



# THE Forum Insider

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## New Board Members Installed

### Janice Sellers Accepts Director at Large Position

For the second year, the GFO Board elections took place online with great success. Susie Chodorow was elected Vice President. A new Board member, she brings experience guiding nonprofit organizations. Richard Crockett was elected Treasurer, a position he has held previously. Erin Randall, following her two-year term as Treasurer, was elected to a position on the Endowment Committee. Ana Tangum, the elected Director at Large, was unable to assume her role. Janice Sellers has accepted the position in her stead after a unanimous vote of the Board.

The new Board members were inducted during the June 19 virtual Member Meeting. Board members

will serve two-year terms ending June 2023. Endowment Committee terms last three years.

We'd like to thank Janice Sellers for agreeing to step into our vacant Director at Large position. Janice is a professional genealogist whom you may know from the classes she has taught for the GFO and for leading the African American Special Interest Group.

Our two Directors at Large, Janice Sellers and Joyce Grant-Worley, represent our members. You can reach them at [directorsatlarge@gfo.org](mailto:directorsatlarge@gfo.org).

At this time, GFO Board meetings take place virtually the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. The next meeting is July 13.



Susie Chodorow,  
Vice President



Richard Crockett,  
Treasurer



Janice Sellers,  
Director at Large



Erin Randall,  
Endowment

To attend any board meeting, email [president@gfo.org](mailto:president@gfo.org) for a link.

## VOICES OF OUR PATRONS: 75 YEARS SHARING FAMILY HISTORY

### *"I learned the basics of genealogy before computers"*

Cathy Lauer

I became interested in genealogy in 1978 when my brother found a family bible in the old trunk in our home. He charted the family information on the back of a wallpaper sample sheet, and I was on my way to a lifelong hobby. At the time, I only knew the names of my paternal and maternal grandparents and my maternal great-grandparents.

A neighbor told me about the Genealogical Forum, and the following week, I had my first visit to the

library located on the eighth floor of the Neighbors of Woodcraft building. I became a member the same day. The receptionist on duty asked if I would like to volunteer. I said "yes" and have volunteered in some form for the last 40 years.

I checked the indexes in every book in the library that I thought may have my surnames in them. The best library



Cathy Lauer has been an active volunteer for the GFO since 1978.

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news, announcements, comments,  
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Keri Logan, editors, at [insider@gfo.org](mailto:insider@gfo.org).

# IN MEMORIAM

Longtime GFO member **Carol Jean (Horsley) Fisher** passed away in 2020. She and her husband Philip joined the GFO in 1986. Carol was active in the Irish Special Interest Group.

Longtime GFO member, volunteer, and supporter **Elizabeth "Ann" Wendlandt** died June 4, 2021. She will be missed by many. Ann joined the GFO in 1991 and became a life member in 1996. She truly dedicated herself to helping the GFO in many ways. Her family will provide her obituary which we will share in the September Bulletin.

### GENEALOGY BEFORE COMPUTERS, FROM PAGE 1

resources for that time period were the periodicals.

I knew that my grandparents had connections to Ohio and Michigan, and the Forum had a good supply for those states.

Also, the *Genealogical Helper* periodical was available. I began writing letters to everyone that had ancestors with my surnames of interest. Genealogists were always eager to connect with relatives, and their letters helped me to advance to the next generations. With their help and the microfilms ordered through the LDS church, I was able to determine that many of my ancestors were



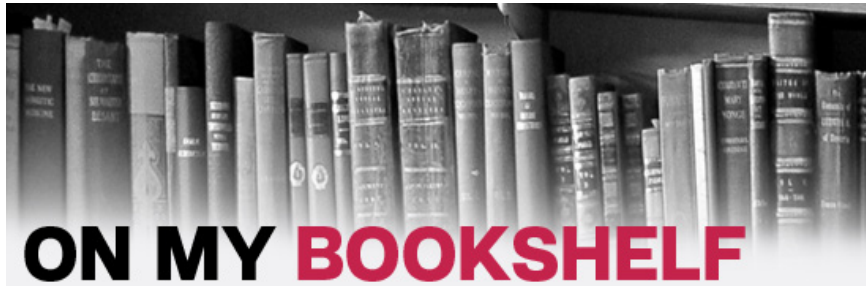
Cathy Lauer (back) and other volunteers examine a new scanner in 2015.

the Pilgrims and the Puritans. The Genealogical Forum has a wonderful collection of early American genealogy. Since the beginning of my journey, I have become a member of the Mayflower Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Colonial Dames 17th Century.

Most of the information that I found came from the resources within the library. I would never have learned so much about my ancestors if I had not visited the GFO.

*Throughout 75th anniversary year of the GFO, The Forum Insider would like to feature your reflections on what our organization has meant to you. We are interested in the impact of the library, through education, resources, or friendships, as a result of our community. Please send your stories, from a short paragraph to no longer than about one page, to [insider@gfo.org](mailto:insider@gfo.org).*

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*This month's column is written by Keri Logan. She is Co-Editor of The Forum Insider and a member of the GFO Board of Directors.*

**M**y ancestors did not travel West in the days of covered wagons and dysentery. I was the first—I came on an airplane a mere six years ago with my spouse and children. My ancestors on my paternal side (where I conduct most of my research) were a group of poor and dare I say, in the parlance of genealogist Michael Lacopo, “invisible” immigrants who came from Ireland and German-speaking areas of Europe in the mid- to late nineteenth century. They settled in the New York tenements, and there they stayed. For the most part, their descendants remain in New York or New Jersey.

Thus, the book I consult most often is the *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer*, Revised Edition prepared by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (NYG&B). It is a two-volume tome that can be purchased in hard copy or, as I own it, in PDF format from the NYG&B.

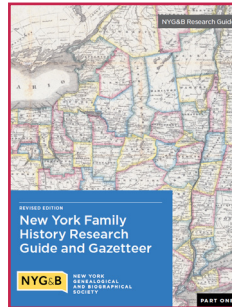
First published in 2015, it was updated in 2017. As a relatively recent publication, it is especially useful in explaining what can be obtained digitally for those of us researching from afar.

In my opinion, the PDF holds an advantage in that arena because URLs are hyperlinked and can be

opened from within the PDF.

As explained in the preface, New York research can be tricky because the state has a long history with differing administrative bodies. This affects the location of records today. These volumes attempt to collate the collective knowledge and history regarding those records. More than 120 New York genealogists, historians, librarians, and archivists contributed to this endeavor.

The first volume deals with the records themselves: what is available, where to look, and tips for alternative routes when traditional vital records are not available. There are 17 chapters on topics such as vital records, court research, land records, church records, and more. A chapter of particular significance for many researchers is “Immigration, Migration, and Naturalization.” So many of our ancestors entered through New York ports. Much is available online, however this chapter also provides a concise history of the waves of immigration into New York and what records they generated as they passed through the state. Another key chap-



ter is “Peoples of New York.” People often clustered with others from their homeland. In doing so, they created unique records through their cultural organizations, ethnic newspapers, and foreign-language churches, to name a few. This chapter is broken into 16 sections comprising a historical overview, specific genealogical resources, selected repositories, and a bibliography for each ethnic group discussed.

The second volume has a chapter for each of New York’s 62 counties. It begins with a map of the counties and regions of the state and a useful list of counties that no longer exist. Each chapter explains the history of the county and includes a table of towns and villages with related dates. Tables are followed by a list of repositories with contact information and a selected bibliography. Many NY records can be found only at county level.

The county information came in handy when trying to solve one puzzle of my own. I had discovered that the 1865 New York census, online at FamilySearch, is missing some counties, including the one I needed—Sullivan County. Using the repositories list, I contacted the Sullivan County Historical Society. The Vice President mailed me a typewritten transcript of the entire census as well as pages from the 1855 New York census at no charge. (Of course, I gave the society a nice donation!) I still have not cracked the case, but I continue to work to spotlight those invisible ancestors.

On the other hand, my maternal line, is the opposite of invisible. It is heavily researched, judging from the numbers of trees online. My mother

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# Richard Crockett Named to GFO Hall of Fame

This year, the GFO Board employed a bit of deception and took its unanimous vote in secret, via email, to name our Hall of Fame recipient.

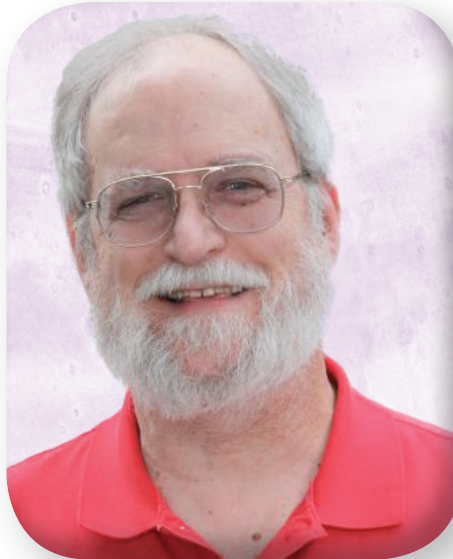
That's because we wanted to honor fellow Board member Richard Crockett. He has been an integral part of the GFO since he joined 30 years ago, in 1991.

From 1994 to 2005, he served as queries editor for *The Bulletin*, and helped with indexing projects.

In 1995, he demonstrated his deep commitment to the Forum by becoming a Life Member.

After retiring from teaching seventh grade math, Richard took on the challenging position of Treasurer and served for six years. Normally, we limit board terms to four years, but Richard had served us so ably, the board took a special vote to waive the limit and asked him to serve a third two-year term.

Richard has been a strong advocate of the GFO, a supporter of other volunteers, and a recruiter of new members. As one member wrote of him, "Richard continued to support my involvement with the GFO while I tried out different volunteer roles, always calm and able to put



things into context."

We also know Richard as our technology guru, keeping computers in the research library running and updated with the latest software, doing everything from setting them up, performing maintenance, and troubleshooting. He goes into the library during off-hours to keep everything running. RAs depend on him to answer their computer questions whenever they call.

In addition, Richard shows up at many special events put on by the Forum. He was emcee at the seminars for many years, and he

was always looking for extra ways to help—everything from AV assistance to stacking chairs. When the library moved to the Ford building, he was there to help paint. When the GFO had a picnic, he helped flip burgers.

As a glutton for hard work, Richard is yet again stepping into the role of Treasurer for another two years, starting in July 2021.

**We are pleased to honor Richard Crockett for his tireless commitment to the GFO.**

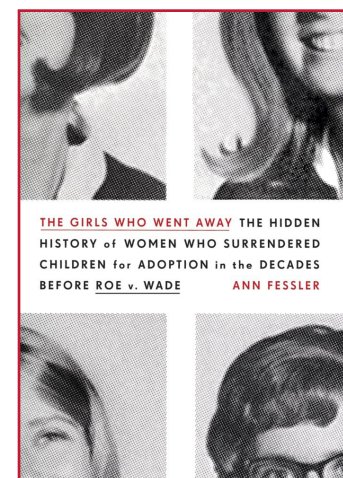
## ON MY BOOKSHELF, FROM PAGE 3

was adopted however, and we only recently identified her line. Curiosity notwithstanding, I feel less kinship and less desire to work on a family with so much research completed. I suppose I just love a mystery.

Early on when considering this line though, the one book that I found incredibly useful was not a genealogy book. *The Girls who Went Away: The Hidden History of Women Who Surrendered Children for Adoption in the Decade Before Roe v. Wade* by Ann Fessler relates the diverse but not dissimilar experiences and trauma of birth mothers between 1945 and 1973. The stories were collected by

Fessler in 2002 and are related using the women's own words. The tale that emerged, after my naïve bumbling as a fledgling genealogy researcher, regarding the woman who was my biological grandmother mirrored those told within the book. It was invaluable to gaining insight into this recent generation of newly discovered family.

Eventually, I plan to work on my mother's adoptive family line. Since they also hail from the New York and New Jersey area, I have just what I need to get started.



*We'd love to feature the genealogy book(s) that you can't live without. Please send us description of the book(s) and how they have helped your research to [insider@gfo.org](mailto:insider@gfo.org).*



# Genealogical Forum of Oregon's MemberSpace

## digital **escape** room



Volunteers at the GFO have been working tirelessly to digitize and make available online to our members many of our research materials. Every week in the E-News, the most recent digitized resources are listed. To encourage familiarity with these resources, we have developed the MemberSpace Digital Collections Escape Room.

Our version of a digital escape room is a scavenger hunt for genealogical information that must be entered correctly into an online form to “escape” (i.e., reach the end of the form.) With each correct answer, you will advance through the form. Incorrect answers block the way. Once you “escape” and submit your form, it becomes an entry for a chance to win a free ticket to our Fall Seminar.

All answers can be found in the MemberSpace Digital Collections within the following categories: digital journals, eBooks, indexed images, indexes, and manuscripts. First log into MemberSpace on the GFO homepage, then click on “Digital Collections.” (Hint: The escape room questions may be in the same order as the categories.)

Deadline for submission is by the end of day July 10, 2021. The winner will be notified by email by July 11, 2021, and published, along with the escape room answers, in the August *Insider*.

### Pro Tips

- *It can be helpful to write down your answers to each question before you start the Google form.*
- *All answers that are not names (of persons/localities) or numbers are in lower case.*
- *If you answer a question incorrectly a few times, the form may stop working, so just start a new form.*
- *A desktop computer may be easier to use. Some search functions do not work on tablets.*

Enter for a  
Chance to Win  
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to our 2021  
Fall Seminar!

**deadline:**  
10 July 2021

### Memberspace digital **escape** room questions

Access the Google escape room form at [bit.ly/3fTF1x0](https://bit.ly/3fTF1x0)

1. In the Volume 35, No. 1 issue of the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society newsletter, *Tails and Trails*, who is profiled in the Timeless Tombstones article?
2. In the Volume 1, No. 2 issue of the journal *Louisiana African-Americans*, what was the name of the 178th listed enslaved person in the Succession of Dr. Samuel Gustine, Concordia Parish, 1845?
3. In Washington County, Oregon Marriage Records, what was the first name of the bride married on 28 Nov 1851? (Hint: Using Control+F, brings up a search box for the PDF.)
4. In River View Cemetery Interments: Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, Part 1, in what section, lot and space is Virgil Earp interred? Answer with numbers only with commas in between, i.e., Section 12, Lot 38, Space #2 would be answered as 12,38,2.
5. Hattie Eldora Farley died 17 Oct 1903 in Oregon. What was her cause of death?

QUESTIONS CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

## GFO Milestone: More Than A Quarter Million Pages Digitized

The GFO hit a remarkable milestone in the past month! We now have more than a *quarter million pages* digitized and available to our members on our website's MemberSpace.

Yes, we have kept count.

294,902 digital pages are in the online collection! The first pages went up on December 24, 2020, with more going up each week.

The COVID-19 closure drove the GFO to embrace online tools for meetings. Thanks to the guidance of Library Chair Laurel Smith, a team of volunteers has been turning paper records into digital ones too. These include digital journals, periodicals, eBooks, indexed images, manuscripts, and more.

It's not a quick process. Volunteers scan them, then use software to make that text word searchable, name and organize the files, and load them to MemberSpace.

We want to say "Thank You" for this great volunteer effort. Access to our records from your own home is another great benefit of being a member of the GFO.



### MEMBERSPACE DIGITAL ESCAPE ROOM QUESTIONS, CONT'D

6. Charles Bailey was born on Sept 15, 1905, in Portland, Oregon. What was his father's occupation?
7. Ben Welch died 21 Apr 1912 and is buried in Lone Fir Cemetery. What is written in the "Notes" or "Internal Notes" column?
8. John R. Ambelle married Marie Ruth Bowen on 28 Aug 1930. In what county did this marriage take place?
9. In what File # in the Balicki Collection would you find the pedigree charts, family group sheets, biographical sketches, and research notes of the Kingsley, Mowry, and Sabin families? (answer with the number only)
10. According to the Family Group Sheet of George Floch and Catharine Huber in the Gehrke Collection, to whom was Roy E. Floch married on 21 Apr 1915?

## Endowment Makes Largest Payment Yet

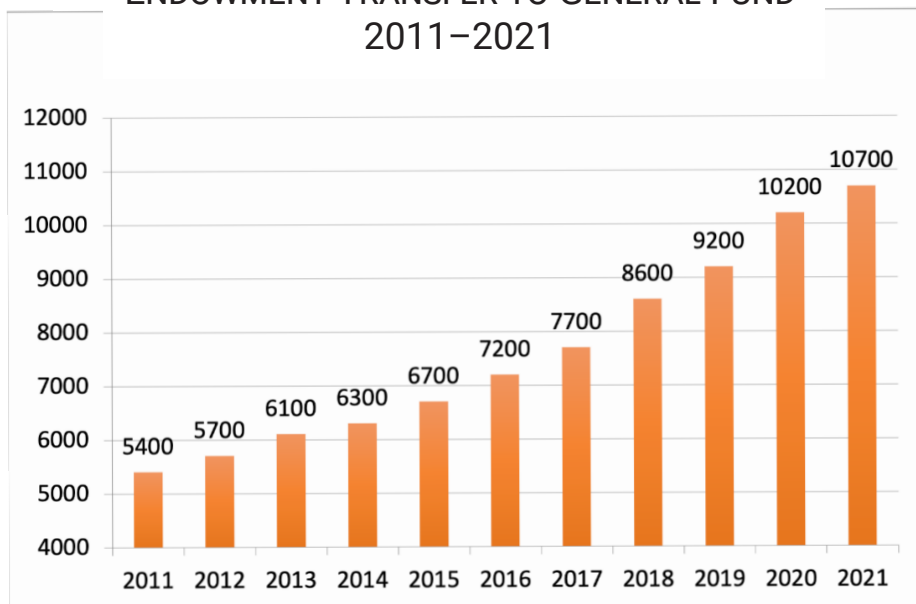
Decades ago, astute GFO leaders created an Endowment Fund to help finance library operations in perpetuity. Compared with many small non-profits our size, our endowment is exceptional, currently holding \$308,000.

The Endowment Committee meets quarterly to studiously and carefully invest those funds. Each spring, the

committee transfers 4% of that fund to the General Fund for annual operations.

This year, our general fund received \$10,700 from the Endowment. This compares to \$10,200 last year and \$5,400 10 years ago. The committee's work has paid off handsomely, helped by a good long bull market.

ENDOWMENT TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND 2011-2021



# Multnomah County Poor Farm Records Online

## Admissions Register Images Available for Free from County Archives

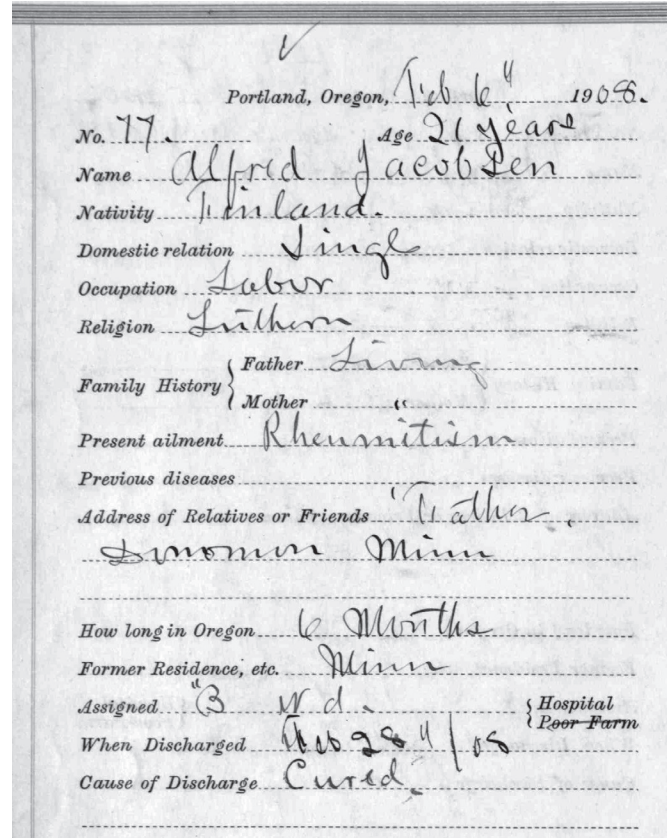
Multnomah County housed people with little means, many of whom were ill or disabled, from 1869 to 1982. The original home based in Portland's West Hills was replaced by a "poor farm" located in Troutdale in 1911. Since that time, the institution's name and purpose changed many times, serving as both a jail and a nursing home. Today, the buildings are on the National Register of Historic Places. People in the area know them as the hotel, restaurant, and musical venue, Edgefield, which is part of the McMenamins chain.

Some years ago, the GFO indexed the Poor Farm's Resident Admissions Registers from 1900–1980 and posted that index on our site: [bit.ly/3pmGVt6](https://bit.ly/3pmGVt6). Now we've heard from Multnomah County Digital Archives that they have shared the GFO index, along with images of the records for Volumes 1–7 (1900–1962) on their site: [bit.ly/3gaY5pp](https://bit.ly/3gaY5pp).

The Poor Farm housed both a working farm for the unemployed and also a hospital for individuals who were chronically, and even temporarily, ill. Some people spent just a short amount of time there, yet the records are rich in genealogical information. Take, for example, Alfred Jacobsen, a 21-year-old man admitted 8 Feb 1908 for rheumatism. He was "cured" and released just three weeks later. From his record, we learn where he was born, where he lived before Oregon, his marital status, religion, father's location, and occupation. Some records even included the names and addresses for the admitted individuals' relations.

A search for an individual's name at the county's site will yield the index originally compiled by the GFO, as well as any other pages that might match that name in all of their collections. To find the Poor Farm record specifically, it is easiest to use GFO's index, called "Poor Farm resident admissions register index" on Multnomah County's site, to identify the volume (book) and page number for the person. Then you can go directly to the volume needed to access the page images. The county has also prepared a handy research guide: [bit.ly/3fOjbCF](https://bit.ly/3fOjbCF).

This is another tribute to the great work of GFO's volunteers who have indexed records for the GFO, the state of Oregon, and many of its counties. Their efforts have made it possible for future researchers to more efficiently locate relevant records.



Portland, Oregon, Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1908.

No. 77. Age 21 years

Name Alfred Jacobsen

Nativity Finland

Domestic relation Single

Occupation Laborer

Religion Lutheran

Family History { Father Living  
Mother " " }

Present ailment Rheumatism

Previous diseases

Address of Relatives or Friends Troutdale, Oregon  
Sorenson Minn

How long in Oregon 6 Months

Former Residence, etc. Minn

Assigned B W d. { Hospital  
Poor Farm }

When Discharged Feb 28<sup>th</sup> / 08

Cause of Discharge Cured

Above, an example of the Poor Farm registrations found in Multnomah County Digital Archives. Source: Multnomah County, Oregon, Health Department, Multnomah County Poor Farm Resident Admissions Register, vol. 3 (1908-1912): 20, no. 77, Alfred Jacobsen; image, Multnomah County Digital Archives ([archives.multco.us/repositories/3/archival\\_objects/8466](https://archives.multco.us/repositories/3/archival_objects/8466) : accessed 4 Jun 2021).

Below, McMenamins Edgefield, formerly the Multnomah County Poor Farm, is listed on the U. S. National Register of Historic Places. The photo "Multnomah County Poor Farm-Troutdale Oregon," is courtesy of photographer Ian Poellet, Wikimedia Commons, CC BY-SA 3.0.



# Library Looking for Volunteers

*Laurel Smith, Library Chair*

The Library has several jobs available that can be done from home or from the newly reopened library.

## Corresponding secretaries (several)

This project will be ongoing because it's a big one, but it does have a conclusion. This is a job for those who can locate contact information for genealogical organizations, who feel comfortable corresponding via email on GFO's behalf, who read and respond to email regularly, and who have good recordkeeping skills to track what they are doing. The primary purpose is to help with GFO's digital periodicals subscriptions, to arrange to receive more of them in digital format, and to find out what materials the organizations have for sale that are not already in the GFO collection. Each volunteer will take a U.S. state to search. What's your favorite state? Where are your ancestors from? When one state is finished, the volunteer (I hope) would select another. It may be silly to say, but I fantasize 50 volunteers, each adopting a state, and this project would be done too! And then, there's Canada...



*Photo by Matt Moloney, courtesy of Negative Space*

## Digitization Services

As the library reopens, our digitizing effort needs your help onsite:

- Preparing periodicals for scanning
- Comparing scans to the originals
- PDF processing

If any of these jobs sounds fun or interesting, or you're just willing to help, please contact me at [laurel.smith@gfo.org](mailto:laurel.smith@gfo.org). I'd sure appreciate your support and assistance.



## Get Help at PMUG Clinic

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

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

[info@pmug.org](mailto:info@pmug.org)

A WEEKLY EVENT BY THE PORTLAND MACINTOSH USER GROUP

## Lost something at GFO Library?

Let us know. Send a message to [library@gfo.org](mailto:library@gfo.org). Missing items include travel mugs, umbrellas, glasses, and more. Unidentified items will be donated or discarded on September 1, 2021.



*Some of the items from the GFO lost and found. To see all photos, visit [bit.ly/3v3qFOY](http://bit.ly/3v3qFOY).*



# Treasurer's Report

TREASURER: RICHARD CROCKETT [TREASURER@GFO.ORG]

## APRIL 2021

INCOME	
Donations	\$ 3,626.76
Memberships	\$ 4,238.00
Seminars & Other Programs	\$ 3,671.00
Library & Research	\$ 245.00
Book Sales & Misc. Income	\$ 321.50
Interest & Dividends	\$ 236.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,338.87</b>
EXPENSES	
Administration	\$ 886.64
Education Programs	\$ 2,000.00
Facilities & Equipment	\$ 4,996.01
Library & Research	\$ 103.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,986.51</b>
<i>Net Income for the Month</i>	<b>\$ 4,352.36</b>
<i>Year-to-Date Net Income</i>	<b>\$ 44,907.73</b>

## MAY 2021

INCOME	
Donations	\$ 11,403.03
Memberships	\$ 2,458.00
Seminars & Other Programs	\$ 240.00
Library & Research	\$ 160.90
Book Sales & Misc. Income	\$ 821.00
Interest & Dividends	\$ 292.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,375.21</b>
EXPENSES	
Administration	\$ 922.06
Education Programs	\$ 100.00
Facilities & Equipment	\$ 5,410.05
Library & Research	\$ 1,003.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,435.96</b>
<i>Net Income for the Month</i>	<b>\$ 7,939.25</b>
<i>Year-to-Date Net Income</i>	<b>\$ 52,846.98</b>

*GenTalk*  
Genealogical Forum of Oregon

**17**  
**July**  
2:30 pm PDT

**Was Your Ancestor Truly Gone?**  
**Or Just Hidden Within**  
**the Records ...**

with  
**Pam**  
**Vestal**

Free *Live* Online

Register:  
[gfo.org/GenTalk](http://gfo.org/GenTalk)

# Countdown to 1950!

We are excitedly counting to the days when we'll be able to see into the past. The release of the 1950 U.S. Federal Census comes April 1, 2022!

When the census is released, it will not be indexed. If you want to locate your family before indexes are created, you can take steps now to be ready.

To help you prepare, our webmaster has built a nifty page that you'll want to consult. Access "GFO: Preparing for the Release of the 1950 U.S. Census" at [gfo.org/learn/1950-us-census.html](https://gfo.org/learn/1950-us-census.html) to

- learn about the specific instructions to the census takers (enumerators),
- see which people were asked even more detailed questions than most,
- find out how to use your genealogy software to



Enumerator Eileen Nolte interviews the First Family on Census Day, April 1, 1950. Photo courtesy of the U.S. Census Bureau, [Creative Commons license 2.0](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/2.0/).

- generate lists of people alive in 1950,
- and so much more.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

[gfo.org/learn/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](mailto:African_American@gfo.org)

### BRITISH GROUP

Fourth Saturdays in Jan, Mar,  
May, and Sep  
1–3 p.m.

Led by Duane Funk

[UK@gfo.org](mailto:UK@gfo.org)

### DNA – Beginners

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

Led by Emily Aulicino

[DNA@gfo.org](mailto:DNA@gfo.org)

### DNA – Advanced

Fourth Saturdays in Jan,  
Apr, July, and Oct  
9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Led by Tim Janzen

[DNA@gfo.org](mailto:DNA@gfo.org)

### DNA Q & A – The Basics

First Wednesdays  
1–3 p.m.

Led by Lisa McCullough

[DNA\\_QA@gfo.org](mailto:DNA_QA@gfo.org)

### FAMILY TREE MAKER

Monthly, usually third Sundays  
1–3 p.m.

Led by Laurel Smith

[FTM@gfo.org](mailto:FTM@gfo.org)

### FRENCH CANADA GROUP

Third Sundays

3:30–5 p.m.

Led by Carol LaBrie  
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### WRITERS' FORUM

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# GFO Stars

## May

### Cathy Lauer

Cathy Lauer has been an asset to the GFO for many years. Even a pandemic didn't slow her down.



She has taken on the task of creating finding aids for the manuscripts collection. During the past three months, she has completed finding aids for four collections—more than have been

done over the past three years.

These are now available to researchers through the website and soon in the GFO MemberSpace.

Thank you, Cathy, for your dedication to the GFO!

## June

### Lisa Moon

The GFO Board is pleased to honor Lisa Moon as our Star of the Month.



Lisa has been helping with processing digital files for the GFO Library for years. When the library was still open, in addition to working as a Research Assistant, she was always willing to help with the periodical

digitizing project.

Since the COVID closure, she has taken on the routine task of keeping all the incoming digital exchanges up to date in addition to tackling some of the tough projects that have popped up.

Thank you, Lisa, for all you do!

Know Someone from the GFO Who Should Be Honored?

**NOMINATE THEM FOR GFO STAR OF THE MONTH**

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## New index added to GFO website

If you're looking for an obituary from the *Hillsboro Argus* between 2001–2012, you're in luck. The GFO recently received a donation of all newspaper pages with obituaries during these years—and it came with an index! We offer our thanks to Leslie Brinkley Lawson for creating the index and donating it along with the pages.

You can access the Hillsboro Argus Obituary Index 2001-2012 and order a copy of one or more of these obituaries from our website ([bit.ly/3cll9Rh](https://bit.ly/3cll9Rh)). GFO



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# GFO JULY 2021 ONLINE EVENTS

All events are online.

Check the calendar for the URL to participate in online events: [gfo.org/calendar](http://gfo.org/calendar)

**Saturday, July 3**

10 a.m.–12 p.m. Virginia Group

**Wednesday, July 7**

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

**Thursday, July 8**

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Access GFO Resources  
6–7 p.m. The Q Review

**Saturday, July 10**

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

**Tuesday, July 13**

6:30–8:30 p.m. Board Meeting

**Saturday, July 17**

9:30–11:30 a.m. Genealogy Problem Solvers  
12–2 p.m. African American Ancestry  
2:30–3:30 p.m. GenTalk: *Was Your Ancestor Truly Gone or Just Hidden Within the Records?*

**Sunday, July 18**

1–3 p.m. Family Tree Maker Group

**Wednesday, July 21**

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

**Friday, July 23**

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Access GFO Resources

**Saturday, July 24**

9–11:50 a.m. DNA Advanced  
1–3 p.m. British Group