Genealogical Forum of Oregon presents …

Digital Photos: Scanning, Preparing, Organizing, and Sharing and

Legacy Family Tree Software

Half-day Workshop with Geoffrey Rasmussen

Organizing and Sharing Your Digital Photos: Got digital images? Get an in-depth look into Google’s new photo service - Google Photos. Learn best practices for managing, sharing, searching, enhancing, and preserving your digital photos. Learn how to access your collections via your computer, smart phone, or tablet.

Digital Images for Genealogists: Scanning, digitizing, editing, and preserving your photos. You will learn how to correctly digitize your documents and photos, which resolution (dpi) to choose, which file types are the best (.jpg, .tif, etc.), and how to fix, repair, or enhance your digital image collections.

1:00 - Bonus Free Class: Organizing, Researching, and Sharing with Legacy Family Tree Software

Geoffrey D. Rasmussen is the father of four budding genealogists. He graduated with a degree in Genealogy and Family History from Brigham Young University and has served as director and vice-president of the Utah Genealogical Association. He is a dynamic genealogy speaker on all forms of genealogy technology, and as host of the Legacy Family Tree webinar series, has spoken virtually to nearly 100 different countries. He has authored books, videos, articles, and websites, and develops the Legacy Family Tree software program.

He is the author of Kindred Voices: Listening for our Ancestors, and the popular books Legacy Family Tree, Unlocked! and Digital Imaging Essentials.

Digitizing Photos Workshop ~ Registration Form ~ Sunday, July 31, 2016

Members: ___ $20 received by 24 July 2016 ___ $25 received after 24 July 2016
Non-Members: ___ $25 received by 24 July 2016 ___ $30 received after 24 July 2016
Total $_______ □Payment enclosed
□Paid online at PayPal.com using the email address payments@gfo.org

Name__________________________________________________ Member No. ____________
Email__________________________________________________ Telephone___________________

Please make check payable to “GFO.”
Attn: Digitizing Photos Workshop, GFO, 2505 SE 11th Ave, Ste B18, Portland OR 97202-1061
A French Canadian Collection Comes to the GFO

Laurel Smith

Twenty volunteers answered the call to box and move the GFO’s most recent acquisition - 135 boxes of books and periodicals. George T. Brown and his children have given to the GFO library an outstanding collection of material focusing on French Canadian genealogical resources.

Thank you to the Browns for their generous gift. Many thanks also go to April, Betty, Cathy, Connie, Diana, Dayle, Elsie, Elspeth, Gerry, Gordon, Janis, Joyce, Judith, Karen, Liz, Marilyn, Nancy, Sarah, Steve, Tom, and especially Jerry McGarvin (and Judith and Liz) who stayed at the GFO to help with unloading and storing all the boxes! After the Open House it would be great to have the same outstanding turnout to help with sorting those boxes!

My apologies to anyone whose name should have been included but wasn’t.

And, back at the GFO, some of the many stacks of books and documents. If you can help us sort and catalog them, see the Help Wanted section on page 7.
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Free Monthly Program
Third Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. with an interesting speaker.

Library Hours
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday
9:30 to 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday
12 noon to 5 p.m.

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Events Calendar

Buttons, History . . . .
and Genealogy?
Dorothy Krugner
Saturday, May 21, 2pm – 4pm
Our guest, Dorothy Krugner, is a
long-time lover of history, historical
fashion, and button collecting. Join us on May 21st to learn more
about the buttons you might have
noticed in photographs of your
ancestors. And as you might have
guessed, buttons can be used to
date your mystery photos. Buttons
have a genealogy, too!

Dorothy is the go-to expert on
historical fashion and buttons of
all eras and materials. She re-
searches and mounts her collec-
tions on the appropriate historical
fabrics. And she often provides
education and consultation to
museums, arts, and historical
organizations where she is well
liked and respected for her warm
style, knowledge, and passion for
her hobby.

Attendees are encouraged to
bring their photos (if the buttons
show well), loose buttons, and vin-
tage clothing with buttons.

Church Records
Harold Hinds
June 18, 2016 2–4 pm
(following Annual Meeting)
Church Records: Their Location
and Value for Family Historians
Was your ancestor church going?
If so, with what church were they
affiliated? Where might that
church's records be located? What
might you expect to find of value
in those records?

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Thank You to Annual Appeal Donors

The 2015-16 Annual Appeal donations through March 31st totalled $13,894.00. Your generous support of our organization helps us to accomplish new and exciting things during the coming year. Jeanette Hopkins

Ancestral Level ~ $250–499
Barbara Jones
Anita Lustenberger
Gerald and Jane McGarvin

Sustaining Level ~ $100–249
Cheri Emahiser
Barbara Pace
Lawrence G. Robbins in Memory of Marjorie Enneking
Janis Robertson
Rena M. Rossi in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. R. Price
Loretta Welsh

Supporting Level ~ $50–99
Ray Ashmun
Thomas P. Monaghan
Jacqueline Y. Wilson

Patron Level ~ up to $49
Anonymous - 1
Bev Christman
James Freda Jr.
Norm King

You are the Best!

Events Calendar

Save the Date!

GFO Fall Seminar

D. Joshua Taylor

October 15 Saturday all day
The Web, the World and YOU!
Evaluating and Documenting Online Sources
Bridging the Gap: Finding Ancestors in the
US between 1780 and 1830
Putting it Together: A Case Study

October 16 Sunday morning
Online Resources for Colonial America
Trial by Community: Colonial American
Legal Traditions

From his website: D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS, is a nationally known and recognized genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher and a frequent speaker at family history events across the globe. Passionate about family history, Joshua is the President and Executive Director of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society (NYG&B). He also serves the genealogical community as the President for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including RootsTech’s Distinguished Presenter Award, the Federation of Genealogical Societies Award of Merit, and the Rubincam Youth Award from the National Genealogical Society.

Joshua was formerly the Director of Family History at Findmypast and is the former Director of Education and Programs at the New England Historic Genealogical Society. He is also the coordinator for courses at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh. Joshua holds an MLS (Archival Management) and an MA (History) from Simmons College and has been a featured genealogist on “Who Do You Think You Are?” and is a host on the popular PBS series “Genealogy Roadshow.”

Check out his blog at: https://www.djoshuataylor.com/blog/

Travel posters accessed at Wikimedia Commons.
Keeping notes on your photos in the camera

Make a simple, portable note-recording system to label photos in the camera: an erasable “whiteboard.” This surface works like a regular whiteboard. You can write on it with the dry-erase pen, and rub it out easily with a cloth or paper towel.

You’ll need: A piece of thick paper or mat board in white or a very light color, in a portable size, say 5 x 8 inches; a presentation sleeve or other thin, clear, smooth plastic (such as old overhead transparency pages); a fine-point dry-erase pen, adhesive tape, and a small cloth or paper towel. The plastic should be smooth as glass, with no texture on the surface.

Cut the plastic to the size of the paper. You can add a little margin around the edges to make it easier to tape. If using a sleeve, insert the paper and tape closed the open edges. For a single piece of plastic, lay it over the paper and tape them together around the edges.

At the beginning of each shot, or group of shots, write down information about the subject you want to record. This might be date, location, subject, names, etc. You can be as detailed as will fit on the page. It can be used for live shots as well as research photos taken of documents or other objects.

Take a shot of your white board, remembering to turn off the flash temporarily to eliminate glare off the plastic. Then photograph your subject. Wipe off to make the next set of notes. When you view your photos later, you’ll have file notes in the order of the photos. A preliminary note photographed at the beginning of each photo card (or roll of film) could contain contact information in case your card is lost. This system can also be used while scanning, though you should check that none of the ink is transferred to the scanner bed.

For archives where pens aren’t allowed, use a small inexpensive paper notepad and pencil to write the same information.

Membership Dues Increase

On July 1, 2016, GFO dues will increase by $1 for individual memberships and $2 for joint memberships. The new dues are $43 per year for individual memberships and $65 for joint memberships. Membership includes subscriptions to the Bulletin (issued quarterly) and the Forum Insider (issued eight times per year).

If you renew before that date, you will pay the current dues.

GFO Star
George T. Brown

George T. Brown, a long-time GFO member, recently donated his entire library of books, periodicals, microfilms, and his private correspondence, which ended up consisting of approximately 135 boxes of various sizes to the GFO Library. He and his son oversaw the packing of the material by GFO volunteers on April 6. George made the day fun as he reminisced about his research and the great stories of trips he made around the country and the world. What a wonderful man!

Book Donations

Are you downsizing? Moving to e-books? Just need to clear out a few?

We would love your genealogy and related books. Your donation will enhance our library holdings and support our programs. Donations are also tax deductible as we are a 501(3)(c) non-profit organization.

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Business Cards ~ An Introduction

Genealogists and family researchers often have a business-type card that provides an introduction and gives their interests and contact information. You don’t have to be a professional genealogist or researcher - it’s an effective tool at all levels.

A card is an opportunity to expand your research circle and continue a conversation beyond the initial meeting. Having a supply handy at conferences, society meetings, travels, archives, and family reunions opens up connections with the people you meet. With business card printer stock available at most office supply stores, you can do it yourself - and you could have a new card for every occasion, varying its focus for different events or groups. Home printers may not be able to handle front and back printing, though. For larger quantities have them made through local or online printing services.

Just because it’s a business card, doesn’t mean it can’t have style. A logo, a photo, design, and text choices can make a memorable impression on the recipient. Remember to leave room to write notes about your meeting.

What could you put on a card? After reviewing several articles by other researchers, some common features come together. Also included are other ideas that may fit your needs.

• Name - including how you prefer to be addressed (title, prefixes, short name if you show a longer version)
• Contact options: Address, phone, email. Consider how you prefer to have people contact you. If most of your interactions are through email, that may be all you want to provide. An address might include a post office box you rent specifically for genealogy mail; providing a dedicated address works for email also.

One author suggested that you decide how many contact options you need or want to provide. You can always write more information on the card as needed.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s report for the period ending March 31, 2016. Richard Crockett

February income $10,568.22
General fund donations 120.30
Annual Appeal 2015-2016 3,492.00
Donated to Endowment Fund 100.00
Dividends and capital gains 306.41
Membership income 3,473.00
House History workshop 260.00
Spring seminar 4,680.00
Reading Room 192.72
CDs and USBs 102.00
Research 164.50
Amazon and Fred Meyer commissions 117.22
Used book sales 1,325.70
Abe book sales 574.00
Other 75.00
Total expenses $8,992.51
(Includes: $760.00 in books, two new book trolleys for $652.00, transferred $131.00 to the Endowment Fund, had $2,579.22 seminar expenses, published the Insider, had $108.94 in book sales expenses, and the normal monthly expenses, including the rent.)
Net income for the month $1,575.71
Year net loss to date $3,707.12
Checking account balance $39,047.41
**NYC Marriage Index**

This collection contains images of the index to New York City marriage records. These records were originally kept by the New York City Clerk’s Office, and were later moved to the New York City Municipal Archives. For many decades the data was only available to the public in microfilm format, and only able to be viewed onsite at the Municipal Archives building in lower Manhattan. Reclaim The Records finally obtained the first-ever copies of these microfilms in October 2015, following the settlement of a lawsuit they had brought against the Archives. Reclaim The Records digitized the films and uploaded the images to the Internet Archive in April 2016.

https://archive.org/details/nycmarriageindex&tab=about

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**GFO Databases at the Library**

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<td>The New England Historic Genealogical Society’s portal to hundreds of unique, searchable, online databases, offering more than 1 billion searchable records.</td>
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<td><strong>Ancestry.com ~ World Library Edition</strong></td>
<td>Tabbed on all</td>
<td>Has billions of genealogy records including census, SSDI &amp; military records. You can also log on and use this database on your own computer while at the GFO.</td>
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<td><strong>FamilySearch</strong></td>
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<td>One of the most comprehensive sites for genealogical research. It includes indexed records, images that have yet to be indexed, research guides and more.</td>
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<td><strong>FindMyPast</strong></td>
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<td>Discover your ancestors with FindMyPast’s exclusive records from Britain, Ireland, and beyond. This is also the avenue to PERSI, Allen County Public Library’s Periodical Source Index. See the next issue of the Bulletin for an article about PERSI</td>
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<td><strong>Fold3</strong></td>
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<td>Provides convenient access to U.S. military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served. It is owned by Ancestry.com and you can save records to your Ancestry tree.</td>
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<td><strong>GFO Website</strong></td>
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<td>Gateway to thousands of names found in local records, links to local and national research sites, and the way to stay current with GFO events.</td>
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<td><strong>GFO Library Catalog (OPALS)</strong></td>
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<td>A family history software service for linking old maps and land records to your genealogy research.</td>
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<td><strong>Newspapers.com</strong></td>
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<td>Images of 4,000+ newspapers from the 1700s–2000s. It is owned by Ancestry.com and you can save records to your Ancestry tree. Browse for a list of available titles and their dates.</td>
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**HELP WANTED!**

**eBay Seller:** We have treasures and collectibles that have been donated over the years. These are piling up and need to find new homes. GFO has an eBay account. If you don’t know how to sell on eBay we can teach you, but we need one or more people who would be willing to list at least two or three items a week. We have family Bibles, scrapbooks, postcards, rare books, and more that need to find their way to people who want them. If you can help, contact Laurel Smith, president@gfo.org

**Assistant to the President:** Help! The GFO President is drowning and needs a lifesaver—or two. Could you come in on Sundays or Wednesdays to lend a hand with the ebb and flow of solving mysteries, putting out fires, and dealing with processing donations and the recataloging project? It’s never boring and there is always lots to do. Contact Laurel Smith, president@gfo.org

**Cataloging:** And on the same subject, wonderful volunteer Liz Porter is having a hard time keeping up with cataloging newsletters and journals. They have never been done properly in our library catalog, so she’s playing catch-up and could use one or more helpers to play with her. If you’d like to fill a volunteer position that has a huge impact on the collection, please contact Sarah Holmes, cataloging@gfo.org

As always, we need more willing folks to help add books and other items to the catalog—and to help with the recataloging project, especially with the receipt of the 135 boxes of material on French Canada we have just received. After you are trained, you can work on your own schedule. We’d love your help! Contact Sarah Holmes, cataloging@gfo.org

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**First Families of Multnomah County Project**

GFO invites you to submit a qualifying ancestor for our First Families of Multnomah County project. Application forms are available for those who wish to submit information about their pioneer ancestor in Multnomah County. The application for each settler is $20. Applicants must prove their lineage to the ancestor as well as the ancestor’s arrival in Multnomah County. Guidelines for acceptable sources can be found on the application. Additional documented descendants (such as an applicant’s siblings) in a qualifying line may receive a certificate for only $15.

The result of all your labor?

- A certificate suitable for framing!
- The chance to have your pioneer ancestor featured in the Bulletin.

Three levels of qualifications for an ancestor should allow many GFO members to join this project:

1. The Pioneer level, which honors ancestors who arrived before the formation of Multnomah County (22 December 1854);
2. the Early Settler level, which recognizes ancestors who came here prior to the completion of the Transcontinental railroad to Portland (11 September 1883) near the end of covered wagon and sea travel to Portland; or
3. the Lewis & Clark level, which is determined by an arrival before the Lewis and Clark Exposition’s closure (15 October 1905) and marks the final ancestral arrival event that will qualify for a certificate.

Applications are available on the GFO website ([http://www.gfo.org/FirstFamilies.pdf](http://www.gfo.org/FirstFamilies.pdf)) or may be requested by sending a #10 sized self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

GFO - First Families Application
2505 SE 11th Avenue, Suite B-18
Portland, Oregon 97202-1061

Any living person’s personal information will be protected.

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**Pioneer Cabin built in 1847 – OSU Special Collections & Archives Research Center**
Special Interest Group Meetings

Virginia Group

Saturday, May 7, 10 am–12 pm

Draper Manuscripts: What are the Draper Manuscripts and how can they help my research? Are they indexed? Is my ancestor in them?

Kentucky Land Records: The history of land transactions in Kentucky is a complex one. Land was awarded or sold for a variety of reasons, including bounty land for the French and Indian War and preemption warrants for those who first settled Kentucky without proper authority to claim the land. This all led to fights over the land which lasted for decades and provide us with a great deal of information if we know where to look. We’ll discuss the numerous types of original land claims, where to locate the documents, and where the land was for each type of claim.

For more information see our blog: “Virginia Roots and Vines.” We also explore the settlement of Kentucky, the Carolinas, and Tennessee.

Genealogy Books

2nd Saturdays in odd months; 11:45 am–12:45 pm
— Bonnie Randolph
bbrandolph@clear.net

German

1st Saturdays monthly; Sep–Jun;
1–3 pm — Nanci Remington
nancier@comcast.net

Illinois and Its Neighbors

2nd Saturdays monthly; 9:30–11:30 am
— Kristy Gravlin
hannah@teleport.com
Harlene Patterson
harlene5@yahoo.com

Irish

3rd Saturdays in odd months; 12–2 pm
— Suzanne Lemon
slemon46@yahoo.com

Special Interest Groups

http://gfo.org/intgrp/index.htm

Italian

The 4th Saturday of each month from May through Oct. Check calendar for times. — Keith Pyeatt
k_pyeatt@yahoo.com

Photoshop Elements

2nd Wednesdays monthly;
1:30–2:30 pm — Sarah Holmes
slh@sarahlholmes.com

Virginia

1st Saturdays monthly, Sep–Jun;
10 am–12 pm — Judi Scott
judiscoat@gmail.com
Carol Surrency
lcsurr@gmail.com

Writers’ Forum

2nd Saturdays monthly, Sep–May; 1–3 pm — Peggy Baldwin
peggy@familypassages.com
Carol Surrency
lcsurr@gmail.com
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**Library Work Parties ~ every month, all welcome**

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

[http://gfo.org/calendar.htm](http://gfo.org/calendar.htm)