



# FINDING JAMES

A WORLD WAR II REPATRIATION PROJECT

Saturday, March 17 @ 2 p.m.

**GENTALK**  
at the  
**GFO**

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IT SOUNDED LIKE AN AVERAGE ASSIGNMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGIST KATE EAKMANMUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ABOUT A U.S. SERVICEMAN WHO DIED ON UTAH BEACH ON D-DAY DURING WWII. WHAT FOLLOWED WAS A STUDY IN DEAD ENDS, PERSEVERANCE, AND ONE OF THE MOST MEANINGFUL PROJECTS IT HAS EVER BEEN HER PRIVILEGE TO WORK ON...

KATE EAKMAN holds an M.A. in History from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prior to her career as a professional genealogist, Kate spent 20 years as a college history professor. Today she is a Senior Researcher for Legacy Tree Genealogists. Kate's article "Writing the Professional Research Report: Style and Format" was awarded the APGQ Excellence Award for 2016. She currently serves as the co-editor of the GFO Bulletin.



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## FINDING AND FOLLOWING THE PATHS OF MY CUBAN COUSINS

"I was always told that I had cousins who had immigrated to Cuba, but no one could remember their names or even which branch of the family they were from. And Cuba is a difficult country to research. As more records have become available online, I was able to uncover enough clues to find and contact some of my Cuban cousins. In the summer of 2015, I traveled to Cuba to see what traces I could find of my family there."

Janice Sellers is a professional genealogist who specializes in forensic, Jewish, black and newspaper research. She has presented numerous talks to diverse audiences at local, regional, state, and national events. She is the editor for Zichron Note, the journal of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society (SFBAJGS); The Baobab Tree, the journal of the African American Genealogical Society of Northern California (AAGSNC); and the CSGA Newsletter. She is also the vice president and publicity director for SFBAJGS, a board member of AAGSNC, and was on the staff of the Oakland FamilySearch Library for over 15 years.

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## **CLASS SCHEDULE**

- 3** Virginia Research • German Research
- 4** Beginning Genealogy Boot Camp (all day)
- 5** "Finding My Way Home to Ireland" • Online Irish Research • Irish Resources @ GFO
- 6** U.S. Land Records: Public Land Survey System • How to Find U.S. Land Records • Case Study: Using Land Records • Solving the "Case of the Mystery Dad"
- 7** Focus on Writing • "Write It Up!" • Good Writing Starts with Good Sources
- 8** HeritageQuest: A Free Ancestry-Lite • Linkpendium • Timelines as an Organizing Tool
- 9** Researching Mexican Ancestors

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## **DNA DAYS**

- 10** Comparing Three Testing Companies • Y-DNA & mtDNA Basics • atDNA Basics • Organizing Data & Contacting Matches • Dealing with NPEs • Q & A
- 11** Convincing People to Test and Why • Four Autosomal Testing Companies • Case Study Using atDNA • GEDmatch • DNAGEDCOM • Q & A

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# MICHAEL STRAUSS SPRING SEMINAR

GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON

## YOUR AMERICAN SOLDIER: THEN AND NOW

Saturday, April 14

### FULL-DAY SEMINAR

-  RESEARCHING YOUR COLONIAL WAR ANCESTORS
-  AMERICAN REVOLUTION
-  SECOND AMERICAN REVOLUTION:  
THE WAR OF 1812
-  MODERN MILITARY RESEARCH:  
WORLD WAR I

Details and registration at:

<https://gfo.org/presencehost.net/learn/spring-seminar-2018.html>



### MICHAEL STRAUSS, AG

has a BA degree in History, is an Accredited Genealogist (ICAPGen), a US Coast Guard veteran, a licensed private investigator in Virginia, a Qualified Expert Witness in multiple jurisdictions, and a US Dept. of Defense Qualified Genealogist.

He is a current/past faculty member/instructor at BYU (Provo), Shepherd University (WV), the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, and Ancestry Academy.

Michael is a recipient of two research grants for theses on military history, an author of published journal articles, has been a professional genealogical researcher for over 25 years, and is a national genealogical lecturer.

## A HOUSE DIVIDED: THE CIVIL WAR

Sunday, April 15

### HALF-DAY WORKSHOP



CIVIL WAR, PART 1



CIVIL WAR, PART 2

Saturday & Sunday

**APRIL 14**

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

**APRIL 15**

9:30 a.m. - noon



# The Forum Insider

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## GFO's OPEN HOUSE 2018

Saturday, March 3 – Sunday, March 11, 2018

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Please join us at the GFO for nine days of classes that are **FREE** and **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**. Check out our Calendar page for a complete list of subjects and class times so you don't miss a thing!

Make sure to take note of DNA DAYS on Sat. and Sun., March 10–11. The GFO's own Emily Aulicino, Lisa McCullough, and Tim Janzen are teaming up to provide introductory and intermediate genetic genealogy topics on Saturday, and intermediate to advanced topics on Sunday. We guarantee that you will learn something! See the attached flyer for details.

*See you there!*



## Coming Back! The Illinois and More Special Interest Group

Saturday, February 10, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

This group, which has not met officially for some time, is resurrected! Lynn Rossing (with assistance from Duane Funk) has agreed to serve as the group's facilitator. Participants at the first meeting will help decide the geographic focus for the group: Upper Mid-West? Great Lake States? And there will be a short presentation by Duane Funk on IRAD (Illinois Regional Archives Depository System).

GFO's busy schedule will bump this group in March and April, but then the group will meet regularly on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. (except Jul/Aug/Dec) in the GFO Library. All interested researchers are welcome to join us.

If you would like more information about this group, or have questions, you may contact Lynn. ([larossing@gmail.com](mailto:larossing@gmail.com))



## Looking for New Faces

You have something to offer the GFO, and the GFO needs you! Your ideas, enthusiasm, and life experience can make our organization flourish and grow. We have openings for several positions; maybe one is the right fit for you . . . or someone you know. There are experienced board and committee members to support new folks in the positions.

**President:** Represent the GFO at events in and outside of our library. Collect committee reports and prepare an agenda for monthly Board meetings. Lead the meetings. Be a resource and support for GFO's committees and activities and ensure they are functioning well.

**Secretary:** Attend monthly Board meetings, record and distribute the minutes. Maintain the GFO Minutes Book. Handle occasional correspondence.

**Director-at-Large:** This position is nominated from the floor at the March General Membership meeting. Attend monthly Board meetings. Make decisions for the good of GFO members.

**Insider (newsletter) Editor:** Prepare and publish eight issues a year. Collect or write content, edit, lay out the issue, and format for mailing/posting online. The job could be held by one or more persons.

Nominations being accepted now. If you want information on the first three positions, which will be decided in an election in April, contact Laurel Smith at [president@gfo.org](mailto:president@gfo.org). For the Editor position, contact Jackie Olson at [insider@gfo.org](mailto:insider@gfo.org). The January *Insider* issue has full details.



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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
Wednesday .....	9:30am–8pm
Friday and Saturday .....	9:30am–3pm
Sunday.....	12 noon–5pm

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Submissions to the *Insider*: Send comments, corrections, news, short success stories, and announcements to Jackie Olson, editor, at [insider@gfo.org](mailto:insider@gfo.org) or leave messages at the GFO desk, 503-963-1932. Provide submissions by the 7th of the month for inclusion in the following month's issue.

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## EVENTS & CLASSES

Genealogy Society of Wash. Co.

All at: Hillsboro Main Library  
2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy  
Hillsboro, Oregon 97124  
<http://www.gswco.org/>

### Getting From Then To Now. Locating People In The Last Century!

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Learn skills to help you find those missing people in the last century. How to reassemble their lives; figure out where they went and where their children are today. We'll touch on databases available on the Internet as well as other reference sources.

Speaker: Leslie Brinkley Lawson, a full-time professional genealogist, specializes in forensic genealogy (missing and unknown heirs, probate research).

### Roots Tech 2018

February 28–March 3

Salt Palace Convention Center  
Salt Lake City, Utah

From their website: RootsTech is a global family history event where people of all ages learn to discover, share, and celebrate their family connections across generations through technology. At RootsTech, there is something for everyone, no matter your experience in family history or your skill level in technology.

There are 200+ classes, the expo hall with vendors and exhibits, and more. Info and registration at:

<https://www.rootstech.org/>

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### Placing Out: The Story Of America's Orphan Train Children

Saturday, March 10, 2018

Between the 1840s and 1930s, as many as 300,000 children in the United States were taken from institutions, off the streets, or from their families, and sent "west" to be placed out. Today there are millions of their descendants, many unaware of this part of their heritage. We will explore the history, stories, ways to recognize an orphan train child, and learn how to do the research.

Speaker: Judi Scott's research has focused on Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, and North Carolina. She is a member APG and a graduate of ProGen 11.





If you have Irish ancestors, and 55 million Americans say that they do, then this is the perfect group for you!

The Irish Genealogy Special Interest Group (SIG) is restarting this month. Our primary focus will be the genealogical research of the Republic of Ireland, also known as the Irish Free State, Éire, Ireland, and Southern Ireland. Given the tumultuous history of Ireland, we will share the genealogical research of Northern Ireland with the British SIG.

Kate Eakman will be chairing this SIG and Tom O'Brien has agreed to serve as the corresponding secretary. A Senior Researcher with Legacy Tree Genealogists, Kate's very first task as a professional genealogist involved identifying the family of a woman's Irish great-grandmother with only a name and a potential date of birth as her clues. Many of you know Tom as the co-leader of the Genealogy Problem Solving SIG and as a member of the German SIG. Tom chaired the former Irish SIG several years ago and served the GFO as a research assistant.

## The Irish Genealogy Special Interest Group



The Irish Genealogy SIG will be a great place for Irish researchers to learn how to work around the 1922 Four Courts fire which nearly destroyed several hundred years of parish records. Irish researchers can share their brick walls and work together with the other members of the SIG to find ways to work around them.



All members of the GFO as well as their guests and any interested members of the public are welcomed to attend the Irish Genealogy SIG. One hour of each two-hour meeting will be spent on presentations about Irish history, genealogy, and resources while the second hour will focus on Irish Brick Wall questions.

During our first meeting, we will determine the group's needs and desires. We will also appoint volunteers to serve as the recording secretary, the treasurer, and the program chair.

Join us at the GFO on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm. We will meet on alternating months beginning on February 21.

Questions? Contact Kate at [irish@gfo.org](mailto:irish@gfo.org).

## Irish Revolution Archives to Go Online

Dick Eastman's Blog January 10, 2018  
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"The letters, official documents, secret military orders, and other papers from figures in Ireland's political and military revolution are to be made available online.

A project to digitise some of the most important manuscript collections held in the National Library of Ireland (NLI) will mean the documents are easily accessible to researchers and others interested in the history of the period that led to Irish independence.

The NLI's 'Towards A Republic' project will see large tranches of documents made available in a number of phased releases.

You can read more about this future project in an article by Niall Murray in the Irish Examiner web site at: <http://bit.ly/2qK87r7>."

## Slave Trade Database Project Planned

In a project called "Enslaved: The People of the Historic Slave Trade," Michigan State University will collect a massive database on the slave trade, and build an online data hub.

The database will link collections from many universities and be searchable for individuals and descendants. The tools will be accessible for historians and public to make analyses, maps, charts, and graphics.

The Mellon Foundation has provided a Foundation Grant of \$1.5 million for the project. Read more at <http://msutoday.msu.edu/news/2018/msu-uses-15m-mellon-foundation-grant-to-build-massive-slave-trade-database/>



## Serendipity ~ The Red Book

Nanci Remington

My first genealogy road trip took my sister and I north from St. Louis, through Illinois and the northern rim of Indiana. Our final destination was north central Michigan where my dad's parents were born. I had planned a route with typical stops at cemeteries, courthouses, and libraries. We even threw in some museums and a stroll through Holland. It was summer, and we really enjoyed walking along the lakeshore in Cadillac.

The next stop was Manton, a small town a few miles north. We had a couple of cemeteries to visit, and I hoped the library would have some family information. This town is the closest one to where my grandparents lived and could be where they met.

Evidently it was closer to Cadillac than I thought because I drove right by the exit! That took us a few miles out of the way, so we backtracked into town. This turned out to be the serendipity moment of the trip.

On the left as we approached town was a very small park, a Veteran's Memorial, and the Manton Area Historical Museum. Though it is now on the town's website, at the time it had not shown up in my research of the area. A man sat on a folding chair outside, so we stopped. He said he opened the museum when he felt up to it, and that we could go in and look around.

I should mention that my sister was really not into the research, and she had seen her share of museums on this trip, so she found a bench and sat there visiting while I looked for vintage postcards, photos, or anything that might date back to the turn of the century (the last one, not this one). The museum was organized more like an antique store than a typical museum, and there were piles of books and artifacts in several places. Oh, and the elderly proprietor had never heard of either family name that I was researching.



Just as we decided to move on, I looked over my sister's shoulder and saw a red ledger book, not labeled and a little scuffed up. For no reason I picked it up and opened it. Inside were three pages of entries. A new school had been built, and they had just hired the first teacher for the 1911-1912 school year. The teacher was Lillian Timmerman, my grandmother!

The book recorded three pay periods:

9/29/11 - \$30,  
10/2/11 - \$5, and  
11/10/11 - \$14.45.

Lillian would have just turned 19 when she got that first pay check. Family notes say that after finishing eighth grade she couldn't go to high school in Manton, so she studied for the teacher's exam.

She may have taught at a different school the previous year. She got married in March of 1912, so she may not have finished out this school year.

The following year the teacher was Conley Brown. From 1913–1914 the teacher was Erma Timmerman, Lillian's sister. Then the entries ended. The name of the school was not in the book.

Lillian told her children that teaching was very satisfying work. All of her children learned the importance of education. She eventually received her high school diploma and attended college. She was an avid letter writer, poet, and artist.

Unfortunately, there was no way to copy the book at the museum and it never occurred to me to get my camera from the car. So all I have are the notes that I wrote down. Maybe this summer (the museum is closed in the winter) I will call to see if someone can track down that red book.

**Do you have a serendipity story?  
Would you share it with us?**

*Photos: Left, Manton Area Historical Museum;  
above, Lillian and Erma Timmerman (1910)*





## Nominations Requested for GFO Hall of Fame



### GFO Hall of Fame Award Policy Approved April 2007, Revised 2012

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon has established the Hall of Fame Award as a way to honor members who have performed outstanding service to the Forum. The award is limited to one person per year, except in the case where a pair of members has worked together. A nomination may be made by any Forum member and the recipient will be selected from the panel of nominations by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The recipient must have a well-documented history of service, leadership, and accomplishment in more than one facet of the Forum over a significant period of time.

#### Procedure:

Any member may nominate another member for the award in writing. A nomination must be submitted to the Forum President and should include:

- 1) Name and member number;
- 2) List of services, activities, positions and accomplishments;
- 3) A narrative describing the nature of their work in terms of its importance to the success of the Forum; and
- 4) A short biography.

All areas of service will be examined and may include, but not be limited to, serving as an officer or Board member, chairing a major committee, special



## GFO Hall of Fame Recipients

Caroline Isabell Higley - 1987
Daisy Catharine Shrader Smith - 1987
Dorothy Rachel Clark Van Pelt - 1987
Nellie Hiday - 1987
Harriet E. Strause Hobbs - 1987
Wilfred Tuttle (Jack) Frost - 1987
Lottie Louise LeGett Gurley - 1987
Esther Irvine Colyn - 1988
Jay Marvin Balfour - 1988
Gyneth Susan Balfour - 1988
Evelyn Dibble Greenstreet - 1989
Harriette Word Park - 1989
Mary Glascock Brewer - 1990

Willis Gregg Corbitt - 1991
Mary Lou Monson Stroup - 1992
Betty Marie Ray Davis - 1992
Wilfred R. Burrell - 1994
Elizabeth "Betty" Braun Mays - 1994
Ruth Chauncey Bishop - 1995
Ellen MacIntosh Collins - 1995
Verlie Warner Johnston - 1995
Emily Johnson Reding - 1995
Maia Gundmundson Walker - 1996
Bernadine Follis Lee - 1997
Spencer Leonard - 1998
Carole Norton Putman - 2000
Nancy Compton Hacker - 2000
Mattie Irene Hude Little - 2001

Eileen Eckels Chamberlin - 2006
Gerald S. Lenzen - 2006
Constance Miller Lenzen - 2006
Julie Ann Kidd - 2007
Patricia Seidler Burling - 2008
Marie Hauff Diers - 2009
Jim Morrow - 2010
Donald Holznagel - 2011
Lyleth Winther - 2012
Cathy Lauer - 2012
Sandi Whiteman - 2013
Larry Sullivan - 2014
Jeanette Kefsky Hopkins - 2014
Loretta Welsh - 2015



## GFO Star Joan Galles



"Joan has been a reliable and energetic Research Assistant for many years. Visitors enjoy her tours of the library, and she loves to promote GFO activities. With her husband, Roger, she attends many Special Interest Group meetings, workshops, and seminars. Joan began writing book reviews in December 2013; since then, in addition to writing reviews, she has coordinated the book review process for the publisher-donated books we receive. She also has assisted with indexing of records.

Recently, she and Roger made the first installment to become GFO Life Members. Many thanks, Joan"



### Donations Needed for the Treasures Raffle

As we take registrations for our upcoming Spring Seminar, we'd like to ask you to search your closet or desk for a gently used item that we can auction at the seminar. Suggestions include genealogically related books, household decorations, carry bags, certificates toward GFO membership or research costs, and computer items. Leave the item(s) at the front desk in the library with a note that it's a donation to the seminar treasures auction.

Raffle tickets are sold for \$1 each or 6 for \$5, and they are placed in separate paper sacks for each prize so you win only something you want!

*Thanks!*

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report for the period ending December 31, 2017. *Richard Crockett*

<u>December income</u>	\$21,744.27
Annual Appeal donations	16,111.51
Endowment Fund donations	125.00
General Fund donations	2,172.98
Dividends	328.14
Memberships	2,189.34
Library Income	118.84
Research	122.50
Civil War workshop	80.00
Surplus books sales	105.96
AbeBooks	274.00
CD sales	116.00
 <u>Expenses</u>	 \$7,574.55
Administration expenses	956.89
Supplies	112.86
Treasurer's postage	19.60
NGS membership	95.00
Website	144.00
Facilities	4,193.04
Library expenses	1,265.69
<i>Bulletin</i> addressing	16.88
Copier lease	549.00
Annual bulk mailing	225.00
Book sales expenses	118.05
 Net income for the month	 \$14,169.72
Year to date net gain	\$11,127.53
Checking account balance (12/31)	\$44,568.94

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## Friday Morning: It Must Be Time For Indexing

Vince Patton

The GFO has hit a milestone and the entire state will benefit. As of the autumn of 2017, a small cadre of dedicated volunteers has fully indexed Oregon's marriage and divorce records of 1925-1945.

The State of Oregon sits on this treasure trove of valuable historical information. But it didn't have the staff to computerize it. So, virtually every Friday morning since 2003, a handful of volunteers from the Genealogical Forum of Oregon (GFO) traveled to the offices of the Oregon Center for Health Statistics in northeast Portland to enter tens of thousands of names into computers.

For the last 770 weeks, (14 years if you don't want to do the math) the small Friday Indexing Group has done what the state did not have the money or staff to do: they've made Oregon's marriage and divorce records truly accessible in a way never possible before.

It all started on January 17, 2003. Yes, they know the exact date. Connie Lenzen had been at the Oregon Center for Health Statistics office to do some family history research, only to find a huge brick wall. Every single time someone asked for an ancestor's marriage record it required manually scanning page after page of names. No one had created any kind of index of the records



Oregon Vital Records Friday Morning Work Crew:  
Diane Smith, Diana O'Dell, Loretta Welsh,  
Roger Edwards and Eileen Chamberlin

from 1925-1945 for marriages and divorces throughout the state.

Back at the GFO library, Connie told Eileen Chamberlain about the giant void in the state records. The two promptly thought this was a worthy project for the GFO.

Why go to all this effort? As Loretta Welsh, a current member of the Friday Indexing Group says, "We want to find our people! We're all sitting here looking for our ancestors and know that computers can offer us a huge amount of ease in finding these people." Their work will help countless others in the future.

For every five years of data records it takes the team about two years to index it. The job's not over yet.

## California Historical Society Collection, 1860-1960

Wikimedia Commons holds a large collection (3,644 items) of historical photographs covering not just California, but several western and southwestern states and Mexico. The dates are 1860–1960. There are images of towns, cities, the old missions, Native Americans, Chinese immigrants, scenic landscapes, culture, arts, buildings, farming, household scenes, mining, and more. If you add the term "ms" to the search, the objects that are documents will be selected. [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:California\\_Historical\\_Society\\_Collection,\\_1860-1960](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:California_Historical_Society_Collection,_1860-1960)



Included is one small collection of Certificates of Residence for Chinese agricultural laborers, a requirement instituted as a result of the 1892 Geary Act, but not restricted to those workers. The certificates provide a glimpse of a time of exclusion of immigrants from China; they were required to be carried to prove the right to remain in the country. They contain a description of the person (these are all men) as well as a photo. A finding aid to the collection is at the California Online Archive: <http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt858038qp/>

An article on the Geary Act is at: [http://www.slate.com/blogs/the\\_vault/2015/01/30/history\\_of\\_chinese\\_exclusion\\_certificates\\_required\\_by\\_the\\_geary\\_act](http://www.slate.com/blogs/the_vault/2015/01/30/history_of_chinese_exclusion_certificates_required_by_the_geary_act)



## Special Interest Group Meetings

### DNA Beginners

Saturday, February 24, 2018 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Bring your questions and problems regarding the use of DNA for genealogy for this group discussion. Feel free to submit your questions prior to the meeting by sending them to Emily at [aulicino@hevanet.com](mailto:aulicino@hevanet.com). We will also discuss what topics will be of interest for the entire year's meetings.

### Tax Deduction

The GFO membership fees are 100% tax deductible in keeping with our 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. (Federal Tax ID #93-6026215) If you make a matching donation to the Oregon Cultural Trust, you may also be eligible for an Oregon tax credit. <http://www.culturaltrust.org>

### Weather and Holiday Closures at the 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.

### 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, 12:30–2:30 p.m.;  
Julie Ramos  
[ameliawest11@gmail.com](mailto:ameliawest11@gmail.com)

#### British

4th Saturdays in Jan., Mar., May,  
Sept., 1–3 p.m.; Duane Funk  
[duanefunk@comcast.net](mailto:duanefunk@comcast.net)

#### DNA – Beginners

3rd or 4th Saturday in Feb., May.,  
Aug., & Nov., 9 a.m.–noon; Emily  
Aulicino, [aulicino@hevanet.com](mailto:aulicino@hevanet.com)

#### DNA – Advanced

4th Saturday in Jan., Apr., July, and  
Oct., 9 a.m.–noon; Emily Aulicino  
[aulicino@hevanet.com](mailto:aulicino@hevanet.com)

#### DNA – Q & A

1st and 3rd Wednesdays monthly,  
1–3 p.m.; Lisa McCullough

#### Family Tree Maker

Quarterly, please check calendar for  
times, 1–3 p.m.; Laurel Smith  
[bearpair@comcast.net](mailto:bearpair@comcast.net)

#### Genealogy Problem Solvers

3rd Saturdays monthly, 9:30–11:30  
a.m.; Katy Daly [GPS@gfo.org](mailto:GPS@gfo.org)

#### German

1st Saturdays monthly, 1–3 p.m.; Mike  
Fernandez [cheeseandwine62@gmail.com](mailto:cheeseandwine62@gmail.com) and Tia Cobb

#### Illinois and More

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

#### Irish

3rd Wednesdays even months  
(Feb./Apr./June/Aug./Oct.), 6–8 p.m.;  
Kate Eakman [irish@gfo.org](mailto:irish@gfo.org), and  
Tom O'Brien

#### Italian

Quarterly, please check calendar for  
times; Keith Pyeatt  
[k\\_pyeatt@yahoo.com](mailto:k_pyeatt@yahoo.com)

#### Learn & Chat

1st and 3rd Wednesdays monthly,  
10 a.m.–12 p.m.; Jeanne Quan  
[jeannequan3@gmail.com](mailto:jeannequan3@gmail.com)

#### Mexican Ancestry

2nd Fridays monthly, 11:30 a.m.–  
1:30 p.m.; Vincent Ramirez  
[sw@gfo.org](mailto:sw@gfo.org)

#### Virginia

1st Saturdays monthly, Sep.–Jun.,  
10 a.m.–noon; Judi Scott [judiscot@gmail.com](mailto:judiscot@gmail.com) and Carol Surrency  
[lcsurr@gmail.com](mailto:lcsurr@gmail.com)

#### Writers' Forum

2nd Saturdays monthly, Sep.–May.,  
1–3 p.m.; Peggy Baldwin  
[peggy@familypassages.com](mailto:peggy@familypassages.com)

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**GFO Calendar**

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**Library Work Parties ~ every month, all welcome**

Sundays 9 a–12 p: Map project on 2nd Sunday, other projects on remaining Sundays

~~~~~ **February** ~~~~~~

|                                    |                      |                                                     |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 2/3                            | 10 a.m.–12 p.m.      | Virginia Group                                      |
|                                    | 1–3 p.m.             | German Group                                        |
| Sun 2/4                            | 9 a.m.–12 p.m.       | Library Work Party - Manuscripts                    |
| <b>Mon 2/5 Free to Non-members</b> |                      |                                                     |
| Wed 2/7                            | Open until 8 p.m.    |                                                     |
|                                    | 10 a.m.–12 p.m.      | Learn & Chat                                        |
|                                    | 1–3 p.m.             | DNA Q&A                                             |
| Fri 2/9                            | 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. | Mexican Ancestry Group                              |
| Sat 2/10                           | 9:30–11:30 a.m.      | Illinois and More Group                             |
|                                    | 1–3 p.m.             | Writers' Forum                                      |
| Sun 2/11                           | 9–11 a.m.            | Library work party - Maps                           |
| Tue 2/13                           | 6:10–8:10 p.m.       | Board Meeting                                       |
| Wed 2/14                           | Open until 8 p.m.    |                                                     |
| Sat 2/17                           | 9:30–11:30 a.m.      | Genealogy Problem Solvers - A Monthly Support Group |
|                                    | 12–2 p.m.            | Italian Interest Group                              |
| Sun 2/18                           | 9 a.m.–12 p.m.       | Library work party                                  |
| Wed 2/21                           | Open until 8 p.m.    |                                                     |
|                                    | 10 a.m.–12 p.m.      | Learn & Chat                                        |
|                                    | 1–3 p.m.             | DNA Q&A                                             |
|                                    | 6–8 p.m.             | Irish Group                                         |
| Sat 2/24                           | 9 a.m.–12 p.m.       | DNA Beginners                                       |
|                                    | 12:30–2:30 p.m.      | African-American Ancestry Group                     |
| Sun 2/25                           | 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.    | Workshop - African-Americans in the Civil War Era   |

Wed 2/28 Open until 8 p.m.

~~~~~ **March** ~~~~~~

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| Sat 3/3 through Sun 3/11                             | <b>OPEN HOUSE</b> see page 1                           |
|  | Other SIGs will hold their regular meetings as listed: |
| 10 a.m.–12 p.m.                                      | Virginia Group - Military Pensions                     |
| 1–3 p.m.   | German Group   |
| Wed 3/7  | Open until 8 p.m.                                      |
| 10 a.m.–12 p.m.                                      | Learn & Chat   |
| Fri 3/9  | 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.                                   |
| Tues 3/13  | 6:10–8:10 p.m.   |
| Wed 3/14   | Open until 8 p.m.                                      |
| Sat 3/17   | 9:30–11:30 a.m.  |
|  | Genealogy Problem Solvers - A Monthly Support Group    |
|  | 12:00 p.m.   |
|  | 2–3 p.m..  |
| Sun 3/18   | 9 a.m.–12 p.m.   |
| Wed 3/21   | Open until 8 p.m.                                      |
| 10 a.m.–12 p.m.                                      | Learn & Chat   |
| 1:00 p.m.  | DNA Q&A  |
| <b>Sat 3/24 12:45 LIBRARY CLOSED, EXCEPT:</b>        |  |
| The following SIGs will hold their regular meetings. |  |
| 12:30–2:30 p.m.                                      | African American Ancestry Group                        |
| 1–3 p.m.   | British Group  |
| Sun 3/25   | 9 a.m.–12 p.m.   |
| Wed 3/28   | Open until 8 p.m.                                      |
| <b>Sun 4/1 Easter - LIBRARY CLOSED</b>               |  |