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Voting Open Until May 4

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

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

Voting closes at 5 p.m., Monday, May 4, 2020.

Vote here:

<https://tinyurl.com/w9d2ozs>

GFO Adapts to Thrive

We, like you, are learning what a new normal may be. The COVID-19 pandemic is pushing us to adapt in order to thrive in a whole new way, while doing everything we can to support you in your genealogical endeavors.

Many of GFO's special interest groups have moved their meetings online. And it's about far more than genealogy. Frankly, it's wonderful to make contact, talk to each other, and just catch up. Plus, there's an added bonus: when the presenter puts visuals on screen, you're sure to be able to see them clearly. No one's sitting at the back of a classroom for these!

So far, these GFO Special Interest Groups have moved online: Italian, Irish, African American, DNA, DNA Q&A, Family Tree Maker, Genealogy Problem Solvers, and French Canada. Others may join them, so be sure to check our online calendar frequently (<https://gfo.org/who-we-are/calendar.html>) to see which groups meet when. Every online event on the calendar is preceded with the heading ONLINE.

Also, we're pleased to announce a brand new special interest group: The Q Review. Alexa Waddle will lead a "book club" of sorts, discussing articles from the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*. Until we have access again to the GFO Library and its copies of NGSQ, members can access free articles online. The first month's discussion article will be Thomas W. Jones's article, *Too Few Sources to Solve a Family Mystery? Some Greenfields in Central and Western New York*, from NGSQ vol. 103 (June 2015), which can be downloaded from <https://bit.ly/2XHI4Re>. They will meet the second Thursday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. Write to Alexa at qreview@gfo.org to receive the meeting link.

Membership Dues Barely Increase for Next Year

Vince Patton

We're in for a tight budget year due to the havoc wreaked on our economy by the pandemic. We know your personal budget may be hit hard too.

Therefore, the board is keeping dues increases to a bare minimum for the budget year starting July 1, 2020.

Individual memberships will rise by \$1 to \$48, joint memberships by \$2 to \$74. Print memberships increase by \$4, due to increased postage and printing costs.

Life memberships increase to \$925 for one person and \$1320 for two people. Years ago, the board set life memberships at 20 times the cost of an individual member-

ship, but that formula got lost. We are incrementally getting back to that threshold by 2022.

Please remember, no memberships expired during the COVID-19 shutdown, and all are being extended beyond our re-opening. You can join or renew anytime online at <https://gfo.org/membership>.

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Sunday 12 noon–5 p.m.

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Century-old Climbing Records Return Home to Mazamas

Sometimes donations of old records just don't fit our collection. When that happens, we try to find an appropriate way to handle them. Some head to a family related to the item, a few are sold to support our work, and some make it to other historical institutions.

In fact, in just such a search, we learned about a marvelous but relatively unknown library right here in Portland. The Mazamas mountaineering club, founded in 1894, has an impressive collection in southeast Portland.

We were pleased to be able to give them some Mazamas walking schedules from 1914 to 1922, along with an old club patch and some former member cards.

The Mazamas website describes the library saying, "Established in 1915, the Mazama Library is nationally recognized as holding one of the top mountaineering collections in the country. Located on the ground floor of the Mazama Mountaineering Center, the library has an extensive collection of over 10,000 books."

If your ancestors had any experience camping or climbing Mount Hood, or in early Portland walking groups, you'll definitely want to check out the Mazamas Library. Learn more at

<https://mazamas.org/library/>



Above: Mathew Brock, Mazama Library and Historical Collections Manager, was thrilled to receive the century-old Mazamas schedules.

Below: The GFO donated a dozen Local Walks Schedules from 1914 to 1922 to the Mazamas, which published them.



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In Memoriam



Frank J. Gobli (1939-2020), life member of the GFO since 2006.

Online Session Planned for Member Meeting, GenTalk

We have an Annual Membership Meeting and superb GenTalk coming in June. This year, we'll meet by video. You might wonder why we'd even concern ourselves with that in the midst of a pandemic. We're trying to abide by our bylaws despite the turbulent times.



Janice Sellers will present a GenTalk immediately after the Annual Membership meeting.

At this brief meeting, GFO members are asked to approve our budget for the next year. Without member approval at the June meeting, the GFO will not have a budget for the new fiscal year, which begins on July 1. We need **your** participation.

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

There's another great reason to join us! Professional Genealogist Janice Sellers will follow immediately with a GenTalk: *Digging Deeper on FamilySearch*. This informative presentation will cover how to get more out of FamilySearch by using some little-known tips and tricks to access the 70 percent of records that don't have an index.

Janice Sellers is a professional genealogist who specializes in forensic, Jewish, Black, and newspaper research. She has a B.A. in French with minors in Spanish and Russian, has been the editor of five genealogical periodicals, and has presented talks on genealogy and family history at local, regional, state, and national events.

The online meeting & GenTalk are scheduled for Saturday, June 21, 2020 at 2 p.m.

Access the registration form at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/ycquhm8a>.

Please join us!

Treasurer's Report

TREASURER: ERIN RANDALL [TREASURER@GFO.ORG]

MARCH 2020

INCOME

Contributions & Investments	\$	-36,050.25
Memberships	\$	1,592.00
Seminars & Other Programs	\$	381.00
Library & Research	\$	250.80
Book Sales, Publications, & Misc. Income	\$	466.49
Total	\$	-33,359.96

EXPENSES

Administration	\$	572.56
Education Programs	\$	—
Facilities & Equipment	\$	4,915.89
Library & Research	\$	103.86
Total	\$	5,592.31
Net Income for the Month	\$	-38,952.27
Year-to-Date Net Income	\$	-8,565.50

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2020

Genealogy
OPEN HOUSE 

NOW September 25-
October 4, 2020

10 days ~ 40 FREE events

Schedule to be posted at
gfo.org/openhouse
when finalized.



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Free Courses and Webinars While You Stay Home

Gerri Auerbach

Many of us are finding additional time on our hands these days. Why not spend some of that time brushing up on or adding to our genealogical knowledge base? Genealogical educational resources can be expensive, especially when you use multiple sources. But, high-quality, free resources are available.

One of the best compilations of genealogy courses and webinars (both fee and free) can be found at Cyndi's List: <https://www.cyndislist.com/education/online-courses-and-webinars/?page=1>. The free courses/webinars generally have a notation of **FREE** in the name of the offering or immediately after it.

Here are some other options:

FamilyTreeDNA has well-regarded “Y-Chromosome DNA” and “Mitochondria DNA” webinars. You do not need to belong to FamilyTreeDNA to view these: <https://bit.ly/2VmlbiA>.

The FamilySearch Wiki has a list of monthly online classes, a notification of upcoming webinars, and a list of all existing online classes. There are more than 2,000 listed classes, many in languages other than English: <https://bit.ly/2yU6xrh>.

The University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland, offers a free, beginning 6-week course titled *Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree*. The course is not specific to the British Isles. Strathclyde also offers post-graduate education in genealogy. You can access the free class here: <https://bit.ly/2VpXe9U>.

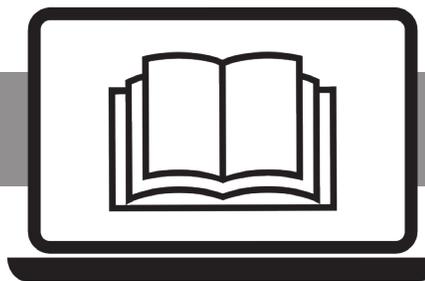
Legacy Family Tree Webinars offers free, live webinars that often feature nationally known presenters. Registration is free for live webinars, and if you register and are unable to attend, you may view the material for a short time afterwards. In their webinar library they have some free recordings, but most require a subscription:

<https://familytreewebinars.com/index.php>.

The National Archives has an annual Virtual Genealogy Fair every October. It is a day-long fair covering topics on Federal records. These are recorded and are available for the years 2013-2019. The Genealogy Fairs can be accessed at:

<https://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair>.

The New England Historic Genealogical Society has several upcoming events that are free on the Ameri-



can Ancestors website. Click here to see a list of all their webinars and scan for the ones marked as **FREE**:

<https://www.americanancestors.org/education/online-classes>.

RootsTech provides a free video archive of sessions conducted at their conferences over the years: <https://bit.ly/2XtFMnS>.

The genealogy conference website *Conference Keeper* has launched a new page dedicated to compiling virtual genealogy lessons from all over the country. Many of them are free: <http://conferencekeeper.org/virtual/>.



In 1949, a Portland streetcar was decorated with Mother's Day sentiment. Photograph from Angelus Studios photographs, PH037_, Special Collections and University Archives, University of Oregon Libraries, Eugene, Oregon.



Solve Puzzles with DNA

featuring nationally-respected genetic genealogy educator



KAREN STANBARY

Rescheduled

AUGUST

8 & 9

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Genealogical Forum of Oregon

Summer Seminar

Saturday, August 8

10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Center for Self Enhancement (SEI)

SOLVE PUZZLES WITH DNA EVIDENCE

Learn how to manage and interpret DNA evidence, then incorporate into your existing documentary research. Receive tips from a retired Licensed Clinical Social Worker on managing conversations about unexpected DNA results.

Sunday, August 9

9:30 a.m. - noon

Center for Self Enhancement (SEI)

SOLVING ADVANCED PUZZLES WITH DNA

More complex puzzles require more complex DNA evidence analysis. Deepen and expand your skills.

Karen Stanbary, CG®, MA, LCSW, is an author and national lecturer focusing on topics related to using genetic and documentary evidence to solve genealogical brick walls.

Karen is a coordinator and faculty member at three national week-long institutes: GRIP (Chromosome Mapping), IGHR (Intermediate DNA), and SLIG (Meeting Standards Using DNA Evidence). She also received the NGSQ Award for Excellence for her complex evidence case study incorporating traditional research and DNA analysis in the June 2016 issue of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly.

Karen holds the credential Certified Genealogist from the Board for Certification of Genealogists where she serves as a Trustee and is chair of the standing DNA Committee.

Register Online
gfo.org/dna

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ALERT

In-person Special Interest Groups are suspended during the coronavirus outbreak. Meetings will resume when deemed safe. Check the GFO calendar for ONLINE events (see p. 10).

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

<https://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, Sept
1–3 p.m.
Led by Duane Funk
UK@gfo.org

DNA – Beginners

Fourth Saturdays in Feb, May, Aug, and Nov
9 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 Emily Aulicino
DNA@gfo.org

DNA – Q & A

First and third Wednesdays, Sept–June
1–3 p.m.
Led by Lisa McCullough
DNA_QA@gfo.org

FAMILY TREE MAKER

Beginners

Third Sundays in Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
1–3 p.m.
Led by Laurel Smith
FTM@gfo.org

FAMILY TREE MAKER

Users' Group

Third Sundays in Feb, Mar, May, Aug, and Nov
1–3 p.m.
Led by Joyce Grant-Worley
FTM@gfo.org

FRENCH CANADA GROUP

Third Sundays (no July or August meetings)
3:30–5 p.m.
Led by Bob LaMarche
FrCan@gfo.org

GENEALOGY PROBLEM SOLVERS

Third Saturdays (except July)
9:30–11:30 a.m.
Led by Katie Daly
GPS@gfo.org

GERMAN GROUP

First Saturdays
1–3 p.m.
Led by Mike Fernandez and Tia Cobb
German@gfo.org

ITALIAN GROUP

First Tuesdays
10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Led by Stephanie Silenti
Italian@gfo.org

GREAT LAKES REGION

Second Saturdays (except Jul, Aug, Dec)
9:30–11:30 a.m.
Led by Fran Hart
GreatLakes@gfo.org

IRISH GROUP

Third Wednesdays in Feb, Apr, June, Aug, and Oct
6–8 p.m.
Led by Karen Hubbard
Irish@gfo.org

LEARN & CHAT

First and third Wednesdays
10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Led by Sandy Alto and Jeanne Quan
LearnandChat@gfo.org

MEXICAN ANCESTRY

Second Fridays in Feb, Apr, June, and Oct
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Led by Vincent Ramirez
SW@gfo.org

VIRGINIA GROUP

First Saturdays, Sept–June
10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Led by Judi Scott and Carol Surrency
Virginia@gfo.org

WRITERS' FORUM

Second Saturdays, Sept–May
1–3 p.m.
Led by Peggy Baldwin
Writers@gfo.org



Support the GFO When Shopping

Wondering how you can help preserve our history while stuck at home? Here's any easy way that doesn't cost you any extra.

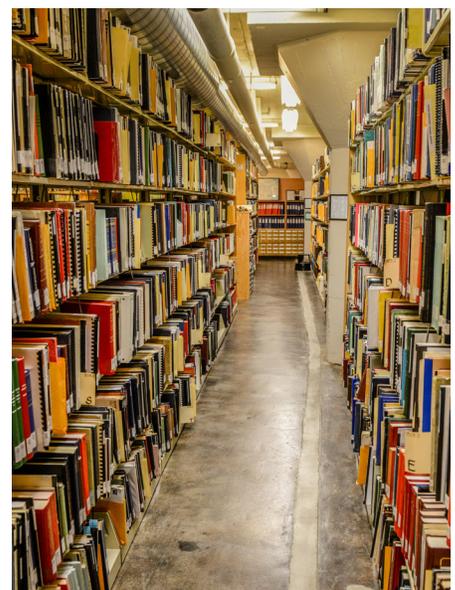
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Each time you shop, Fred Meyer donates to the GFO, based on your spending. But it does not affect the price you pay or your benefits.

What a great win-win!

We thank all of you who've done this already. It'll help us to pay the bills that are still due monthly, even while we are closed.

Link your Fred Meyer card at <https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards>



Mobile App Surprises GFO Leaders: They're Related!

Chalk this up to the wonders of modern technology.

GFO Library Chair Laurel Smith attended the giant Roots-Tech conference in February and agreed to allow *Relatives Around Me*, part of the the FamilySearch Tree app, to access her online tree to see if she had any shared matches who were also attending the conference.

Ten thousand people were in Salt Lake City using the app. *Relatives Around Me* linked Laurel to more than 4,000 of the attendees.

When it revealed her closest match among those, Laurel was dumbfounded. The app pointed her to Loretta Welsh, who has worked with Laurel at the GFO since 2011! Both serve on the GFO Board of Directors.

Now after nine years of knowing one other, they also know they are fifth cousins.

Time to cue up the *It's a Small World* music!



Two members of the GFO Board of Directors, Loretta Welsh (left) and Laurel Smith (right), discover they are fifth cousins through *Relatives Around Me*, one function of the *FamilySearch Tree* app.

Going Mobile with FamilySearch Apps

The app function, *Relatives Around Me*, that allowed Laurel Smith and Loretta Welsh to discover their relationship, is one part of the **FamilySearch Tree** app for phone or tablet. In addition to *Relatives Around Me*, supplementary functions allow you to work on your FamilySearch family tree, search for records, map your ancestors, and communicate with other FamilySearch users.

FamilySearch has another app, **FamilySearch Memories**, which allows you to create digital scrapbooks. You can use your existing photos, take photos of other photos and/or documents, and record interviews in real time.

Both apps are free and are available for both Android and iOS/Apple phones and tablets.

Same-Sex Couples Now Visible on FamilySearch

A little noticed but long-promised feature has become active on FamilySearch. You can now record same-sex relationships in family trees.

FamilySearch announced two years ago that this feature was coming, in the interest of genealogical accuracy.

Same-sex marriage has been recognized throughout the United States since 2015, and is now legal in dozens of countries.

The website is owned by the LDS church, which does not recognize same-sex relationships.

In an online Q&A, the church says its doctrine will not change.

“Is this a change in Church doctrine?”

No. FamilySearch seeks to digitally preserve and

provide access to genealogical and historical records, and this is part of its efforts to accurately document the human family. The Church solemnizes or seals marriages only between people of the opposite sex.”

The change to FamilySearch took effect last December.

It also reemphasized policies for what kinds of photos people may upload with their trees. They prohibit photos showing “individuals kissing one another on the lips or about to kiss one another on the lips, regardless of gender, age, or relationship.”



Digital Library Portal Features Western States

Mountain West Digital Library provides access to photos and historical ephemera

Mountain West Digital Library is a collection that those researching in western states should know about. MWDL is a portal that links to digital collections in Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Hawaii, and other parts of the U.S. West. "Other parts" includes Oregon.

Here's a sampling of the Oregon content:

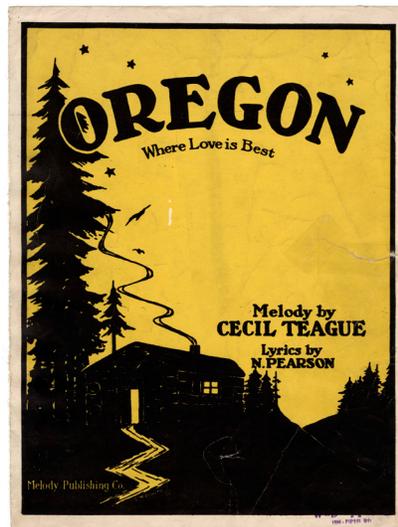
- » A selection of historical maps from the Oregon Highway Department
- » An enormous collection of yearbooks from Oregon State University
- » A selection of sheet music held by the University of Oregon
- » A collection of illustrated booklets promoting college to Oregon residents in the 1910s and 1920s
- » University of Oregon collections from the African Studies Program, the Center for Asian Pacific Studies, and the Latino Roots Program
- » Personal papers, family papers, and manuscript collections

In addition, there are numerous photograph collections at the University of Oregon, including:

- » Angelus Studio photographs, 1880s-1940s
- » C. L. Andrews photographs, 1880s-1948
- » Charles W. Furlong (1874-1967) photographs, 1895-1965
- » Lee D. Drake (1882-1957) photographs, ca. 1910-1957
- » Frazier Augustus Boutelle photographs, c. 1865-1900



Photographer: Charles W. Furlong, ~1915-1925. A woman identified as Bonnie McCarroll is thrown off a bucking horse at the Pendleton Round Up. The published title of the image was located in the book *Let 'Er Buck* by Charles W. Furlong. Photo courtesy of Charles W. Furlong Photograph Collection, University of Oregon.



Cover of sheet music by Cecil Teague and N. Pearson. Courtesy of Historical Sheet Music Collection, University of Oregon Libraries.

Access Mountain West Digital Library at

<https://mwdl.org/index.php>.



A page from *Women's Career*, December 1927, a pamphlet published by Oregon Agricultural College. Courtesy of Illustrated Booklets Collection, OSU Special Collections & Archives Research Center.

The Bulletin Is Looking for Writers and Researchers

Nanci Remington

When and why did your family come to the Northwest? Were they Native American? Pioneers? Did they come during World War II to work in the shipyards? Or more recently for jobs or schooling? We hope to publish these in the September issue. Longer stories can stand on their own. Shorter ones may be compiled into one article.

In addition, the GFO has Bible records that are transcribed and ready to publish. But they need a little context, especially information about where the family lived and if there are other resources available. Surnames include: Burch, Colt, Diers, Enos, Fleischauer, Frazer, Gingles, Goodman, Harvey, Hooten, Langoe, Leatherwood, Long, McDaniel, Millard, Molyneux, Morris, Newell, Poole, Pope, Puffer, Reed, Rigdon, Rotto, Savage, Sebern, Starr, Stewart, Strother, Sugg, Tullis, Ulbricht, and Vick.

Furthermore, we have unpublished accounts from Oregon residents that were found in our manuscripts collection. We have names but need more information about the authors. Some examples:

A School Girl in Early East Portland Violette Drake

Violette recounts life in east Portland as a new arrival from Texas in 1905. She attended Glencoe School and Washington High School. She talks about the transportation options and how those changed over the years.

Early Ranching Pearl Gilchrist

Her parents came west by covered wagon in 1883 and settled in Horse Heaven Hills, now in Benton County, Washington. Pearl describes many of the challenges that faced the early settlers.

Logging and the Early Timberman Lyle Baker

Lyle describes his family's history in the northwest. He focuses on his father's logging career and his association with Simon Benson and Johnny Yeon.

School Days Minnie Culver

Minnie recounts her train trip from Minnesota to Portland, Oregon, in 1904, when she would have

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been five years old. She remembers the Rose Festival, school days at Glencoe School and Washington High School, trips to Lake Oswego, and even the summer that an arsonist set fear throughout the city.



City of Portland (OR) Archives, Washington High School postcard, 1910. Record Nr A2004-002.1035: Washington High School

A Tillamook Tale Harriett Beling

Harriet's story proves that pioneer conditions were still common at the Oregon coast into the 1920s. Arriving from St. Louis and settling near the Nehalem River, the family learned to survive with their determination and the help of neighbors.

An Oregon "School-Marm's" Memories of the Early 1900s Moss Brown

Determined to see the West, Moss and her best friend left Nebraska in 1909, seeking teaching jobs. Traveling by train, they worked their way to Salem, Oregon, and marveled at the trees and flowers. Money was tight, but they visited Portland where Moss eventually landed a job teaching at the brand-new Jefferson High School.

Hood River Memories Carrie Monroe

Arriving in Oregon in 1908, Carrie's family bought land near Parkdale. Carrie taught school and attempted to climb Mt. Hood. After her marriage, she and her husband planted fruit trees and learned to deal with the challenges of growing and harvesting.

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GFO MAY 2020 ONLINE EVENTS

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

Saturday, May 2

11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Virginia Group

Tuesday, May 5

10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Italian Ancestry Group

Wednesday, May 6

1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. DNA Q&A

Saturday, May 9

9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Great Lakes Region Group

Tuesday, May 12

6:10 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Board meeting

Thursday, May 14

6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. The Q Review

Saturday, May 16

12:00 pm–2:00 pm African American Ancestry Group

Sunday, May 17

3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. French Canada Group

Wednesday, May 20

1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. DNA Q&A

Saturday, May 23

10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. DNA Group
1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. British Group

The library is closed until safe to reopen.

Some events have been canceled or rescheduled. Other events have moved online. Links to participate in online events can be found on the GFO calendar.

Continue to check the GFO calendar or website for updates or changes during the coronavirus outbreak.