



# Genealogical Forum of Oregon Fall Seminar 2013

*The GFO Welcomes*

Dr. David McDonald, CG<sup>SM</sup>

The Rev. Dr. David McDonald, CG<sup>SM</sup>, is immediate past president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists® and a former director of the National Genealogical Society. A past editor of the *Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter*, he has published articles in genealogical journals and magazines since the 1980s. With nearly 40 years' research experience, and more than 30 years as a genealogical lecturer throughout the United States and England, Dave brings a wealth of experience to his presentations. His research interests include New England, the Midwest, Germanic Europe, the British Isles, and migration paths and patterns; his lecturing specialties include churches and their records, English research, Presidential genealogy, and techniques for beginning and intermediate genealogists.

Outside the genealogical realm, Dave is a pastor in the United Church of Christ holding advanced degrees from Eden Seminary in Saint Louis and a doctorate from Christian Seminary in Indianapolis. His wife, Dr. Jennet Shepherd, is an optometrist. They have three adult children and live near Madison, Wisconsin.



Saturday  
19 October 2013  
9 am - 4 pm  
Milwaukie Elks

## Topics

- Transcontinental Migration: How American Families Became Bicoastal
- Reach for the Power Tools: Record Transcription & Analysis
- The Other Side of the Courthouse: Criminal & Civil Court Records
- Lutherpalians & Presbyterians: Where Did Grandma's Church Go?

## Seminar Features

- Nationally Known Speaker
- Genealogical Treasures Drawing
- Book Vendor
- GFO Surplus Book Sale

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## Event Schedule

8:00 am	Registration opens	1:15 pm	Announcements
9:00 am	Opening remarks	1:30 pm	Session 3
9:15 am	Session 1	2:30 pm	Break
10:15 am	Break	3:00 pm	Session 4
10:45 am	Session 2	4:00 pm	Program ends
12:00 pm	Lunch		

### Transcontinental Migration: How American Families Became Bicoastal

Using a case study of a family's movements as it traversed the continent from New England to the Pacific coast, beginning in the Revolutionary era and concluding with the turn of the last century, we'll examine the types of records available to researchers from this period. Consideration of travel routes and methods and methods for reconnecting with families who "fell off" the trail along the way—and those who may have turned back as well—will be made.

### Reach for the Power Tools: Record Transcription & Analysis

Genealogical researchers seeking to become more adept at extracting available clues and information from the records they encounter are well-served by the transcription of materials researched along the way. Practice in transcription of documents, including handwriting techniques and forms and analyzing the clues contained therein, and suggestions for developing effective research practices and plans.

### The Other Side of the Courthouse: Criminal & Civil Court Records

Family legend, lore, and unspoken secrets affect how we approach research efforts. Conducting thorough research sometimes goes beyond what we "know" is true, based on the family stories. We'll examine a farmhand's death in a hayfield for matters of property and murder and a family feud, a flock of sheep, and a meddlesome brother-in-law as we examine records from the \*other\* side of the courthouse.

### Lutherpalian & Presbyterians: Where Did Grandma's Church Go?

Did Grandma play cards? Was alcohol banned in the household? Was the Sabbath celebrated on Sunday or Saturday? We'll consider cultural clues for determining a family's religious heritage, how their tradition may have changed through the years, and strategies for finding records of various churches and denominations.

## Seminar Site

### Milwaukie Elks

**13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd.  
Milwaukie, Oregon**

Situated on the west side of McLoughlin Blvd., Oregon Hwy 99E, 1/2 mile south of the town of Milwaukie.

Located between SE Park Avenue (traffic light to the north) and the Bomber (restaurant to the south). Look for the Milwaukie Elks Lodge sign.

## Lunch

**No lunch available for those registering after 12 Oct 2013**

Buffet lunch in the Elks dining room with payment of \$11 includes pot roast, baby red potatoes, and several salads.

Coffee, hot tea, and cold drinks are included.

## Breaks

Snacks and drinks are included with admission and are available during the breaks.

## Refund Policy

For cancellations received after 12 October 2013, refunds will be made in the amount of the registration fee less a \$10.00 cancellation fee. Lunch fees are non-refundable if cancelled after 12 October 2013.

## David McDonald Fall Seminar Sign-Up Form

19 October 2013

Members      \_\_\_ \$43 received by 10/12/13      \_\_\_ \$48 received after 10/12/13      \_\_\_ \$53 at the door

Non-Members      \_\_\_ \$48 received by 10/12/13      \_\_\_ \$53 received after 10/12/13      \_\_\_ \$58 at the door

Lunch      \_\_\_ \$11 must be received by 10/12/13

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_       Payment enclosed       Paid online at [PayPal.com](http://PayPal.com) using email address [payments@gfo.org](mailto:payments@gfo.org)

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Please make check payable to "Genealogical Forum of Oregon" or "GFO."

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# The Forum Insider

## GFO Picnic A Great Success!

GFO members gathered at the Elks in Milwaukie for a well-attended picnic on Saturday, August 3rd, the beginning of what is hoped will become an annual tradition.

Good times and good food were had by all with the grill staffed by several members and potluck offerings from those who attended.

Thanks to the many who contributed to making this such a success!



**Special Thanks to State Farm  
For Their Grant!**

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## Genealogical Forum of Oregon

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Sunday  
12 to 5 pm

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### Interested in...

#### *Illinois and Its Neighbors?*

The Illinois Interest Group is e-x-p-a-n-d-i-n-g its focus this year. So many people came from the states to the east or moved on to states north and west of Illinois that most of those "from Illinois" also have ancestor sightings in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri. If you are one of those who researches in one or more of these eight states, this interest group may be just the thing for you.



We'll begin with some information about things that "everyone" who lives there knows about...history, people, inventions, significant events, getting there, getting away from there, occupations, time frames, the list goes on and on...but each topic will help you understand what life was like for your ancestors.

The group will meet, as usual, on the second Saturday of each month (except June, July, and December), from 9:30 am to 11:30 am in the GFO library. If you are interested, or want to find out more, write to Kristy Gravlin at [hannah@teleport.com](mailto:hannah@teleport.com) to be on our mailing list.

### *President's Message*

Things are hopping at the GFO again now that summer is over. Special interest groups are meeting again, and there are classes to attend. One not-to-miss event is the Fall Seminar with Dr. David McDonald. Have you registered yet?

GFO book sales on eBay have taken off! We hope to be listing on Abe Books soon. Helen Smith and Barb Schrag have put forth a monumental effort, and the benefits to the GFO are huge in terms of income and found space. This dynamic duo could sure use some help. Please see the volunteer listings for more information.

Finally, don't overlook the library work parties on Sunday mornings. We are accomplishing great feats between 9 am and noon. We'd love to have your help.

*—Laurel Smith*

### *Submissions to the Insider*

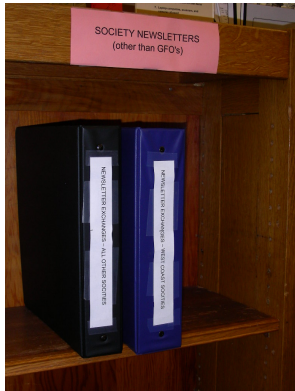
Send comments, corrections, news, short success stories, and announcements to Becky Clark, editor, at [insider@gfo.org](mailto:insider@gfo.org) or leave messages at the GFO desk, 503-963-1932.

Provide submissions by the 7th of the month for inclusion in the following month's issue.

*Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon.*

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## Other Genealogical Society Resources



If you ever wonder what's going on at other genealogical societies, there is an often overlooked resource at the GFO you might want to explore. The GFO exchanges newsletters with dozens of other societies, and these are available in the library for your perusal. Volunteer Jan Asher puts the most current issue of each newsletter we receive into a notebook residing on the book shelves in the rare book area. Come on in and take a look!

—*Laurel Smith*

## Map Quest Project

The Map Quest Group continues to meet at 9:00 am on the first Sunday of the month to work on sorting and cataloging the Forum's map collection.

Anyone interested is welcome to join us. Questions: contact Doris Cruickshank at 971-241-2157.

## Special Thanks to State Farm and Pete Falcone for a \$500 Grant Supporting the GFO Member Picnic



GFO member and volunteer, Pete Falcone obtained a time matching State Farm Good Neighbor Grant® from his company through the State Farm Companies Foundation. Thanks to both Pete and State Farm's generosity, the GFO received \$500 to fund the Member Picnic, held on Sunday, August 3.

Through the State Farm Good Neighbor Grant Program, the State Farm Companies Foundation awards a \$500 grant on behalf of each eligible State Farm associate or retiree who volunteers a minimum of forty hours a year to an eligible nonprofit organization.

The State Farm grant is available to both associates and retirees who volunteer at an eligible nonprofit organization. The Genealogical Forum of Oregon met the eligibility criteria, but we would never have been the recipients of such generosity without Pete's volunteer hours and efforts to secure this funding.

### Does your company offer matching grants, donations or other giving opportunities?

Check with your company or organization to learn what giving opportunities are available. Most large companies with a history of community involvement, like Portland General Electric ([www.portlandgeneral.com/volunteer](http://www.portlandgeneral.com/volunteer)), Tektronix Foundation ([www.tek.com/about-us/tektronix-foundation](http://www.tek.com/about-us/tektronix-foundation)), and Intel Corporation, have

established giving programs for their employees, which often include retirees.

Find more information online by visiting [doublethedonation.com](http://doublethedonation.com) to search for companies in Portland that have matching gift programs, such as Nike, Siemens, US Bank, and Wells Fargo. Here you can link to pages that provide forms, guidelines and company contact information.

### You can help secure funding for the GFO:

1. Visit your corporate website, Intranet or human resource manager to determine whether your company has grant, donation, and matching gift programs.
2. Determine whether the Genealogical Forum of Oregon meets the donation or grant program eligibility criteria. Contact us with questions at [grants@gfo.org](mailto:grants@gfo.org). We can help.
3. Complete the application.
4. If your application is successful, notify the Genealogical Forum of Oregon.

On behalf of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, we thank you in advance for your time and effort. Remember, the GFO is 100% staffed by volunteers. Without you, we would not exist. Your help matters!

—*Karla Nutt, Marketing Director*

### “Recent Additions to the Library” Is Moving Online!

The GFO library catalog is currently undergoing migration to the OPALS (**OP**en-source **A**utomated **L**ibrary **S**ystem) cataloging system as described in the July *Insider*.

While conversion is taking place, additions to the library are already being entered into the new catalog at [gfo.ind.opalsinfo.net](http://gfo.ind.opalsinfo.net). Since June over 300 items have been added. The OPALS catalog provides for import of item records which include far more information than the previous version, such as subject headings.

One of the useful features of the OPALS catalog is versatile online access to a list of items added. For those without online access, visit the GFO library and look for the New Items Lists notebook, shelved with the new books, which contains printed lists of the new acquisitions.

A limited number of the most recent entries can be found by scrolling down the Home page. A much more extensive list can be found on the New Items page. Access this page from the New Items tab at the top of the page or from the Home drop down menu.

Using the options on the New Items page, you can select how far back you want items included and how you would like them sorted. If you are interested in a particular region, for instance, you could sort by call number, and then find that section within the whole list to choose items of interest.

To view or print a bibliography, select the current page, all pages, or individual items to form a list. At the top right of the screen under the tab bar next to the search box, choose View Bib to see a list of the titles you selected.

Fill in your desired title and date for the bibliography at the top, and choose display options at the bottom of the page. Shelf format includes call numbers. The bibliography can be previewed and printed. The Email and Save functions may not work in all browsers (Firefox, Chrome, Internet Explorer). If after entering your email address and clicking Send, you don't see the email in your inbox, check your junk mail filter for an email from [noone@noreply.org](mailto:noone@noreply.org). Pop-up blockers will prevent emailing unless you allow pop-ups for this site.

– Becky Clark

*Spotlight on Treasures... The Other 99 Percent.*

Perhaps you have discovered treasures that you had not expected to find at the GFO Library. This column is designed to allow all of us to share those treasures with others. Join in the sharing process. As you discover things you think others would enjoy knowing about, please contact Tom O'Brien at [tom.obrien4@comcast.net](mailto:tom.obrien4@comcast.net). He'll work with you to include your discovery in this column.

Frequently Genealogical Forum of Oregon library visitors spend the largest portion of their visit using our computers to access the variety of subscription databases that we have available. While that is admirable and a great value, I sometimes wonder if they are aware they are overlooking the many other resources that are available to them.

It has been said that **less than one percent of all genealogical information is available on the Internet**. Certainly the Internet has been a wonderful help to genealogists. Those of you who know me are aware that I personally use it, perhaps too much.

When I visit a library, however, using the Internet is not my primary focus. My focus instead is to mine that particular library for **the other ninety-nine percent** of the genealogical material that they might have in their facility.

Browsing the shelves of the libraries I've visited has helped me to break through some of my biggest brick walls. For example, I discovered a book at the Minnesota Genealogical Society Library in 1997 that ultimately led me to learn the county and parish in Ireland where Mary McKenna Smith had come from. While browsing the Ohio collection that day, I spotted a book titled *Tombstone Inscriptions & Burial Records of Saint Margaret's Catholic Cemetery and Tombstone Inscriptions of Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Cemetery Ross County, Ohio*. The Ross County Genealogical Society had published it in 1989.

I was already aware that Mary had arrived in the U.S. on 5 August 1851 with her husband. They went on to Fayette County, Ohio, and took up farming. The following year the rest of her husband's family joined them. I'd spent many years sifting through everything that I could find regarding the numerous Smith families in Fayette County, Ohio, but all I knew was that they were from Ireland. I had learned that there had been no Catholic Church in Fayette County until 1866, and the

Smith family was required to travel thirty-one miles to Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, to attend church during those first fifteen years.

When I spotted that book at the Minnesota Genealogical Society Library, I realized that I should check to see if any members of my Smith family had been buried in either of those two cemeteries in Chillicothe. My trip to this library paid off because of this find. The cemetery is nearly 800 miles from where I found the book.

When I returned to Oregon, I immediately joined the RootsWeb Mailing list for Ross County, Ohio, and posted a message requesting assistance in photographing the tombstone of Mary McKenna Smith. Within 36 hours I had received two offers to help. One of the individuals lived nearby and said that she took her daily walk in the cemetery. When the photos arrived in the mail they revealed a tombstone that had been exposed to 139 years of weather as Mary had died in 1858. Using photo software to enhance the photos, I was able to read the inscription, which listed her birthplace as Inishmagrath Parish, County Leitrim, Ireland.

At the GFO Library I was recently browsing the two end cap sections near the meeting area. Both contain oversize books that do not fit in the regular shelves. One contains family histories, the other general publications.

The general publications area contains 67 volumes, which requires just a few minutes to browse.

A few were of interest to me and possibly to you. Those that caught my attention were:

- *A Centennial Souvenir Edition of the Joplin Globe, The First 100 Years.*
- *Evening Journal 1836 - 1936 for Washington, County, Iowa.*
- *The Oregon Women's Ambulance Corp.*
- *A Michigan Cemetery Atlas.*
- *Historic Atlas of Indiana.*
- *A Manifest of Western Oregon, 1952*
- *History of Dickey County, North Dakota*

– Tom O'Brien.



*Interest Group News*

**Family Tree Maker Interest Group**

Sunday, October 20, 1 - 3 pm

*Creating a Family History Book.* If you've ever considered creating a book about your family, this meeting will help you explore the two tools available to you in Family Tree Maker. FTM has a desktop book-building tool built right in. The second tool is MyCanvas, an online tool which integrates with FTM data to create a book you can have printed for you. We're also interested in knowing what topics you would like this class to pursue in November and in 2014. Please come and share your ideas for the future.



your handout from July or purchase one for \$.75 at the meeting. If you did not attend the July meeting, but have test results for Family Tree DNA's Family Finder test or results from 23andMe, please join us. Those who took the autosomal test at AncestryDNA may join us, but you cannot map your chromosomes as they do not provide the tools needed to do so. You may transfer the test results from AncestryDNA to Family Tree DNA for a small fee. Go to [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com) and click on the FAQs at the top. Enter Third Party Transfers for more information. You have time to do this before the meeting.

**DNA Interest Group**

Saturday, October 26, 10 am - noon

This meeting will be a continuation of Chromosome Mapping. Bring your laptops or commandeer those at the front of the library. Bring



**Genealogy Book Group**

Saturday, November 9, 11:45 am - 12:45 pm

The book group has chosen *Reunion: A Search of Ancestors*, by Ryan Littrell, for discussion at the next meeting. We will talk about nonfiction books by authors who investigate the history of their family.



*Interest Group Meeting Times and Contacts*

**British**

4th Saturdays of  
Sep, Jan, Mar, May  
1 - 3 pm  
Lyleth Winther  
[lylethw@gmail.com](mailto:lylethw@gmail.com)

**Computer**

3rd Saturdays of  
Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct  
10 am - 12 pm  
Daphne Garrison  
[degarrison@gmail.com](mailto:degarrison@gmail.com)

**DNA**

4th Saturdays of  
Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct  
10 am - 12 pm  
Emily Aulicino  
[aulicino@hevanet.com](mailto:aulicino@hevanet.com)

**Family Tree Maker**

3rd Sundays monthly  
1 - 3 pm  
Laurel Smith

[bearpair@comcast.net](mailto:bearpair@comcast.net)

Stephen Morgan

[ceanothus1@comcast.net](mailto:ceanothus1@comcast.net)

**Genealogy Books**

2nd Saturdays monthly  
11:45 am - 12:45 pm  
Bonnie Randolph  
[bbrandolph@clear.net](mailto:bbrandolph@clear.net)

**German**

1st Saturdays monthly  
Sep through Jun  
1 - 3 pm  
Nanci Remington  
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**Illinois and Its Neighbors**

2nd Saturdays of  
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9:30 - 11:30 am  
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Harlene Patterson  
[harlene5@yahoo.com](mailto:harlene5@yahoo.com)

**Irish**

3rd Saturdays of  
Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov  
1 - 3 pm  
Suzanne Lemon  
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**Virginia**

1st Saturdays monthly  
Sep through Jun  
10 am - 12 pm  
Judi Scott  
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Carol Surrency  
[lcsurr@gmail.com](mailto:lcsurr@gmail.com)

**Writers' Forum**

2nd Saturdays monthly  
Sep through May  
1 - 3 pm  
Peggy Baldwin  
[peggy@familypassages.com](mailto:peggy@familypassages.com)



## *Volunteer Opportunities*

If you can help with any of these openings, please contact Cathy Lauer, Volunteer Coordinator, at [volunteer@gfo.org](mailto:volunteer@gfo.org) or leave a message for her at 503-963-1932.

### **Library Signage**

We need a person with a little computer knowledge (only a little!) to update some of the signage around the library. There are existing templates in place, so it's just a matter of entering the right information, printing, and posting. This will be a project of short duration and could probably be done in 4 hours or so, but will make the library easier to use and nicer looking too. Please contact Laurel at [president@gfo.org](mailto:president@gfo.org) if you have a few hours to help.

### **Book Cataloging**

We need people who are willing to enter newly donated books into the new catalog. We will train you. The books are already classified, so all we do is get the information into the catalog. The perk is that you get to be one of the first to see all the interesting books that are coming into the library. You can set your own hours; as little or as much time as you are able to give is a wonderful contribution to the library. You can use the computer in the work room, or if you have your own laptop, we can set you up on that so you can work anywhere in the library. Contact Sarah Holmes: [cataloging@gfo.org](mailto:cataloging@gfo.org).

### **Book Sales**

Book sales are taking off, and it's great because we can use the money and we certainly need the space these books now occupy. Our team of two needs your help. This is an ongoing project, so it calls for volunteers that can help on some sort of regular basis, whether once a week or once a month, but the day and time is up to you. Training will be provided and procedural "cheat sheets" are available. Scanning and data entry need to be done for eBay sales. Book pricing is another area where you could make a big difference. Basic computer skills are all that is needed for the interested volunteer. Please contact Helen Smith at

[booksales@gfo.org](mailto:booksales@gfo.org) or leave a message at 503-963-1932.

### **Print shop**

An additional person is needed for backup in the print shop to help by printing brochures, letters, the *Bulletin*, the *Insider*, etc., when Loretta Welsh and Jim Morrow are not available.

### **Data Extraction**

If you would like to help with data extraction projects, please contact Loretta Welsh, the print shop manager. She is usually at the library on Wednesdays, or you can leave a message with reception at 503-963-1932 or email her at [dataextraction@gfo.org](mailto:dataextraction@gfo.org).



### *Historic Columbian Cemetery Extraction Project.*

The GFO has been asked to help with extracting the records of the Historic Columbian Cemetery. Several card files filled with 3x5 cards have been scanned and indexed. The data now needs to be proofed before the index is put on our website. Also, help alphabetizing the 3x5 cards at the Forum would be much appreciated. This task needs to be done before proofreading starts on the extracted records.

*Ongoing Data Extraction Projects.* A number of projects can use help. These require use of Excel or Open Office for the worksheets. Projects to be done at the Forum include Multnomah County Marriages, books of newspaper clippings, and books of Oregon biographies. Projects which could be done at home from scanned images include the Portland birth ledger, scrapbooks with articles & obits, loose obits, church cards, and newspaper clippings from old newspapers that have been donated.

*Scanning at the Forum.* Additional loose obits and newspaper clippings have been donated and need to be scanned; 4 bankers boxes of death certificates, church cards, and other miscellaneous items. The scanning needs to be done before the items are indexed.

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*Volunteer Opportunities (cont.)*

**Manuscripts**

Volunteers are needed for a new project to organize, create finding aids, and scan the personal papers and manuscripts that have been donated over the years. The goal is to make these collections available to researchers. Once trained, volunteers can work independently to process an entire collection or choose just one step, such as organizing or scanning. For more information contact Nanci Remington at [manuscripts@gfo.org](mailto:manuscripts@gfo.org).

**Research Requests**

An additional person(s) is needed for answering research requests.



Research requests come in mainly from people seeing our online indexes, but also from those requesting copies of pages in our family history books, telephone and city directories, or any other book in our collection. A backup person is needed to scan microfilms of the Donation Land Claims and print or create a CD from the scans.

**Education**

A wide range of volunteer opportunities is available through the Education Committee. These include planning and helping with our seminars, teaching classes, speaking to other organizations, and creating educational displays. Further information can be had by contacting the committee chair, Nanci Remington, at [education@gfo.org](mailto:education@gfo.org).

**Research Assistants**

Research Assistants are needed to fill some of the vacant Tuesday afternoon spots. Hours are 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Some of the duties of an RA are welcoming patrons into the library, answering the phone, helping patrons with their research, and shelving books. For a complete description of the duties, go to our website, [www.gfo.org](http://www.gfo.org), and click on Research Assistant. We need to have at least two volunteers on duty for each shift to keep the library open. Please consider volunteering one day per week, one day every two weeks, or one day per month.

**Donations Needed for the Treasures Auction**

As we take registrations for our upcoming Fall Seminar, we would 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, 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.

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!

**Cemetery Links**

- Find A Grave cemetery search [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)
- Cemetery inscriptions [www.interment.net](http://www.interment.net)
- Obituary Central - obits and cemetery searches [www.obitcentral.com](http://www.obitcentral.com)
- BillionGraves <http://billiongraves.com>

**Military**

- Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System [www.itd.nps.gov/cwss](http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss)
- Fold3 military records (first week free) [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com) \$

**Genealogy News**

- Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter <http://blog.eogn.com>
- FamilySearch Tech Tips <https://familysearch.org/techtips>
- GenealogyInTime Magazine <http://www.genealogyintime.com>
- Genealogy.About.com <http://genealogy.about.com>
- Ancestry Insider <http://ancestryinsider.blogspot.com>
- WeRelate GenealogyWiki [werelate.org](http://werelate.org)

**Archaic Terminology**

- Archaic occupation list [rmhh.co.uk/occup](http://rmhh.co.uk/occup)
- Bouvier's Law Dictionary, 1856 [www.supremelaw.org/ref/dict](http://www.supremelaw.org/ref/dict)
- Latin Dictionary [archives.nd.edu/latgramm.htm](http://archives.nd.edu/latgramm.htm)
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*Around the GFO*

**July Financial Report**

We ended July with \$28,202.08 in the Wells Fargo checking account, \$74.92 in the US Bank checking account, \$8,857.08 in the Bank of America Money Market account, and \$51,946.58 market value of our funds in Vanguard.

Total income was \$5,893.07. Expenses totaled \$9,140.96. We purchased insurance for the year, renewed the Ancestry Library subscription, paid for the new projector, and enjoyed our first annual member picnic.

**Correction**

Joan and Roger Galles contributed \$100 to the General Fund. A lesser amount was mistakenly reported in the August Insider.

The Endowment Fund market value on 7/31 was \$155,742.87,

and the Vanguard Money Market fund balance was \$2,433.47.

**August Financial Report**

At the end of August, the GFO had \$26,454.58 in the Wells Fargo checking account, \$74.92 in the US Bank checking account, \$8,857.08 in the Bank of America Money Market account, and \$50,963.22 market value of our funds in Vanguard.

Total income was \$3,827.92. Expenses totaled \$5,544.93. The DNA seminar shows an unedited profit of \$952.40.

The Endowment Fund market value on 8/31 was \$155,448.51, and the Vanguard Money Market fund balance was \$2,933.47.

*– Respectfully submitted by Richard Crockett, Treasurer*

*Classes*

Classes are free of charge to GFO members. Nonmembers who wish to attend must pay the day use fee of \$7, but they may research in the library all day in addition to attending the class or opt to receive a one day pass to use at a later time. Monthly programs are free to all.

*Laurel's classes: Why so early, why so late? To help all of you avoid the parking problems. If you'd like a class in the early afternoon, please email me at [bearpair@comcast.net](mailto:bearpair@comcast.net), and if there's enough response, I'll do one then too.*



**All about Find A Grave**

*Laurel Smith*

Wed., Oct. 30, 8:30 am - 9:30 am & 7 pm - 8 pm

Celebrate Halloween early with a class on Find A Grave. Did you know you can use Find a Grave to create a family tree? That you can obtain photos of an ancestor's headstone from across the country? That Find a Grave can lead to discoveries about your family history? Learn all about this fabulous resource.

**Beginning Family Tree Maker**

*Laurel Smith*

Wed., Nov. 6, 8:30 am - 9:30 am & 7 pm - 8 pm

Are you new to Family Tree Maker, or are you thinking of getting it? Having trouble with the version you have? Come to this class, and Laurel Smith will help you get started, explore features and navigation, answer your questions, and try to help you over any hurdles.

**Family Search**

*Nanci Remington*

Sunday, October 13, 1 - 3 pm, and  
Wednesday, October 16, 10 am - 12 pm

We all hit "brick wall" problems when searching for ancestors. Often the answer lies in the locations where they lived. In this class we will use Family Search Catalog and Wiki to try to break through some of those walls. Bring examples that we can work on.

**Crafting Ancestry Searches for Results** *Laurel Smith*

Wed., Oct. 23, 8:30 am - 9:30 am & 7 pm - 8 pm

The GFO Library provides access to Ancestry.com, both the United States and World Editions. Learn the basics of searching on Ancestry.com. Bring your pedigree chart(s) and family group sheet(s) to learn what to look for and how to frame a successful search.

**Ancestry.com and Google**

*Nanci Remington*

Sunday, November 10, 1 - 3 pm, and  
Wednesday, November 13, 10 am - 12 pm

We all hit "brick wall" problems when searching for ancestors. Often the answer lies in the locations where they lived. In this class we will use Ancestry and Google to try to break through some of those walls. Bring examples that we can work on.

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### GFO Calendar

October		November		December	
Fri 10/4	5 pm First Friday @ the Ford	Sat 11/2	10 am Virginia Group 1 pm German Group	Mon 12/2	<b>Free Monday</b>
Sat 10/5	10 am Virginia Group 1 pm German Group	Mon 11/4	<b>Free Monday</b>	Sat 12/7	10 am Virginia Group 1 pm German Group
Mon 10/7	<b>Free Monday</b>	Wed 11/6	8:30 am <i>Beg. FTM Class</i> 7:00 pm <i>Beg. FTM Class</i>	Tue 12/10	6 pm Board Meeting
Tue 10/8	6 pm Board Meeting	Sat 11/9	9:30 am Illinois and Its Neighbors Group	Sat 12/14	12 pm Writers' Forum
Sat 10/12	9:30 am Illinois &... Grp. 1 pm Writers' Forum		11:45 am Gen. Book Group	Sat 12/25	<b>Christmas Library Closed</b>
Sun 10/13	1 pm <i>Family Search Cls.</i>	Sun 11/10	1 pm <i>Ancestry &amp; Google</i>		
Wed 10/16	10 am <i>Family Search Cls.</i>	Tue 11/12	6 pm Board Meeting		
Sat 10/19	<b>David McDonald Fall Seminar - Library Closed</b>	Wed 11/13	10 am <i>Ancestry &amp; Google</i>		
Sun 10/20	1 pm FTM Group	Sat 11/16	12 pm Irish Group 2 pm <b>Free Program</b>		
Wed 10/23	8:30 am <i>Ancestry Searches</i> 7 pm <i>Ancestry Searches</i>	Sun 11/17	1 pm FTM Group		
Sat 10/26	10 am DNA Group	Thu 11/28	<b>Thanksgiving Library Closed</b>		
Wed 10/30	8:30 am <i>Find A Grave Cls.</i> 7 pm <i>Find A Grave Cls.</i>				

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 for Sunday work parties.