



# THE Forum Insider

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## The Library of the Future

### *Musings on a New Home*

*Geoff Smith, President*

This year's New Home Appeal starts today!

Our goal for the year is to raise another \$100,000 toward the down payment on a building of our own by 2026. If you are able, **please help** us in this ambitious but achievable investment to secure the GFO's future.

The most obvious and tangible function of the GFO is our impressive library. Earlier this year, I surveyed the genealogical societies throughout Washington, Oregon, and Idaho and confirmed what we already believed—our library is the largest dedicated to genealogy in the Pacific Northwest!

The traditional and most familiar concept of a library is a storehouse for books. I remember the stodgy library of my youth: the orderly rows of encyclopedias in reference, the dark and intimidating nonfiction shelves, and my favorite, the bright corner of paperback fiction. Everything I ever needed—at least through middle school—was right there.

But the ease and lowered cost of communication brought change to the role of libraries. In the 1990s, public libraries began to focus on sharing catalogs electronically and making interlibrary loans practical for non-academic patrons. In the early 2000s, they added banks of computers to provide public access to the then-emerging internet. Part of this was an effort to remain relevant to local communities whose taxes were necessary for funding, but it was also a recognition that patrons needed access to more information than could be found within the library itself.

Libraries expanded their role beyond the repository to become a portal for information,



whether that was inside their own walls or out.

Then, as internet access became more common, and public budgets were cut, libraries shifted direction again. Many emphasized their research desks and encouraged patrons to ask for help by phone or chat. In recent years, almost every library has turned to offering digital collections, hosting talks and entertainment, and providing collaborative workspaces.

Of course, as a genealogical society, the GFO has always been more than just a traditional library. It

has had an educational component that evolved into a robust program of **classes**, workshops, **Special Interest Group** (SIG) meetings, and **seminars**.

For many years, nearly all education at the GFO occurred at the library, or in nearby rented space (for

**For the 2023 series,  
"Oregon Counties  
and Their Records,"  
see page 5**

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## Mission

To inspire and empower every person to *discover* and *engage* with their family history.

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Please send short stories, news, announcements, comments, and corrections to Geri Auerbach, AG®, and Keri Logan, Editors, at [insider@gfo.org](mailto:insider@gfo.org).

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seminars). But with the pandemic, a radical shift was needed. The library was closed, so we began providing all educational offerings online. Just a few months later, many of our subscription databases moved online in a heroic, and fortunately successful, effort. We launched a major effort to digitize, aided by a grant. And finally, we began providing free lookups in any of our books or library resources. (Free member lookups continue even now, because so many GFO members live outside the Portland metro area.)

As we look forward, like public libraries, the GFO will evolve in new ways to fulfill our mission.

We are currently living in an environment of information explosion. There is an increasing array of online resources offered by commercial databases, universities, and state governments.

This phenomenon feeds a common misconception that everything is online, but that is far from the case! The physical library remains vital, because so many books are not digitized. The Google Books initiative estimates that 30 percent of print books have been scanned for their search project, but only a fraction can be posted due to copyright considerations.

Many of the GFO-hosted talks educate attendees

on how to uncover new and sometimes unexpected sources. Looking ahead, we will increasingly focus on how to navigate more numerous resources effectively. Obviously, the GFO's mission to provide relevant education will remain critical.

The GFO needs a permanent home—one that we own. The principal reason is financial stability. Owning frees us from rent increases and eliminates the monumental cost of moving every 10–20 years.

Our own building can also provide:

- Dedicated parking
- Better classroom and meeting space
- Freedom from the trains blocking 11th Avenue


These were identified as the top three concerns of the membership last year.

We will probably not end up with the ultra-modern, glass-enclosed building shown in the graphic. Nonetheless, the New Home Committee recognizes that the home we acquire will need to meet the needs of the future.

Please join us in making this long-term investment in GFO's future at <https://gfo.org/newhome/>. If you are interested in joining the New Home Committee, or you have some thoughts about this initiative, please contact me today at [president@gfo.org](mailto:president@gfo.org).

**Genealogical Forum of Oregon GenTalk**  
**LGBTQ GENEALOGY**  
**July 15 | 2:30 pm PT**

"...To tell stories openly without judgment about the struggles they endured will honor our ancestors and will give us a deeper understanding."  
 -Stewart Traidman



**FREE REGISTRATION**  
[gfo.org/gentalk](https://gfo.org/gentalk)

**Presented by Stewart Traidman**

Quote from LGBTQ Genealogy – Part 2 (blog post), SixGen.org



# Newly Elected Board Members Installed

Two GFO Board members were installed at the GFO Annual Members meeting, which took place online on June 17, 2023. One new Board member was unable to attend: Rebecca Tait will be installed as the Treasurer at a later date.

Geri Auerbach was elected Vice President. She was appointed to the position in November 2021 after Laurel Smith, the serving Vice President, took over the President's position. Geri is an Accredited Genealogist in the U. S. Northwest region. She has been co-editor of *The Forum Insider* since 2020, leads the Writer's Room Special Interest Group, and served as Interim Chair to the Education Committee, being instrumental in the success of the 2022 and 2023 virtual Open House events. She can be reached at [vicepresident@gfo.org](mailto:vicepresident@gfo.org).

Rebecca Tait was elected Treasurer, taking over the position from Richard Crockett. Rebecca is a Research Assistant at the

GFO Library and was chosen the GFO Star in February 2023 for excelling in that role. She has had financial responsibilities at a cultural nonprofit and Portland State University and worked in the publishing industry. Rebecca can be reached at [treasurer@gfo.org](mailto:treasurer@gfo.org).

Harold Hinds will join the Board as Director at Large. A long-time Research Assistant, he enjoys helping patrons on long-term projects (see page 7 of August 2022 *Forum Insider*). He has served on the GFO Education and Library committees and researched as part of the "brick wall" team that run the Genealogical Problem Solvers Special Interest Group. He has also served on boards for several other genealogical societies. Directors at Large often work on special projects for the GFO, and Harold will focus on improving in-person usage of the GFO library. Harold can be reached at [directorsatlarge@gfo.org](mailto:directorsatlarge@gfo.org).



**Geri Auerbach**  
VICE PRESIDENT



**Rebecca Tait**  
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**Harold Hinds**  
DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Tait's photo by Isabella Villarreal, 2019

Each of the new Board members will serve a two-year term.

All GFO members are invited to attend Board meetings, which take place via Zoom on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. To receive a link to this online meeting, send an email at least 24 hours in advance to [president@gfo.org](mailto:president@gfo.org).

**Save the Date**  
GFO Fall Seminar  
**A Day of Tools & Tech**  
with **Thomas MacEntee**  
**11 November 2023**  
**4 Sessions ✦ 9 am-4 pm PT**  
**Watch [gfo.org](http://gfo.org) for more info**



# The Genealogical Records of Coos and Curry Counties

Gerri Auerbach, AG®

Coos County was created by the Oregon Territorial Legislature on 22 December 1853, with parts divided from Umpqua and Jackson counties. The county was named for the Coos Tribe.<sup>1</sup> Coos County is 1,600 square miles and is the fourteenth smallest Oregon county.<sup>2</sup> As of the 2020 U.S. federal census, Coos County had a population of 64,929, making it the state's sixteenth most populous county.<sup>3</sup>

Curry County was created by the Territorial Legislature on 18 December 1855. It was carved from Coos County. Further boundary changes occurred in 1872, 1880, 1927, and 1952. The county is named for the territorial governor, George Law Curry.<sup>4</sup> Curry County has an area of 1,627 square miles, making it the fifteenth smallest county in Oregon.<sup>5</sup> As of the 2020 U.S. federal census, Curry County has a population of 23,446, making it the state's twenty-seventh most populous county.<sup>6</sup>

## Comprehensive Resources

- 1 **FamilySearch Research Wiki** for Coos County records
- 2 **FamilySearch Research Wiki** for Curry County records
- 3 *NGS Research in the States Series: Oregon*, 3rd edition by Connie Lenzen—available at **National Genealogical Society**

1. "Coos County History," *County Records Guide*, Oregon Secretary of State—States Archives (<https://sos.oregon.gov/archives/records/county/Pages/coos-history.aspx> : accessed 7 June 2023).

2. *Wikipedia*, List of Counties in Oregon ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_counties\\_in\\_Oregon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_counties_in_Oregon) : 7 June 2023), County Information.

3. "State Profile," Oregon: 2020 Census, *United States Census Bureau* (<https://bit.ly/3IBwvS1> : accessed 7 June 2023).

4. "Curry County History," *County Records Guide*, Oregon Secretary of State—States Archives (<https://sos.oregon.gov/archives/records/county/Pages/curry-history.aspx> : accessed 7 June 2023).

5. *Wikipedia*, List of Counties in Oregon ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_counties\\_in\\_Oregon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_counties_in_Oregon) : 7 June 2023), County Information.

6. "State Profile," Oregon: 2020 Census, *United States Census Bureau* (<https://bit.ly/3IBwvS1> : accessed 7 June 2023).

## Libraries

4 **Coos Bay Public Library**—The library has in-library access to *MyHeritage Library Edition* and digital copies of *The Coos Bay Times* and *The World Newspaper* via *Newspapers.com*.

5 **Curry Public Library**

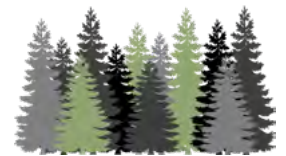
## Archival/Government Held Records:

6 **Coos County Records Inventory** and **Curry County Records Inventory**—List of and links to the variety of records relating to each county including vital records, property, court, name change, and naturalization. Location of records is provided.

## Historical Society and Museum

7 **Coos History Museum**—The museum's focus is material relevant to the Coos region. Collections include artifacts, images, and archival material.

8 **Curry County Historical Society and Museum**—The historical society is located in the Curry County Museum. Its website has several early Curry County biographies.



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# The Genealogical Records of Douglas County

Geri Auerbach, AG®

Douglas County was established by Oregon Territorial Legislature on 7 January 1852. Further boundary changes occurred in 1856, 1862, and 1915. The county was named for U.S. Senator Stephen A. Douglas (Illinois) who advocated for Oregon statehood.<sup>1</sup> Douglas County is composed of 5,945 square miles, making it the fifth largest county in Oregon.<sup>2</sup> As of the 2020 U.S. federal census, Douglas County has a population of 111,201, making it the state's ninth most populous county.<sup>3</sup>

## Comprehensive Resources

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

## Libraries

- 3 **Roseburg Public Library**—The library has the index (1965–2022) of the *Umpqua Trapper*.

1. "Douglas County History," *County Records Guide*, Oregon Secretary of State–States Archives (<https://sos.oregon.gov/archives/records/county/Pages/douglas-history.aspx> : accessed 7 June 2023).

2. *Wikipedia*, List of Counties in Oregon ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_counties\\_in\\_Oregon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_counties_in_Oregon) : 7 June 2023), County Information.

3. "State Profile," Oregon: 2020 Census, *United States Census Bureau* (<https://bit.ly/3IBwvS1> : accessed 7 June 2023).

## Genealogical Societies

- 4 **Genealogical Society of Douglas County**—The Genealogical Society of Douglas County maintains a vertical file on Douglas County families and has a computer database of over 80,000 Douglas County–related names. The computers in the society also have internet access to subscription sites.

## Archival/Government Held Records

- 5 **Douglas County Records Inventory**—List of and links to a variety of records relating to Douglas County including vital records, property, court, name change, and naturalization. Location of records is provided.

## Museums

- 6 **Douglas County Museum**—The museum maintains the Floed-Lane house and publishes the quarterly *Umpqua Trapper*.

# The Genealogical Records of Lane County

Geri Auerbach, AG®

Lane County was established by Oregon Territorial Legislature on 29 January 1851. Lane County has changed size and location many times since its formation. A detailed history of the county's boundaries is in "Lane County History."<sup>1</sup> Lane County was named for the Oregon Territory's first Governor, Joseph Lane. The county has 4,620 square miles, which makes it the sixth largest county in Oregon.<sup>2</sup> As of the 2020 U.S. federal census, Lane County has a population of 382,971, making it the state's fourth most populous county.<sup>3</sup>

## Comprehensive Resources

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

## Libraries

- 3 **Eugene Public Library**—The library has in-library access to *Ancestry Library Edition* and *HeritageQuest*.

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- 4 Siuslaw Public Library**—The library has in-library access to *Ancestry.com*.

### Genealogical Societies

- 5 Oregon Genealogical Society**—The Oregon Genealogical Society has a library with a large collection of books, periodicals, maps, microfilm, microfiche, and CDs. The library also has 980 family histories, a vertical file, and a large collection of Oregon Trail and Northwest Territory materials.

- 6 Cottage Grove Genealogical Society**—The society has the following resources of interest to genealogists: obituaries, family name files, Donation Land Claims, city directories, local newspapers, maps and the Sanborn fire maps of Cottage Grove.

### Archival/Government Held Records

- 7 Lane County Records Inventory**—List and links of the variety of records relating to Lane County including vital records, property, court, name change, and naturalization. Location of records is provided.

### Museums

- 8 Lane County History Museum**—The museum was closed as of this writing, planning to open Summer 2023. Their research services are also closed. They have digital resources on manuscripts and photos currently available through their digital archives.

- 9 Siuslaw Pioneer Museum**—The museum houses the William Kyle Research Library which maintains files on pioneer residents and notable people from the Siuslaw Valley area. The museum also has an oral history project.

- 10 Springfield History Museum (On Facebook)**—The museum has a large collection of the *Springfield News* (1924–2005) as well as a vertical file on local history

1. "Lane County History," *County Records Guide*, Oregon Secretary of State–States Archives (<https://bit.ly/3oqP0B7> : accessed 24 May 2023).

2. Ibid.

3. "State Profile," Oregon: 2020 Census, *United States Census Bureau* (<https://bit.ly/3IBwvS1> : accessed 24 May 2023).

## The Genealogical Records of Linn and Benton Counties

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The Provisional Legislature established Linn County in 1847. Linn County was carved from Champcoeg County. The boundaries of Linn County were changed in 1851 and 1854, when Lane and Wasco Counties were created. Linn County is named for U.S. Senator Lewis F. Linn (Missouri) who authored the Donation Land Claim Act.<sup>1</sup> The county is 2,291 square miles large, which makes it the fifteenth largest county in Oregon.<sup>2</sup> As of the 2020 U.S. federal census, Linn County had a population of 128,610, making it the state's eighth most populous county.<sup>3</sup>

The Provisional Legislature established Benton County in 1847. Benton County was carved from Polk County. It was named for Senator Thomas Hart

Benton (Missouri) who was a significant promoter of the Oregon Country.<sup>4</sup> The county is 679 square miles large, which makes it the fourth smallest county in Oregon.<sup>5</sup> As of the 2020 U.S. federal census, Benton County had a population of 95,184, making it the state's eleventh most populous county.<sup>6</sup>

### Comprehensive Resources

- 1 FamilySearch Research Wiki** for Linn County records:
- 2 FamilySearch Research Wiki** for Benton County records
- 3 NGS Research in the States Series: Oregon**, 3rd edition by Connie Lenzen—available at **National Genealogical Society**

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## The Genealogical Records of Linn and Benton Counties, from page 7

### Libraries

**4 Linn Libraries of Oregon**—Linn Libraries of Oregon is a consortium of eight libraries that share a catalog. The Albany Public Library has access to *Ancestry.com* through the Linn Genealogical Society (see below).

**5 Corvallis-Benton County Public Library**—The library system has four libraries: Corvallis, Philomath, Alsea, and Monroe. The libraries have a subscription to *Ancestry.com*.

### Genealogical Societies

**6 Lebanon Genealogical Society**—The Lebanon Genealogical Society has a research room in the Lebanon Public Library. The society has records specific to Oregon, Linn County, and Lebanon, including some newspaper records, donation land claims, and farm, cemetery, school, and death records.

**7 Linn Genealogical Society**—The Linn Genealogical Society has a research room in the Albany Public Library. The research room, when open, has access to *Ancestry.com*. The research room also has a 40-volume series “Linn County, Oregon Pioneer Settlers Donation Land Claims to 1855.” The series also includes genealogies of those families.

**8 Sweet Home Genealogical Society (on Facebook)**—Multiple Linn County and specifically, Sweet Home, files and papers.

### Archival/Government-held Records

**10 Linn County Records Inventory and Benton County Records Inventory**—List of and links to records relating to the counties including vital records, property, court, name change, and naturalization. Location of records is provided.

### Museums

**11 Albany Regional Museum**—The Albany Regional Museum is planning to reopen in June 2023. The museum has a reference room that is open to researchers.

**12 Benton County Museums**—The Benton County Historical Society manages two museums: the

Corvallis Museum and the Philomath Museum. The Philomath Museum has a research library with a collection of documents, photographs, architectural plans, newspapers, family genealogies, and maps.

1. “Linn County History,” *County Records Guide, Oregon Secretary of State–States Archives* (<https://sos.oregon.gov/archives/records/county/Pages/linn-history.aspx> : accessed June 5, 2023).

2. *Wikipedia*, List of Counties in Oregon ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_counties\\_in\\_Oregon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_counties_in_Oregon) : 5 June 2023), County Information.

3. “State Profile,” Oregon: 2020 Census, *United States Census Bureau* (<https://bit.ly/3IBwvS1> : accessed 5 June 2023).

4. “Benton County History,” *County Records Guide, Oregon Secretary of State–States Archives* (<https://sos.oregon.gov/archives/records/county/Pages/benton-history.aspx> : accessed 3 June 2023).

5. *Wikipedia*, List of Counties in Oregon ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_counties\\_in\\_Oregon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_counties_in_Oregon) : 3 June 2023), County Information.

6. “State Profile,” Oregon: 2020 Census, *United States Census Bureau* (<https://bit.ly/3IBwvS1> : accessed 24 May 2023).

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# Clatsop County Genealogical Society Closes

Last March, the Clatsop County Genealogical Society (CCGS) made the painful decision to close. Established 30 years ago, the society suffered a slow but steady decline in membership over the last few years and had trouble recruiting volunteers and board members.

When a nonprofit closes in Oregon or Washington, it must adopt a dissolution plan that pays off creditors and distributes its remaining assets to another nonprofit. As with most charities, CCGS's bylaws specify that the recipient must have a similar purpose. GFO was the obvious choice of beneficiary because, as a regional society, GFO's service area includes Clatsop County.

Among their materials were about twenty publications that still sell occasionally. Most are now available for sale on GFO's web site ([Access](#) our shop and search for "Clatsop"). This is an impressive number of publications for a society that never had more than 40 members.

One of their members, Dean Deonier, helped track down their



Dean Deonier, CCGS chief technology officer, and Stephanie Miller, CCGS Treasurer, present a check to the GFO President Geoff Smith while the GFO volunteer crew looks on.

books, which were found at the Astoria Public Library, and arranged for us to pick up them up. (See May GFO Star on page 12).

On April 18, a convoy of nine vehicles drove to Astoria to get the books. Almost everyone met for lunch as well. It was fantastic getting to know a few CCGS members. We had fine weather for the day.

Initial estimates were about 60 boxes, but in the end, we brought back 82 boxes of books, a file cabinet, and two crates of unfinished projects. In two months, our volunteers have opened all but the last ten boxes!

We are pleased to give their materials a good home just a couple hours away. The GFO Board has also offered all CCGS members a one-year membership in GFO at no charge to give everyone a home society.



The home crew unloads the vehicles and stacks the boxes for a Wednesday work party.

## Thanks to everyone who helped make this move possible!

Henry Bergquist  
Eileen Chamberlain  
Richard Crockett  
Dean Deonier  
Jeanette Gent  
Karen Hinton  
Christine King  
Judith Leppert  
Mac McGarvin  
Stephanie Miller  
Caleb Mills  
Lisa Moon  
Joseph Pearson  
Lizz Porter  
Elia Pride  
Toby Reid  
Geoff Smith  
Laurel Smith



# 2023 GFO Hall of Fame Recipient

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon's Hall of Fame Award was established to honor and celebrate exceptional volunteers who have supported the GFO through their "service, leadership, and accomplishments." This year's Hall of Fame recipient is being recognized for his long-term dedication to the GFO and his contributions of time, financial expertise, and genealogical knowledge.

Doug Henne is part of the very backbone of the GFO. He joined in May of 1979 and became a Lifetime Member in October 1996. He began volunteering in June 1992 as Chair of the

Budget Committee. He was elected Treasurer many times over and performed that job from 1994 to 2003. Throughout his years of service, Doug was appointed and reappointed to the Endowment Committee several times. When there have been calls for volunteers

to assist with the annual financial review, he has often stepped up to assist on that committee as well. His contributions in these capacities have helped to ensure the GFO's financial security and well-being through many phases of growth and change.

While Doug's professional expertise lies in finance, he helps to ensure that the GFO thrives in other ways too. Library patrons enjoy meeting Doug in his role as Research Assistant, where he cheerfully helps people in their genealogical research. When someone has books to donate but is unable to transport them to the library, Doug is often the first to offer to pick up the materials and deliver them to the library.

Those that have worked closely with Doug observe that he is truly a team player. He is always prepared with up-to-date information and thorough reports.



## Doug Henne



He collaborates with others in a way that highlights everyone's strengths as they achieve the tasks at hand.

Doug's guidance, actions, and volunteerism have helped to ensure that the GFO can successfully reach its goal, "to inspire and empower every person to discover and engage with their family history," now and in the future. Thank you, Doug, for your years of commitment to the GFO community!

For a list of GFO Hall of Fame recipients, visit the Hall of Fame [web page](#) or check out the plaque hanging at the GFO Library.

1. GFO Policy: Hall of Fame Awards, 10 April 2002 (<https://gfo.org/who-we-are/hall-of-fame.html> : accessed 16 June 2023). The PDF to this policy is linked at the bottom of the page.



# Online Events for July

## Saturday, July 1

*German Group* [SIGN UP >](#)  
1-3 p.m.

## Saturday, July 8

*Access GFO Resources* [SIGN UP >](#)  
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

## Sunday, July 9

*The Writers' Room* [SIGN UP >](#)  
2:30-4 p.m.

## Monday, July 10

*RootsMagic* [SIGN UP >](#)  
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

## Tuesday, July 11

*Board Meeting*  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
For meeting link, contact [president@gfo.org](mailto:president@gfo.org) at least 24 hours in advance.

## Thursday, July 13

*The Q Review* [SIGN UP >](#)  
6-7 p.m.

## Saturday, July 15

*Genealogy Problem Solvers* [SIGN UP >](#)  
9:30-11:30 a.m.

*African American Ancestry* [SIGN UP >](#)  
12-2 p.m.

*GenTalk: LGBTQ Genealogy* [SIGN UP >](#)  
2:30-4 p.m.

This presentation focuses on clues in the genealogical records to find ancestors that may have been Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, or Queer. Clues can be found in photographs, census, newspapers, obituaries, cemeteries, military records, marriage records, and LGBTQ archives around the world. The presentation is both factual and emotional in portraying LGBTQ people in the past centuries.

## Wednesday, July 19

*DNA Q&A: The Basics* [SIGN UP >](#)  
1-3 p.m.

## Saturday, July 22

*DNA Advanced* [SIGN UP >](#)  
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

*British Group* [SIGN UP >](#)  
1-3 p.m.



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

July 8, 2023  
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Brick Wall Roundtable

July 10, 2023  
2-3:30 p.m. Colonial America

July 11, 2023  
11 a.m.-12 p.m. German  
1:30-3 p.m. Family Tree Maker

July 12, 2023  
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Genetic Genealogy

July 13, 2023  
6-7:30 p.m. Genealogy Newbies

July 14, 2023  
1:30-3 p.m. Irish



# GFO Stars

## May

### *Dean Deonier*

When the Clatsop County Genealogical Society (CCGS) decided to close and give their assets to GFO, there was a story about missing books belonging to the society. Dean Deonier was instrumental in locating that book collection. He investigated, located the books in the basement of the Astoria public library, made arrangements with the head librarian there for GFO to collect the books, and he even recruited a couple of strapping students to carry boxes. In the end, we picked up an amazing 82 boxes of books, beyond anyone's expectations. Even better, he did this as CCGS's "tech guy" even before joining GFO in April.



## June

### *April Ober*

April Ober was Chair of the Reopening Committee. She came up with objective criteria for when to close and re-open the library. For over a year, she monitored Covid case counts. As the practical effects diverged from raw Covid case counts, she took on the laborious task of ferreting out more nuanced data and came up with sophisticated criteria for when the library was open or closed. She successfully got us through the pandemic and took a rational and supportable approach. With the end of the public health emergency on May 11, it is time to recognize the heroic effort she expended.



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co-author of *Historic Cemeteries of Portland, Oregon*



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# Treasurer's Report

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## APRIL 2023 INCOME

Contributions*	\$ 13,331.49
Memberships	\$ 2,618.00
Education	\$ 222.00
Library & Research	\$ 258.15
Book Sales & Misc. Income	\$ 279.00
Interest & Dividends	\$ 626.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,334.73</b>

## APRIL 2023 EXPENSE

Administration	\$ 517.06
Publications	\$ 35.04
Education Fees	\$ 125.00
Facilities & Equipment	\$ 5,071.18
Library & Research	\$ 258.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,006.34</b>

Net Income for the Month	\$ 11,328.39
Year-to-Date Net Income	\$ 35,855.92

Donor-restricted Donations	\$ 375.00
Unrealized Gains	\$ 7,093.17
Endowment Donation	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Adjustments</b>	<b>\$ 7,468.17</b>

## MAY 2023 INCOME

Contributions*	\$ 1,907.78
Memberships	\$ 2,753.00
Education	\$ 96.00
Library & Research	\$ 115.15
Book Sales & Misc. Income	\$ 1,059.85
Interest & Dividends	\$ 689.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,621.26</b>

## MAY 2023 EXPENSE

Administration	\$ 656.48
Publications	\$ 47.09
Education Fees	\$ 425.00
Facilities & Equipment	\$ 5,646.18
Library & Research	\$ 406.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,180.97</b>

Net Income for the Month	\$ -559.71
Year-to-Date Net Income	\$ 35,296.21

Donor Restricted Donations	\$ 550.00
Unrealized Gains	\$ -10.89
Endowment Donation	\$ 100.00
<b>Total Adjustments</b>	<b>\$ 639.11</b>

\*Includes Annual Appeal