

GenTalk

at the

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PAPER AND SPIT:

DNA+Genealogy, and
How to Make That First Contact

Presenter:

Don Anderson
Author & GFO Member

Like many adoptees, Don Anderson wanted to know where he came from. His new book, *Paper and Spit*, chronicles his journey. Using both DNA and genealogy, Don finds not only the identity of his birth parents but also his true ethnic heritage.

This GenTalk will focus on using Don's story to illustrate "What to say when making contact with new matches." This can be one of the most delicate and challenging aspects of finding close relatives, or wanting to create a positive experience with new cousins. Discovering a new match is much like finding a fish at the end of your pole, and now you need to reel in the fish. There is a method - what you say and how you say it is important.

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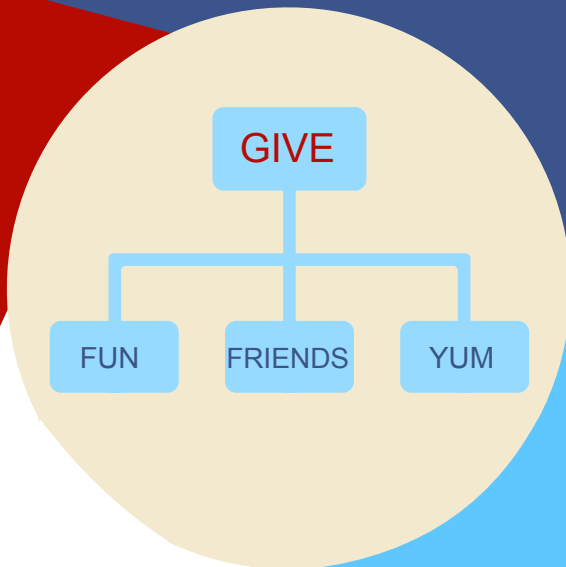


#GIVING TUESDAY™



NOV. 28
9:30AM - 5PM

@ GFO LIBRARY



GIVE A LITTLE TIME TO A GREAT CAUSE

On #GivingTuesday, most non-profits are asking for monetary donations — and GFO would never turn those down — but this is our annual appeal for your **TIME**.

There will be a major effort to label newly cataloged books — so your help is truly needed. We'll have donuts and bagels in the morning to fuel us, and in the afternoon we'll order in some pizza. So please come. Give a few hours or make a day of it!

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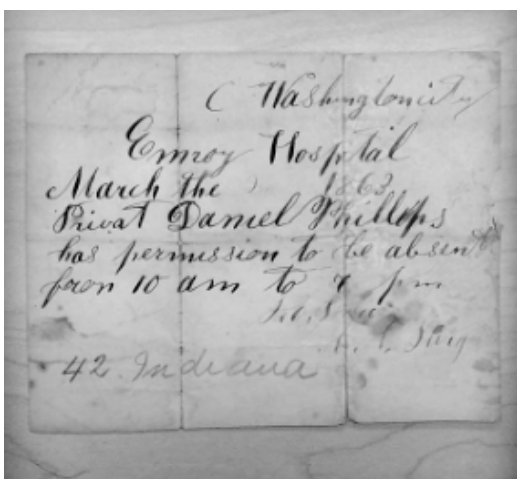
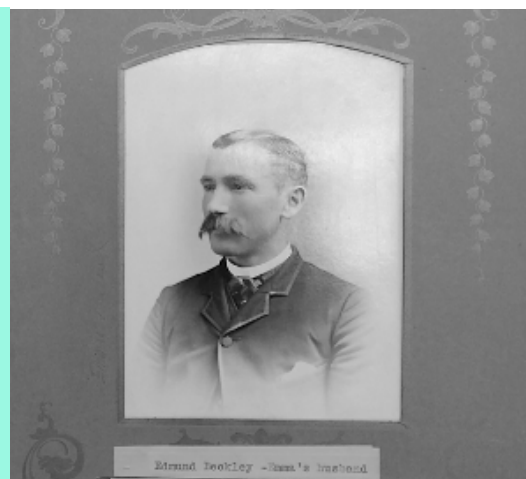
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Get ready for the holidays with Personal Archiving! Learn not only how to preserve some of those family heirloom papers and photographs you know are collecting dust in the attic and basement, but also see how you can put together wonderful family history gifts with these fabulous relics of yesteryear. Learn how to weave the fabric of your family history into inspiring and lasting treasures.

Attendees are encouraged to bring in a sample of items of their very own to work on during this interactive session. Photographs and letters and diaries, oh my! Please bring a couple of your treasures to the session. We'll work on them together while discussing ways to keep them safe, as well as ways to share them with family and friends both far and near.



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Giving Tuesday at the GFO

Won't you come to our party?
Work party, that is.



November 28, 9:30am-3pm

It's an all day work party! We have a pile of books to be labeled, some scanning, and a host of other activities..

Giving Tuesday is a global idea of pulling together community organizations with donations of time, resources and talents. <https://www.givingtuesday.org/>

The party? Morning pastries, juice, and coffee/tea. Noon-ish there will be pizza! Good friends and new friends. Come, join the fun and lend a hand! We'll be putting labels on books, chatting genealogy, and having a grand time. Check here for times <http://gfo.org/who-we-are/calendar.html>



Now Playing!

Have you seen our new video? Take just four minutes to see what the GFO has to offer, then let your friends in on the secret. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80c8hIMQtuA&t=154s> (For fun, watch this earlier one: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mymm-y-Suvk>)



Mount Shuksan, Washington, U.S., 2008, Rich Murphy



Washington County Oral Histories

The Pacific University Archives has created an archive of oral histories from the collections of thirteen Washington County libraries, historical societies, and other community organizations. This long-term project to collect, digitize, and preserve online these old audio and video tapes, identified about 900 items for inclusion. Nearly 800 have been prepared.

Check out the collection and learn more here:

<http://exhibits.lib.pacificu.edu/exhibits/show/oral-histories>

New German Subject Books for GFO

The German SIG is proud to announce we have reached our goal! Through the generous donations of many of you, we were able to meet the high expectations we had to be able to purchase so many outstanding books for our GFO library. Some of the books are making their way to the shelves already so please check them out. Researchers, celebrate and thank you all so very much.

Tia Cobb and Mike Fernandez, GFO German SIG



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Free Gen Talk

Third Saturday of most months at 2pm with an interesting speaker.

Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, and

Thursday.....9:30am–5pm

Wednesday9:30am–8pm

Friday and Saturday9:30am–3pm

Sunday.....12 noon–5pm

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Events and Conferences

Genealogical Society of Washington All at: Hillsboro Main Library
County Monthly Programs 2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy
Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

Researching Military Records

Saturday, November 4, 10am–12pm

Millions of American citizens have served in the Armed Forces, so chances are good that one or more of your ancestors served at some time or another in the military, at the Federal, State, or perhaps both levels. This presentation will introduce you to the wealth of genealogical information these records can provide. Skill level: All

Speakers: Keith and Darlene Pyeatt are graduates of Brigham Young University. Keith is becoming a credentialed genealogist, serves on the education committee of the GFO, and both he and Darlene serve as family history consultants.

You Can’t Make This Stuff Up!!!

Saturday, December 9, 10am–12pm

When doing your family trees, you also come across some very odd and surprising family lines. Double cousins, first cousins marrying each other and step brothers and sisters marrying each other. These are stories that make our genealogies interesting and entertaining at the same time. So the phrase “I’m my own grandpa” is not too farfetched. You really cannot make this stuff up.

Speaker: Darrell Gulstrom, DTM has been doing genealogy for at least 40 years, and has been a member of the GSWCO for three years.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of

Washington State

Reclaim The Records: Genealogy Fought the Law and Won

LDS Factoria Building
4200 124th Ave SE
Bellevue, WA 98006

Brooke Schreier Ganz

Monday, November 13, 2017, 7:15pm, Free Admission

Genealogists are often told government archives records are “unavailable,” or they’re difficult to access. Reclaim The Records (RTR) won a Freedom of Information Law case against the NYC Municipal Archives to access twentieth century genealogical records, and another in New Jersey. Brooke Schreier Ganz, the founder of RTR, speaks about the cases, the legal basics of FOIL, and how to file a FOIL request for other records. Doors open at 6:30.

As the former Vice President of Gesher Galicia, she designed and built their website, including the “All Galicia Database.” The search engine codebase was released by Brooke as a free open-source project, for which she won second place in the 2012 RootsTech Developer Challenge. She further refined it to build the bilingual “All Israel Database” for the Israel Genealogical Research Association (IGRA).



WV Archives ~ Vital Records Resources

Susan Scouras, Librarian/Library Manager, WV Archives and History Library

From the listserv:

West Virginia Vital Research Records free online database, <http://www.wvculture.org/vrr>, is also included in ALE and FamilySearch. The database was created and is maintained by the Archives and History section (WV State Archives/Archives and History Library) of the WV Division of Culture and History.

The western Virginia counties that became part of West Virginia in 1863 kept their own records, so for those pre-1863 Virginia counties, regardless of statehood, you can search the West Virginia database for births from 1853 to current year minus 101 years (except the original few counties on the database that go through 1930), for deaths from 1853 to current year minus 51 years, and marriages from inception of each county to some point between 1960-70, depending on county. County birth and death records into the 1960s are available on LDS microfilm.

We also can provide uncertified copies of WV state birth and “delayed” birth certificates up through 1930 and WV state death certificates up through 1973. We have statewide annual indexes for state birth and death certificates for 1917 through 1991. We have annual indexes for state “delayed” birth certificates from 1853 (I think the earliest one is in the 1870s) to 1991. We have statewide annual indexes for marriages from 1921 (couple years are groom only) through 1991. There are also a few records available on microfilm that are not yet in the database due to transcription delays or other problems.

West Virginia has not lost any state birth, death, or marriage records. There are both old and new publications that contain this misinformation. No birth or death records were lost in the State Capitol fire in 1921. and marriage records were not kept by the

state until 1964. Regardless, West Virginia has had a parallel record system from the beginning of state records in 1917 into the present. Records continued to be kept by the counties as well as the state, so if you don’t find a state record you can double check by looking for the county record as well, and vice versa.

A guide to West Virginia Vital Research Records Database, plus Quick Guides for birth, death and marriage records are linked on the State Archives page under Staff Research Guides: <http://www.wvculture.org/history/archives/wvsamenu.html>. The WVRR guide is also linked from the main WVRR search page. Be sure to check the county list to the side of each category search page for date ranges available.

If you have questions, please contact me.

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>>> From Donald L. Wilson

West Virginia vital records between 1853 and 1863 that are missing from the court house and from the West Virginia index are likely to be found at the Library of Virginia in Richmond. These include records for Preston, Hampshire, and Berkeley Counties. I found my ancestor Thorn(s)berry Bailey’s death record there; he died in Preston County in 1857.

Donald L. Wilson, Virginiana Librarian
Ruth E. Lloyd Information Center
Prince William Public Library System
Manassas, VA 20109

>>> From Susan Scouras

West Virginia Archives and History Library also has microfilm of these records. One-stop shopping!

*Glade Creek Grist Mill, Babcock State Park, WV, 2006,
Gabor Eszes*



Spreading the Word

We want the world to know that we have the resources of a great library, great educational opportunities, and great people that help! If you are on Facebook and have not rated the GFO yet, please take a minute or two to do so today. By the way, you can rate the GFO without writing anything—but it’s nicer if you can say what you like best about us. THANK YOU.

Our Facebook page is the place to follow GFO doings: news, upcoming events, articles posted by readers, and member suggestions.

Visit our page, tell your friends, and ask them to like us. <https://www.facebook.com/gfo.org/>

Here’s how, and it only takes a couple of clicks . . . honest.

Step One: Log into your Facebook page.

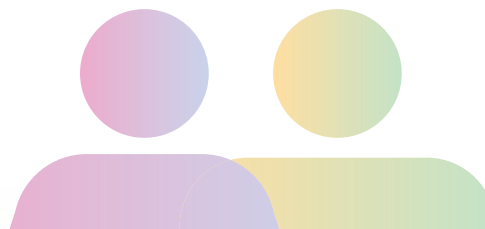
Step Two: Go to GFO’s Facebook page from your Facebook page.

Step Three: Click on Reviews on the left vertical menu, and then click the “Tell People What You Think” link at the top of the feed.

Step Four: Click on the star rating of your choice (five! oh please pick five stars!!).

Step Five: Type a review in the pop-up box.

This is a great way to help others find out about the GFO, which will help us continue to provide all the great genealogical programs and services you already enjoy so much!



Reaching for the Stars

ANYONE can nominate a GFO Star at our library.

No star for this month - we’ve run out of nominations. Are you a GFO patron, member, or guest who had an amazing experience with one of our Research Assistants or volunteer? Did a GFO event speaker inspire you? Nominate them!

The GFO Star nominations are designed to shine the spotlight on all of our wonderful and amazing volunteers for all the wonderful and amazing work they do for the GFO. And guess what, the GFO is ALL VOLUNTEERS, so you’ve got so many people to choose from! Star Nomination forms are on top of the Star Nominations box that is on the wall above the “Beverage Park” table just to the right of the GFO’s front entrance as you come in. Please note, Board Members cannot be stars.

Volunteer for the Bulletin

Our *Bulletin* editors need a few fact checking experts to separate the facts from fiction in our articles before publication. Email bulletin@gfo.org if interested!

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s report for the period ending September 30, 2017. *Richard Crockett*

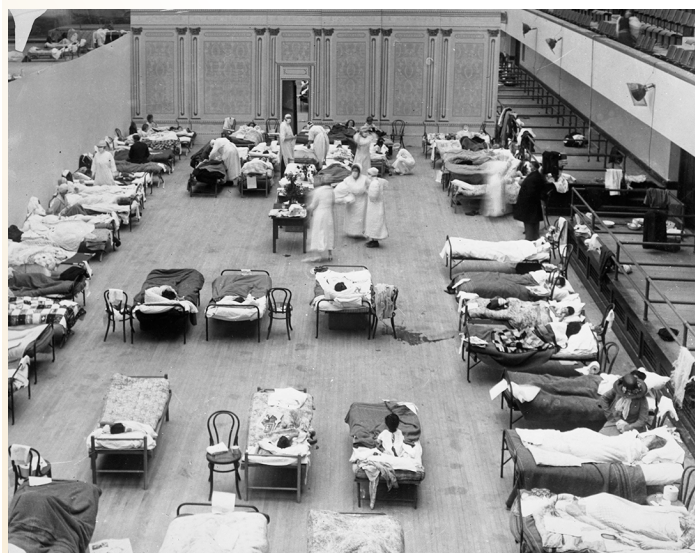
Income	\$9,221.47	Total expenses	\$8,690.20
General Fund donations	\$950.00	Administration expenses	\$411.73
endowment fund donations	\$25.00	Facilities	\$4,183.56
dedicated donations	\$420.00	Germans SIG books program	\$805.27
Memberships	\$2,738.00	Fall seminar refund	\$45.00
Dividends	\$256.36	Space rental	\$1,150.00
Fall Seminar	\$4,119.00	Library expenses	\$1,434.88
Finding workshop	\$109.00	Book sales expenses	\$88.04
Library Income	\$179.60	Net income for the month	\$4,066.88
Research	\$213.51	Year to date net income	\$3,828.84
Surplus books sales	\$211.00	Checking account balance	\$38,535.99



How did the Spanish Flu touch your family?

The *Bulletin* is issuing a special call for stories or articles on the subject of the Spanish Flu in recognition of the 100-year remembrance of this horrific epidemic. Who was lost, how did the survivors describe the time, was the family changed by the experience?

A short piece (300 words or more) or a longer article (up to 5,000 words) can be submitted, and you don't have to be a member of GFO. If you have a story and are wondering if it would fit, contact the *Bulletin* staff at: bulletin@gfo.org. More info and past issues here: <http://gfo.org/learn/our-publications/gfo-bulletin.html>



Left: 1918 flu in Oakland, Edward A. "Doc" Rogers, 1981
The Oakland Municipal Auditorium in use as a temporary hospital. The photograph depicts volunteer nurses from the American Red Cross tending influenza sufferers in the Oakland Auditorium, Oakland, California, during the influenza pandemic of 1918. Oakland Public Library



Nifty Gift Ideas

A GFO membership. (Watch for the special offer in December's Bulletin.)

A DNA test (Do check with your gift recipient first - some folks may not wish to take a DNA test.)

Photo and artifact storage boxes and materials, and cotton gloves for archive-safe handling.

Subscriptions to database services, journals and magazines, historical societies, and genealogical organizations.

Choose a favorite photo or have a print made of a very old one and frame it.

Plan a shared trip to a family site: home, cemetery, town, country.

Books, books, books. Check out the GFO's books for sale here: <http://gfo.org/support-us/shop/surplusbook-sales.html>

Here are more ideas: <https://onerhodeislandfamily.com/2013/11/29/50-gifts-for-genealogists-this-christmas/>

Lineage Societies List

Our Research Assistants are compiling a list of various Lineage Societies to have available for our researchers both online and at the GFO's front desk: Colonial Dames, Children of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Colonists, and more.

But do you know others?

If you have suggestions of other societies that should go on our current list, please email volunteer@gfo.org.

Find GFO's current list at <http://gfo.org/resources/links/lineage-societies.html>

The Popular Music of a Country at War

The songs of a war a century ago are still familiar to us in snatches: "Over There . . . It's a Long Way to Tipperary . . . Hinky Dinky Parlay Voo." Sheet music covers (on the next page) capture the emotions of soldiers and those back home. The song themes are timeless: Young men around the field campfire reading precious letters from home, grey-haired mothers praying for their boys, children wondering where Daddy is, and nurses as angels. There's the raw experience of being an Army recruit and landing in a foreign country. Some are humorous, a few are unprintable in their original versions (cleaned up for home singing), and there are one or two anti-war songs ("I didn't Raise my Boy to be a Soldier"). All images accessed at Wikimedia Commons.

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OVER THERE

WORDS BY **NORA BAYES**
MUSIC BY **George M. Cohan**

Were in the Army Now

Sung by Every Soldier in the United States

WORDS BY **TELL TAYLOR & OLE OLSEN**
MUSIC BY **ISHAM JONES**

TELL TAYLOR
CHICAGO-NEW YORK

For Your Boy and My Boy

BUY BONDS!
BUY BONDS!

"HEAR THE BUGLE CALL!"

LORRAINE

BY BEAUTIFUL ALSACE LORRAINE

WORDS BY **Alfred Bryan**
MUSIC BY **Fred Fisher**

ED MORTON'S SENSATIONAL ANTI-WAR SONG HIT

I DIDN'T RAISE MY BOY TO BE A SOLDIER

WORDS BY **ALFRED BRYAN**
MUSIC BY **AL PHANTOSSI**

A Mother's Prayer Her Boy Out There

WORDS BY **ANDREW B. STERLING**
MUSIC BY **ARTHUR LANGE**

JOE MORRIS MUSIC CO. 145 W. 45th ST., NEW YORK

THE SONG THEY SING AS THEY MARCH ALONG

IT'S A LONG, LONG WAY TO TIPPERARY

WORDS AND COMPOSED BY **JACK JUDGE**
MUSIC BY **HARRY WILLIAMS**

CHAPPELL & CO. LTD.
NEW YORK

HOW 'YA GONNA KEEP 'EM DOWN ON THE FARM (AFTER THEY'VE SEEN PAREE?)

WORDS BY **JOE MORRIS & SAM M. LEWIS**
MUSIC BY **WALTER DONALDSON**

LEO FISK - NEW YORK

BRING BACK MY DADDY TO ME

WORDS BY **WILLIAM TROTT & HENRIE JOHNSON**
MUSIC BY **GEORGE W. MEYER**

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They All Sang Annie Laurie

WORDS BY **J. WILL CALLAHAN**
MUSIC BY **HENRI KLICKMANN**

LEO FISK - NEW YORK

A Soldier's Rosary

WORDS BY **J. E. DEMPSEY**
MUSIC BY **JOS. A. BURKE**

LEO FISK - NEW YORK

TO THE WOMANHOOD OF ALL NATIONS

GLORY OF WOMANHOOD WALTZ

WORDS BY **HARRY J. LINCOLN**
MUSIC BY **A. SANDERSON**

VANDERSLOOT MUSIC PUB. CO., WILLIAMSPORT, PENNA.

HINKY DINKY PARLAY VOO?

WORDS BY **AL. DENIN, REV. W. H. JIMMY WELCH, AND DENIN DASH**
MUSIC BY **C. E. WHEELER**

Published by **JACK MILLS, Inc.**
NEW YORK

Soldier Boy

Words By **D. A. ESROM**
Music By **THEODORE MORSE**

LEO FISK - NEW YORK

AFTER THE WAR IS OVER

WILL THERE BE ANY "HOME SWEET HOME"

WORDS BY **E. J. ROUSSEAU**
MUSIC BY **JOSEPH WOODBURN**

JOE MORRIS MUSIC CO. 145 W. 45th St., New York

IT'S A LONG WAY TO BERLIN, BUT WE'LL GET THERE

WORDS BY **ARTHUR FIELDS**
MUSIC BY **LEON PLATOW**

LEO FISK - NEW YORK

SEND ME A LINE WHEN I'M ACROSS THE OCEAN

Private Good-by
Remember
Someone - France

IRVING COCKER
GEORGE L. COBB

WALTER PETERS
NEW YORK

ALL ABOARD FOR HOME SWEET HOME

WORDS BY **WALTER DONALDSON**
MUSIC BY **AL. PHANTOSSI & JACK GEORGI**

WALTER PETERS
NEW YORK

WHEN THE LILIES BLOOM IN FRANCE AGAIN

ROBERT LINDSAY
GEORGE L. COBB

WALTER PETERS
NEW YORK

IRVING BERLIN'S BUGLE SONG

OHI! HOW I HATE TO GET UP IN THE MORNING

IRVING BERLIN

GOOD-BYE, MA! GOOD-BYE, PA! GOOD-BYE, HULE

LONG BOY

WORDS BY **WILLIAM HEADGELL**
MUSIC BY **BANGLAY WALKER**
SCRIBBY BY **WILLIAM WILSON**

LEO FISK - NEW YORK

A NEUTRAL WAR SONG

JUST FOR THE SAKE OF GOLD

MUNITIONS

WORDS AND MUSIC BY **JOHN J. DONAHUE**

MUSIC PUBLISHER **LAWRENCE, MASS.**

When The Yanks Come Marching Home

WORDS BY **WILLIAM HEADGELL**
MUSIC BY **STENNOR LUTIN**

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Take Pretties - That is Easy

Smile, Smile, Smile!

PACK UP YOUR TROUBLES IN YOUR OLD FAT BAG AND SMILE, SMILE, SMILE!

WRITTEN BY **GEORGE ASAF**
MUSIC BY **FELIX POWELL**

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BRING ME A LETTER FROM MY OLD HOME TOWN

WORDS BY **A. C. DEARBATER**
MUSIC BY **M. WIRTH & SONS**
WILLIAM WILSON
NEW YORK



Congratulations!

Kate Eakman who, among other activities, is co-editor of the GFO *Bulletin*, recently received the Association of Professional Genealogists' (APG®) Excellence Award for her article "Writing the Professional Research Report: Style and Format," in the September 2016 Quarterly.

The article talked about writing research reports, and although geared for genealogical professionals, is also appropriate for amateurs who are writing up their report findings, too.

She also gave two presentations at their annual conference in Washington, DC. First was a four-person poster and discussion session titled "I'm Afraid I Have Bad News" Providing Unpleasant Research Results

– how to present things the client doesn't want to hear (you are NOT descended from a Cherokee Princess, etc.) She'll be presenting a similar topic at the 2018 Genealogy Jamboree, "How Dare You Say That? When You Discover Bad News about Your Family."

The second presentation, "Considering Client Expectations: Working with the Client to Form Realistic Project Goals," walked through the rationale and then the steps for working with the client to hammer out agreed-upon goals for genealogical research. She says it "sounds like a given, but too many clients say 'Do my genealogy' and expect their own personal version of 'Who Do You Think You Are?' for \$11.73!"

GFO Print Services

As one of the benefits of your membership, our print shop printer may be used for printing your family histories, family trees, reunion notices, or anything else. (Copyright laws must always be followed, so no books copied unless you wrote it!)

The cost for printing is: 1) cost of the paper used 2) \$0.03 per page printed; 3) if used: cost of bindings at \$0.90 per binding or cost of stapling at \$0.01 per staple; 4) a 15% outside job charge on the total amount. The cost is still less than Kinko's or Office Depot, etc.

If you have any questions, you may contact Loretta Welsh at publisher@gfo.org, or call the Forum at 503-963-1932 and leave a message. To submit your print job, fill out a print request form (available at the receptionist's desk) and indicate when you need the job completed; then attach your job to the form. As we are not staffed daily, please allow a week for printing unless a prior arrangement has been made.

Loretta Welsh, Print Shop Chairman

You Don't Need A Subscription

To read Ancestry.com's blog. This month read about how to narrow down your search of World War I Records on Fold3.com for better results. Or, get tips from a professional genealogist on tracing African American ancestors.

<https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/>

Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

Tuesdays at 8pm on OPB, or online at:

<http://www.pbs.org/show/finding-your-roots/>

Discover the surprising ancestral stories of 28 fascinating guests in season four.

- Episode 1: The Impression: Larry David and Bernie Sanders
- Episode 2: Unfamiliar Kin: Fred Armisen, Christopher Walken and Carly Simon
- Episode 3: Puritans and Pioneers
- Episode 4: The Vanguard
- Episode 5: Immigrant Nation
- Episode 6: Black Like Me
- Episode 7: Children of the Revolution
- Episode 8: Relatives We Never Knew We Had
- Episode 9: Southern Roots
- Episode 10: Funny Business

Portland Neighborhood Resources

Restore Oregon provides a how-to guide and links to City of Portland and Multnomah County databases about local neighborhoods.

"How to Guide: Finding Information on Your Portland Neighborhood"

<https://restoreoregon.org/how-to-guide-finding-information-on-your-portland-neighborhood%E2%80%8B/>



Special Interest Group Meetings

Writers' Forum

Saturday, November 11, 1–3pm

We selected two books to work with over the summer and into the Fall: one book about writing and another one about self-editing.

Book 1: Anne Lamott, *Bird by Bird* (New York: Anchor Books, 1994).

Anne Lamott has written many novels and has taught writing at University of California Davis and other places. The book is described as follows, “Superb writing advice . . . hilarious, helpful and provocative.” In our writing group we use creative non-fiction writing principles. This book should be a fun and useful read!

Book 2: Barry Tarshis, *How to Be Your Own Best Editor* (New York: Three Rivers Press, 1998).

Being able to edit yourself is important, if you want to give your family a credible family history to keep and pass down. It’s also important if you write for publication, so the back and forth with the editor is as efficient as possible. I am not a good self-editor, so I’m looking forward to working with this book!!

The group has agreed on the following assignment. To participate in the November meeting, please:

Book 1 — read and be ready to discuss

Book 2 — Scan this book and be ready to discuss how we can use this book for the writing we bring to the group.

Hope to see you in November!!

Peggy Baldwin, 503-916-9410

Weather and Holiday Closures at the GFO Library

In case of snow, ice, or other inclement weather, be sure to check the website or Facebook, and call the GFO (503-963-1932) and speak to someone before heading in to make sure the library is open and is staying open.

Also hours at the library will change for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s holidays. The library will close early – at 1 pm – the day before and remain closed all day on the day of the holiday.

Special Interest Groups <http://gfo.org/learn/special-interest-groups>

Scheduled dates may change. Always check the GFO Calendar for meeting date and time.

African-American

4th Saturdays, 12:30–2:30pm;
Julie Ramos
ameliawest11@gmail.com

British

4th Saturdays in Jan., Mar., May,
Sept., 1–3pm; Duane Funk
duanefunk@comcast.net

DNA – Beginners

3rd or 4th Saturday in Feb., May.,
Aug., & Nov., 9am–noon; Emily Aulicino,
aulicino@hevanet.com

DNA – Advanced

3rd Saturday in Jan., Apr., July, and
Oct., 9am–noon; Emily Aulicino
aulicino@hevanet.com

DNA – Q & A

1st and 3rd Wednesdays monthly,
1–3pm; Lisa McCullough

Family Tree Maker

Quarterly, please check calendar for
times, 1–3pm; Laurel Smith
bearpair@comcast.net

Genealogy Problem Solvers

3rd Saturdays monthly, 9:30–11:30am;
Katy Daly GPS@gfo.org

German

1st Saturdays monthly, 1–3pm; Mike
Fernandez cheeseandwine62@gmail.com
and Tia Cobb

Illinois and Its Neighbors

2nd Saturdays monthly (except Jul./
Aug./Dec.), 9:30–11:30am; Kristy
Gravlin hannah@teleport.com,
Harlene Patterson

Italian

Quarterly, please check calendar for
times; Keith Pyeatt
k_pyeatt@yahoo.com

Learn & Chat

1st and 3rd Wednesdays monthly,
10am–12pm; Jeanne Quan
jeannequan3@gmail.com

Mexican Ancestry

2nd Fridays monthly, 11:30am–
1:30pm; Vincent Ramirez
sw@gfo.org

Photoshop Elements

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

Virginia

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

Writers' Forum

2nd Saturdays monthly, Sep.–May.,
1–3pm; Peggy Baldwin
peggy@familypassages.com

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

Library Work Parties ~ every week, all welcome

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

~~~~~ **November** ~~~~~

- Wed 11/1 10am–12pm Learn & Chat
- 1–2pm DNA Q&A
- Sat 11/4 10am–12pm Virginia Group
- 1–3pm German Group
- Mon 11/6 Free to non-members**
- Fri 11/10 11:30am–1:30pm Mexican Ancestry Group
- Sat 11/11 9:30–11:30am Illinois Group
- 1–3pm Writers' Forum
- Tues 11/14 1:30–2:30pm Photoshop Elements Group
- 6–8pm Board meeting
- Wed 11/15 10am–12pm Learn & Chat
- 1–2pm DNA Q&A
- Sat 11/18 9:30–11:30am Genealogy Problem Solvers
- 2–4pm GenTalk
- Sun 11/19 1–6pm Beginner DNA
- Wed 11/22 Library closed at 1pm**
- Thu 11/23 Library closed for Thanksgiving holiday**
- Sat 11/25 12:30–2:30pm African American Ancestry Group
- Tues 11/28 Giving Tuesday ~ See calendar for details

~~~~~ **December** ~~~~~

- Sat 12/2 10am–12pm Virginia Group
- 1–3pm German Group
- Mon 12/4 Free to non-members**
- Wed 12/6 10am–12pm Learn & Chat
- 1–2pm DNA Q&A
- Fri 12/8 11:30am–1:30pm Mexican Ancestry Group
- Sat 12/9 1–3pm Writers' Forum
- Tues 12/12 1:30–2:30pm Photoshop Elements Group
- 6–8pm Board meeting
- Sat 12/16 9:30–11:30am Genealogy Problem Solvers
- 2–4pm GenTalk: Personal Archiving
- Wed 12/20 10am–12pm Learn & Chat
- 1–2pm DNA Q&A
- Sat 12/23 12:30–2:30pm African American Ancestry Group
- Sun 12/24 Library closes at 1pm**
- Mon 12/25 Library closed for Christmas holiday**
- Sun 12/31 Library closes at 1pm**
- Mon 1/1 Library closed for New Year's Day**