven years ago.

GFO routinely receives donations of books. In the last few years, we have been the fortunate beneficiary of several large collections. We supplement donations with purchases and trades of both new and old books to fill in key gaps in our collection.

Most of the growth has been from book donations, including large ones such as

- George Brown collection (French Canada)
- Wilsonville Public Library
- Yamhill Genealogical and Historical Societies
- Clatsop County Genealogical Society

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What is a Holding?

A holding is the basic unit of a library collection. The usual question someone might ask is “how many books are in the library?” This is surprisingly hard to answer once you get past the simplest cases. For example, if a book has three volumes, does that count as one book or three? For periodicals, do you count each issue, or each year, or just the periodical title? So we end up with “holding” as the basic unit of measure.



Oregon Counties and Their Records

This month completes our year-long series on the records in all Oregon counties. The final six of 36 counties are featured for November: Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Harney, Lake, and Malheur.

The Genealogical Records of Jackson, Josephine, and Klamath Counties

Geri Auerbach, AG®

Jackson County was created on 12 January 1852 from part of Lane County and parts of Douglas and Umpqua counties. The county was named for President Andrew Jackson.¹ Jackson County is 2,785 square miles, making it the thirteenth largest county in Oregon.² As of the 2020 U.S. Federal Census,

Jackson County had 223,259 residents, making it the state's sixth most populous county.³

Josephine County was created on 22 January 1856 by the Territorial Legislature. It was the last county created before statehood. The county was named for the first White female settler in Southern Ore-

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- Oregon State Library
- Julie Kidd collection

Further, many individual members have contributed hundreds of books each. And the variety is stunning! We are constantly surprised by gems that we did not anticipate. Every donation helps; even duplicate books are useful as we can trade them with other libraries for books we need.

GFO devotes approximately 3.5% of its annual budget to book purchases. The book budget is dedicated to a two-pronged strategy: to bolster the utility of books already on the shelf and to purchase newer books to keep up with recent developments in the field of genealogy.

The collection has not only grown, but improved, over time. Over the years many less relevant materials have been culled, guided by the GFO Collections Policy developed in 2012. For instance, many “how to” books from the 1980s and almost all 19th-century census transcripts have been rendered obsolete by online databases. We also had a few volumes of settler fiction that seemed relevant at one time for establishing context; these have been replaced with reputable histories. The collection is focused on information you won’t find online, rather than duplicating readily accessible resources.



GFO volunteers, Doug Henne and David Boneck, transport boxes of donated books in December 2022.

When we moved into Ford building, the top and bottom shelves were left empty. Since then, we have filled these and added newer shelves. Rest assured, we still have available space, and for high-quality books, we can certainly find more!

The next time you come into the library, you may have a better appreciation of this invaluable resource. Through many years of donations and careful management, the library has become a source of pride for every member of GFO.

Help GFO Support Other Societies

GFO's Annual GivingTuesday Project Needs Volunteers in November

GivingTuesday was created as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good.

Where many nonprofits use the day to ask for money, instead we ask for your time.

Every year, the GFO has dedicated the Tuesday following Thanksgiving to a hands-on, volunteer project to advance genealogy in some way. Typically, we organize a project that improves the library or enhances our collection in some way.

This year will be a little different. We have accumulated many surplus books, generally duplicates of books already in our collection, or books on topics already well-covered, and we want to make these available to genealogical societies who lack our resources.

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

Please help us make November a month of giving! Throughout the month, we will conduct three afternoon work parties to organize and stage books, culminating in November 28, GivingTuesday, where our guests will pick up books for their societies.

If you can spare a couple hours at one or more of these sessions, please contact Tuesday@gfo.org.



The Genealogical Records of Jackson, Josephine, and Klamath Counties, from page 1

gon, Josephine Rollins.⁴ Josephine County is 1,640 square miles and is the nineteenth largest county in Oregon.⁵ It had a population of 88,090 on the 2020 U.S. Federal Census, which made it Oregon's twelfth most populated county.⁶

Klamath County was carved out of Lake County on 17 October 1882. The county was named for the Klamath Tribe.⁷ Klamath County is 5,945 square miles, making it the fourth largest county in Oregon.⁸ As of the 2020 U.S. Federal Census, Klamath County was the fifteenth most populous county with 69,413 residents.⁹

Comprehensive Resources

- 1 **FamilySearch Research wiki** for Jackson County records
- 2 **FamilySearch Research wiki** for Josephine County records
- 3 **FamilySearch Research wiki** for Klamath County records
- 4 *NGS Research in the States Series: Oregon*, 3rd edition by Connie Lenzen—available at **National Genealogical Society**

Libraries

- 5 **Jackson County Library Services**—The library system has 16 branches and has both Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest available in the library.
- 6 **Josephine Community Library**—The library has four locations.
- 7 **Klamath County Library Service District**—The library has several locations, and the main library is located in Klamath Falls. It has access to Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest.

Archival/Government Held Records

Jackson County Records Inventory, Josephine County Records Inventory, and Klamath County Records Inventory—Oregon Archives has lists of and links to a variety of records relating to these counties including vital records, property, court, name changes, and naturalization. Location of records is provided.

Genealogical Societies, Historical Societies, and Museums

- 8 **Rogue Valley Genealogical Society**—Located in Medford, the RVGS has thousands of genealogical records and an active educational program. They also have eight Special Interest Groups.
- 9 **Klamath Basin Genealogical Society**—The society, located in Klamath Falls, holds monthly membership meetings, classes, and a DNA Interest Group.
- 10 **Josephine County Historical Society**—The historical society has a research library that includes family histories, newspapers, obituaries, city directories, periodicals, and photographs.
- 11 **The Southern Oregon Historical Society and Library**—The society has online biographies and multiple catalogs and indexes (including photos).
- 12 **Klamath County Historical Society**—The society has educational programs as well as online video programs.
- 13 **The Klamath County Museums**—There are three museums, with the main museum serving as the main history museum. The collections include city directories, court records, newspaper-headline index, tax records, oral histories, biography files, and more.

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The Genealogical Records of Harney, Lake, and Malheur Counties

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Harney County was carved from Grant County on 25 February 1889. The county was named for Harney Lake, which was named for Gen. William S. Harney.¹ The county is 10,135 square miles and is the largest county in Oregon.² Harney County had a population of 7,495 on the 2020 U.S. Federal Census, which made it Oregon's thirty-first most populated county.³

Lake County was carved out of Wasco County and Jackson County on 24 October 1874. Final boundaries were established in 1885. The county was named Lake County because there are many large lakes within the county borders.⁴ Lake County is 7,940 square miles, making it the third largest county in Oregon.⁵ As of the 2020 U.S. Federal Census, Lake County was the thirtieth most populous county with 8,160 residents.⁶

Malheur County was carved from Baker County on 17 February 1887. The county is named for the Malheur River.⁷ Malheur County is 9,888 square miles, making it the second largest county in Oregon.⁸ As of the 2020 U.S. Federal Census, Malheur County had 31,571 residents, the state's twentieth most populous county.⁹

1 Comprehensive Resources

1 [FamilySearch Research wiki](#) for Harney County records

2 [FamilySearch Research wiki](#) for Lake County records

3 [FamilySearch Research wiki](#) for Malheur County records

4 *NGS Research in the States Series: Oregon*, 3rd edition by Connie Lenzen—available at [National Genealogical Society](#)

Libraries

The libraries of Harney, Lake, and Malheur counties are part of the SAGE Library System, which has a catalog covering all 77 member libraries in eastern and central Oregon. Persons with a SAGE consortium card may borrow materials from other SAGE libraries.

5 **Harney County Library**—The library is located in Burns and has the Claire McGill Western History Room. The Western History Room has vital record and obituary indexes, family and oral history indexes, and a newspaper and microfilm index. The library has a digital archives research feature at <https://harneycountylibrary.catalogaccess.com/home>.

6 **Lake County Libraries**—The main library is in Lakeview, with other branches in Christmas Valley, Paisley, and Silver Lake.

7 **Malheur County Libraries**—The largest library in Malheur County is the Ontario Community Library. It has in-library access to HeritageHub as well as local research items such as phone directories, yearbooks, and newspapers. There are also small public libraries in Vale (**Emma Humphrey Library**) and Nyssa (Nyssa Public Library **Facebook** page).

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Archival/Government-held Records

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Genealogical Societies, Historical Societies, and Museums

9 Harney County Historical Society and Harney County Museum—The museum is open the first week of April through the last weekend of September. Some of the holdings of the Harney County Historical Museum can be searched via the Harney County Library **Digital Historic Archives**.

10 Lake County Historical Society—The society has an active **Facebook** page with photos that is public to all.

11 Lake County Museum—The museum is open May 1 through October 31 and by appointment during other months. The museum has marriage records, obituaries, photographs, and other records.

Don't Miss the GFO Fall (Virtual) Seminar

A Day of Tools and Tech with Thomas MacEntee

Saturday, November 11th • 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Our members tell us that they want more educational content on genealogy and technology, so the GFO is featuring nationally known speaker, Thomas MacEntee of **GenealogyBargains.com**, as our Fall Seminar 2023 speaker. Thomas will present four sessions on tools and technology for genealogy.



Starting November 1, the cost of the seminar is \$40 for GFO members and \$55 for non-members. Members

will receive access to recordings of the sessions through December 31, 2023.

For more information about registration and our new member special, visit **GFO Fall Seminar 2023**.

Help Recruit GFO Board Candidates

Our Board election is not until next spring, but we already need your help. GFO's bylaws require us to appoint three to five members, who are not currently serving on the Board, to serve on a Nominating Committee.

This committee will nominate candidates for offices in the next election by January 31, 2024. 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 to 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. No experience needed to serve on the committee or to run for office.



2023
Fall Seminar

A Day of Tools & Tech

with

Thomas MacEntee, GenealogyBargains.com

Date

11 NOVEMBER 2023 • 9 AM-4 PM PT

Pricing

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Registration & Session Info

WWW.GFO.ORG/FALL2023



Digitized Pensions from War of 1812 Free for Researchers

Second Phase of Project to Commence for Bounty Land Records

Keri Logan

In honor of Veterans Day, let's look at the freely available War of 1812 pension files. The project for the digitization of these files began in 2008. The National Archives and the Federation of Genealogical Societies launched the project to digitize the records, later partnering with Fold3 and Ancestry for the digitization efforts. For numer-



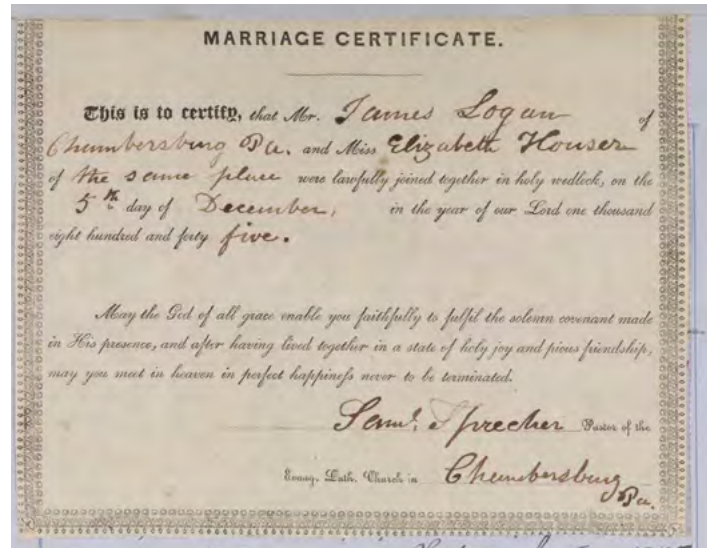
ous reasons, such as the efforts of the National Archives to upgrade their digitization and partnership processes and policies, the merger of the Federation of Genealogical Societies with the National Genealogical Society, and the pandemic, this project took much longer than originally anticipated.

The first phase of the 1812 **Preserve the Pensions** project is nearly complete with 85% of files available on Fold3 for the public to access, whether you have a subscription or not: **U.S., War of 1812 Pension Files, 1812–1815**.

Value of the Pension Files

Items often found in pension files amount to the proverbial genealogical gold. For example, the 47-page file for Elizabeth Logan's widow application reveals illuminating details such as the following:

1. James Logan's alias was James Hershman, because his stepfather was Frederick Hershman. James was often called by his stepfather's name.
2. In 1879, Jacob Henninger first filed a claim as the guardian of James, who was "insane." (Time to look for those lunacy papers!)
3. James' date of death.
4. Elizabeth's maiden name, marriage date, and



Original marriage certificate for James Logan and Elizabeth House from 1845. The file includes an affidavit from the Lutheran pastor who married them attesting to the marriage and that he gave them this certificate.²

approximate date of death based on when she was dropped from the pension rolls.

5. Names of several of James and Elizabeth's friends and neighbors who testified on their behalf.
6. The name of James' first wife and her approximate death.¹

The database from Fold3 can be searched by name or browsed by location.

Phase II of the Project

The next phase of the pension project will be to preserve and digitize the Bounty Land Application File 1800-1900 and the Case Files of the Bounty Land Warrant Applications of Indians based on their service 1812-1855. These files expand the War of 1812 project to include Indian Wars and Mexican War. When completed, the digitized files will always be freely available at the NARA web site and FamilySearch.

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In addition to the digitization, the project will include vital preservation. At the **2023 Annual Meeting** of the National Genealogical Society, David Rencher, Chair of the NGS Development Committee, said that “continuous handling of the records deteriorates the paper on which they are recorded. This toll continues to put the records at long-term risk...”³ The current storage for the documents is inadequate, and they are handled frequently by researchers, adding to their potential for deterioration.

Phase II is anticipated to take three years beginning in 2024. The National Genealogical Society must raise 2.5 million dollars. They are looking to the genealogical community and member organizations, such as the GFO, to help generate the funding.

Donations

A dedicated web page for the project is in the making, but at the Annual Meeting of NGS, Executive Director Matt Menashes said people interested in contributing can send donations by check with “Veteran Bounty Land project” in the memo line. The address for the National Genealogical Society is 6400 Arlington Blvd., Suite 810, Falls Church, VA 22042-2318.

Learn More About War of 1812 Records

- [NARA Records Guide](#)
- U.S. in the War of 1812, [FamilySearch Research Wiki](#)
- [NGS War of 1812 Course](#)

For questions, Menashes can be reached at 703-525-0500 or mattm@ngsgenealogy.org.

As an institutional member of the National Genealogical Society, the GFO is planning a fundraiser in 2024 for the project. We will share updates on this project as we receive them.

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Happy Holidays

Do you have a friend or relative interested in genealogy?
Give a GFO membership and get two FREE months for yourself!

**Order by December 5
to receive a gift card
by Dec 25.***
gfo.org/gift



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*Purchasers receive a two-month extension on their own membership.
Questions? Contact membership@gfo.org.



Trunk Treasures No. 1

Karen Hubbard

Grandfather's well used steamer trunk, with rounded top, metal buckles, and leather straps came to my mother after her father's passing. Marveling at the letters, pictures, hairbrushes, and papers, we lifted the inside drawer and a small leather case tumbled out. What clues to Grandfather's life do these artifacts reveal?

John Jay Inglis Tuthill

My grandfather, John Jay Inglis Tuthill, was born May 25, 1898, in Chicago, Illinois, to Julia and John Tuthill. His father died of tuberculosis in 1903 when John was just four years old. Times were tough in the early 1900s, so Julia and her son returned to her parent's farm in Lake County, Illinois. There was much to do on the farm for a young boy so he stayed while his mother returned to Chicago to find work that would enable her to support her son and parents.

When the U.S. entered World War I on April 6, 1917, John was a little over a month shy of his 19th birthday. He enlisted on April 30, 1917, without telling his mother. Had he not enlisted he would not have been drafted until September 12, 1918.

It took time to find his records because he enlisted as John Jay Inglis, using his great-grandmother's maiden name. He was a member of the 32nd Division, 120th Field Artillery Battery C, fighting along the Hindenburg line, (roughly the border between Germany and France) han-



Artifacts likely used during World War I that were discovered in John Jay Inglis Tuthill's steamer trunk. Photograph courtesy of author Karen Hubbard.

dling horses and positioning field artillery for the rest of the war.

Mysteries in the Trunk

CLUE #1—LEATHER CASE

Description: A small, leather case, gold lettering "Fatima" and "Turkish blend cigarettes." Also in gold: a veiled woman, a crescent moon with a star, and a Maltese cross. No company of manufacture or additional lettering.

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Exotic cigarettes from Turkey? Fatima is a common Turkish or Arabic woman's name, which is accented by the veiled woman on the case. The crescent moon with stars and a Maltese cross were symbols of the Ottoman Empire (a.k.a. Turkish Empire), which existed for more than

600 years. Fatima cigarettes, however, were manufactured by an American company, Liggett & Meyers, starting in the 1870s as an exotic blend. It was one of the first brands made by a cigarette machine instead of hand rolled.

Fatima was the best-selling brand in the U.S. from 1910–1920. Commonly, packs were made of paper wrapped in cellophane, though they also used imprinted leather cases embossed in gold lettering as promotional items for college reunions and fraternal organizations. World War I destroyed the intriguing mystique of the Far East, diminishing the popularity of "exotic" cigarettes.

One brand withstood the public's changing opinions: R. J.

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Reynolds company introduced a camel on their packaging in 1913, which became a runaway success by 1925, holding a 40% market share.

CLUE #2—THE CHECKERBOARD AND WASHERS

Description: Small oilcloth imprinted with a black and red checkerboard pattern, along the edge “Army and Navy Waterproof Checkers,” and a safety pin holding white and pink markers. Under magnification there is a small note indicating this set was patented Apr. 16, 1918.

Isidore Marks, of Boston, Massachusetts, applied and received his patent for a game board of flexible waterproof fabric, pocket-sized and foldable, with attachable game pieces. While no perfect image of this checkers board could be found online, there was mention of the YMCA’s “Trench Checkers.” Their game board was stiffer and folded into a sleeve that was 4 by 7 inches—too big for WWI pockets. This oilcloth version was likely purchased by the Army and Navy for their WWI soldiers.

CLUE #3—ONE RUBLE

Description: One Russian ruble note with a drawing of Vladimir Lenin

Vladimir Lenin served from 1917 to 1924 as the first head of the Soviet Russian government, and later, as head of the Soviet Union. He was a Russian lawyer, revolutionary, politician, and political theorist. On closer examination this ruble was printed in 1937, thirteen years after Lenin’s death. As a revered and reviled dictator, there was much respect for his role in developing the Communist party in Russia, and his embalmed body is still on public display in Red Square.

CLUE #4—MINI KNIFE

Description: A pearl-handled one-inch knife with no manufacturer noted.

The most similar knife listed on eBay is a vintage pearl-handled pocket knife, made in the U. S. with manufacture markings, early 1900s. This knife has no manufacturer’s mark. Perhaps, Grandfather used it to open mail or food rations?

Conclusion

The clues are consistent with Grandpa’s WWI service time, except the ruble, which may have been kept as a reminder of Russia and the Soviet Union’s most influential dictator. Hopefully this little case offered some diversion while Grandfather endured the trenches and battles of WWI. I would love to know where and how he received the ruble note. That the case survives gives an inkling of its importance to him, and that it allows us to glimpse a part of his Army life is amazing!

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Karen Hubbard is a member of the GFO Writer's Room: GFO Writer's Room folks were so helpful with support and suggestions, I'm just emboldened enough to do a small occasional series! These little stories need to get out of my head and written down.

GFO Inclement Weather Policy



WINTER IS COMING

In case of inclement weather, the GFO Library follows the Portland Public Schools guidelines for closure or delayed opening. If it is a day when school is not scheduled, check the GFO website (gfo.org), and call the GFO at (503) 963-1932 to speak with a Research Assistant to make sure that the library is open and staying open.



Online Events for November

Wednesday, November 1

Learn & Chat

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

SIGN UP >

Saturday, November 4

Virginia Roots and Vines

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

SIGN UP >

German Group

1-3 p.m.

SIGN UP >

Monday, November 6

RootsMagic

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

SIGN UP >

Tuesday, November 7

Access GFO Resources

1-3 p.m.

SIGN UP >

Thursday, November 9

The Q Review

6-7 p.m.

SIGN UP >

Saturday, November 11

Fall Seminar: A Day of Tools & Tech with

Thomas MacEntee

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

SIGN UP >

Sunday, November 12

The Writers' Room

2:30-4 p.m.

SIGN UP >

Tuesday, November 14

Board Meeting

6:30-8:30 p.m.

All GFO members are invited to attend. To receive a link to this online meeting, or request an agenda item, send an email at least 24 hours in advance to president@gfo.org.

Wednesday, November 15

DNA Q&A: The Basics

1-3 p.m.

SIGN UP >

Saturday, November 18

Genealogy Problem Solvers

9:30-11:30 a.m.

SIGN UP >

African American Ancestry

12-2 p.m.

SIGN UP >

Sunday, November 26

Italian Ancestry

1-2:30 p.m.

Contact italian@gfo.org for a meeting link.

GFO Donations Qualify for Cultural Trust

Here's a small added bonus come tax time for your donations to the GFO.

We're a member of the Oregon Cultural Trust.

If you donated to any arts, heritage, or humanities nonprofits in Oregon this year, including the GFO, you can double your impact for free through the Oregon Cultural Trust tax credit.

Total what you gave to the eligible nonprofits, give a matching amount to the Cultural Trust online or by mail by December 31. On your State Tax Form, report your gift to the Oregon Cultural Trust. You'll get 100% of it back! (Up to \$500 for individuals, \$1,000 for couples filing jointly, and \$2,500 for class C-corporations.)

It's a tax credit, not simply a deduction. Learn more at the [Oregon Cultural Trust](#).





GFO Star

October

Joyce Grant-Worley



In September, Joyce regretfully stepped down as Director at Large for personal reasons. She had served since January 2019. During her tenure, she acted as the Board liaison to the Special Interest Group (SIG) facilitators. In the latter position, she initiated the quarterly SIGnals meeting for sharing tips and techniques. She was instrumental in keeping SIG leaders on board through the GFO-wide transition to Google mail back in 2019, and again in 2020 when the SIGs all adopted Zoom. She handled both ably, despite her frequent avowals that "I'm not a tech person." We want to extend our grateful thanks for her service and hard work.

GFO DISCOVER YOUR HERITAGE

HOW TO WRITE A
FAMILY HISTORY BOOK
with David Bruey
author of *The Ancestry of Amelia Marilla Morley*

DECEMBER 16 ♦ 2:30 PM PT
Free Registration at gfo.org/gentalk



GFO Special Interest Groups

SIG meetings occur virtually in Pacific Time. They are open to the public. Learn more about our SIGs at our [SIG page](#).

AFRICAN AMERICAN GROUP

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BRITISH GROUP

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DNA – Advanced

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**Every Tuesday Evening
 6:00 – 7:30 pm on Zoom**

- Get Free Help for your Macintosh, iPhone, iPad, iPod or Apple Watch
- For info on how to attend, contact us at:

info@pmug.org





Registration for Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Interest Groups. All times are Pacific Time.

NOVEMBER 8, 2023

10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Genetic Genealogy

NOVEMBER 9, 2023

6–7:30 p.m. Genealogy Newbies

NOVEMBER 10, 2023

1:30–3 p.m. Irish

NOVEMBER 11, 2023

10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Brick Wall Roundtable

NOVEMBER 14, 2023

11 a.m.–12 p.m. German
1:30–3 p.m. Family Tree Maker

BottleDrop Holiday Give Begins This Month

This holiday season, BottleDrop Give will host its 7th Annual Holiday Give and will provide a 20% match for returnables donated between November 15–December 2, 2023.

It's easy to participate. You can contribute to the GFO by obtaining a designated Blue Bag, filling it with your empty containers, and dropping it off at any **BottleDrop location**; or by donating directly through your own **BottleDrop account**.

To obtain Blue Bags, **contact us**. Let us know your location so our volunteers can easily get the bags to you. If a mobility or other issue makes redemption difficult for you, please request a pickup of your eligible refundable containers by a GFO volunteer.

Help the GFO and the environment at the same time. It's easy and a great way to celebrate the holiday season.

Treasurer's Report

Contact: treasurer@gfo.org

SEPTEMBER 2023 INCOME

Book Sales & Misc. Income	\$ 451.75
Contributions	\$ 2,447.11
Education	\$ 680.00
Interest & Dividends	\$ 2,734.51
Library & Research	\$ 178.15
Memberships	\$ 2,933.00
Total	\$ 9,424.52

SEPTEMBER 2023 EXPENSE

Facilities & Equipment	\$ 5,277.60
Non-personnel	\$ 600.50
Other	\$ 4,504.59
Publications	\$ 385.08
Total	\$ 10,767.77

Net Income for the Month	\$ -1,343.25
Year-to-Date Net Income	\$ -9,950.97

Donor-restricted Donations	\$ 4,050.00
Endowment Donation	\$ 0.00
Unrealized Gains	\$ -22,381.57
Total Adjustments	\$ -18,331.57