

GFO FALL SEMINAR 2014

We welcome ...

JUDY G. RUSSELL, JD. CG, CGL

SATURDAY
25 OCTOBER 2014
9 AM - 4 PM
MILWAUKIE ELKS LODGE



~Workshop on Sunday. 26 Oct at the GFO Library~
Li **Workshop Sold Out!** 40 attendees!

Seminar Topics—**Registration Open**

~ “Don’t Forget the Ladies”— A Genealogist’s Guide to Women and the Law

~ Polls, Personalty and Property—Making Sense of Tax Lists

~ How Old Did He Have To Be....?

~ Facts, Photos and Fair Use: Copyright Law for Genealogists



Workshop Topic

~ No Vitals? No Problem! - Building a Family Through Circumstantial Evidence

See Judy’s webpage for **Registration Closed** descriptions of the topics:

[The Legal Genealogist’s Lecture Topics](#)

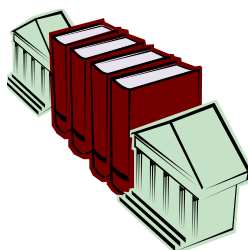
SEMINAR FEATURES:

- ◆ *Nationally Known Speaker*
- ◆ *Book Vendor*
- ◆ *Genealogical Treasures*
- ◆ *GFO Surplus Book Sale*
- Raffles*

Genealogical Forum of Oregon Fall Seminar 2014

~ Seminar Event Schedule ~

- 8:00 am Registration opens
- 9:00 am Opening remarks
- 9:15 am Session 1
- 10:15 am Morning break
- 10:45 am Session 2
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:15 pm Announcements
- 1:30 pm Session 3
- 2:30 pm Break and Treasures
Raffle items claimed
- 3:00 pm Session 4



ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Judy G. Russell JD is a genealogist with a law degree, and her purpose at *The Legal Genealogist* (her blog) is, in part, to help folks understand the often arcane and even impenetrable legal concepts and terminology that are so very important to those of us studying family history. Without understanding the context in which events took place and records were created, we miss so much of both the significance and the flavor of what happened. She has spent the last decade learning her trade as a genealogist, and holds credentials as a Certified GenealogistSM and Certified Genealogical LecturerSM from the Board for Certification of Genealogists® where she currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees. She's a member of the [National Genealogical Society](#), the [Association of Professional Genealogists](#), and, among others, the state genealogical societies of [New Jersey](#), [North Carolina](#), [Virginia](#), [Texas](#) and [Illinois](#). She is privileged now to serve on the faculty at Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), at the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), and at Boston University's Center for Professional Education. See her blog at: [The Legal Genealogist](#)

Seminar Site

SATURDAY 25 Oct 2014

Milwaukie Elks Lodge

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 Milwaukie Elks Lodge sign. Free parking available.

Workshop Site

SUNDAY 26 Oct 2014

**Genealogical Forum of Oregon
2505 SE 11th Ave Ste B-18
Portland OR 97202-1061**

Telephone 503-963-1932 Website: www.gfo.org
Email questions to seminar@gfo.org

Lunch

Buffet lunch in the Elks Dining Room with payment of \$12- Includes pot roast, vegetables and salads.

Coffee, hot tea and juices are included.

No lunch available for those who register after 18 Oct 2014.

Breaks

Snacks and beverages (listed above) are included with admission and are available during breaks as well as lunch.

Refund Policy

For cancellations received after 18 Oct 2014, refunds will be made in the amount of the registration fee less a \$10.00 cancellation fee.

Lunch fees are non-refundable if canceled after 18 Oct 2014.

Judy G. Russell JD - Fall Seminar Sign-up Form - 25 October 2014

Name _____ Member # _____

Email for confirmation _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

25 Oct 14 Seminar - MEMBERS: { } \$43 received by **Oct. 18th** { } \$48 received after **Oct. 18th (no lunch)**

NON-MEMBERS: { } \$48 received by **Oct. 18th** { } \$53 received after **Oct. 18th (no lunch)**

LUNCH: { } \$12 must be received by **Oct. 18th** **SYLLABUS:** { } \$3 for Paper Copy - EMAIL FREE

26 Oct 14 Workshop Sold Out! Workshop Sold Out! Workshop Sold Out! Workshop Sold Out! Oct. 18th

TOTAL : \$_____ Payment enclosed Paid online at PayPal using email address payments@gfo.org

Please make checks payable to Genealogical Forum of Oregon or "GFO"

Questions? Email seminar@gfo.org

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The Forum Insider

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“Early Oregonians Database Index” Added to Ancestry.com and to Oregon State Archives Web Site”

Dick Eastman · August 8, 2014

The “Early Oregonians Database Index” was added to Ancestry.com in July. It contains more than 100,000 entries and includes both settlers and Native Americans who already lived in the Oregon Territory. The records start prior to 1850.

You can find the “Early Oregonians Database Index” online on Ancestry.com and also on the Oregon State Archives website at <http://goo.gl/Qr9Rvw>.

You can read more in an article by Hannah Hoffman in the Statesman Journal website at <http://goo.gl/af4NIK>. It is interesting to note the article states the price that Ancestry.com paid for the data. “Ancestry paid the state \$1,500 for access to the database, said Layne Sawyer, manager of reference services. The company will make the database available to subscribers, but it is free on the Oregon Archives website for anyone who would like to use it.”

My thanks to newsletter reader Leslie Lawson for telling me about this great resource.



From *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* by Dick Eastman, accessed at <http://blog.eogn.com/2014/08/08/early-oregonians-database-index-added-to-ancestry-com-and-to-oregon-state-archives-web-site/>

Fun at the Member Appreciation Picnic

Thank you to all who attended the 2nd Annual GFO Member Picnic. We appreciate all of our members!



Seminar on Naturalization Records

Connie Lenzen, CG, presented research strategies and resources for finding naturalization records at the GFO library.





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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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Submissions to the *Insider*: Send comments, corrections, news, short success stories, and announcements to Jackie Olson, editor, at 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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Genealogical Society of Washington County, Oregon

Meeting: November 13, 7-9 p.m. The speaker is Keith Pyeatt and the topic is "Newspaper Research: Read all about it." Hillsboro Public Library, 2850 Northeast Brookwood Parkway, Hillsboro.

Oregon Trail to be featured in "Who Do You Think You Are"

Not to be missed! On the TLC network and online, "Who Do You Think You Are" ("WDYTYA") features Kelsey Grammer's Oregon roots! You might see some familiar scenes and faces!

Kelsey Grammer is best known for his character Dr. Frasier Crane who starred in both "Cheers" and "Frasier" television sitcom series.

If you have not seen this show, it is produced by Lisa Kudrow of "Friends" with each episode featuring a celebrity who wants to trace their family history. "WDYTYA" is affiliated with ancestry.com.

View and Discover the Real Oregon Trail

If the "Who Do You Think You Are" episode inspires a trip to see the emigrants' trails and learn more about the journeys, there are a few interpretive sites located in Oregon. Any of these places would make a beautiful excursion in fall with the leaves turning colors.

Baker City in eastern Oregon is home to the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, managed by the Bureau of Land Management. There are interpretive programs, exhibits, and walking trails. Views include remnants of wagon ruts, the Blue Mountains, and the historic Flagstaff Gold Mine. Start planning at <http://www.blm.gov/or/oregontrail/>

On the slopes of Mt. Hood is a section of the Oregon Trail known as the Historic Barlow Road. The area is part of the National Forest and is less developed with a few signs to describe the site. It may resemble more the actual conditions at the time of the emigrants' travels. <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/mthood/recarea/?recid=53342>

Another part of the Mt. Hood NF trail system is Laurel Hill Chute Trail. Described as one of the more difficult passes for the wagons to negotiate, it's easier to access these days by way of a half-mile hiking trail. <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/mthood/recarea/?recid=53406>

In the Rogue River Valley, the privately operated Applegate Trail Interpretive Center showcases a segment of the southern route of the Oregon Trail. Located along the Historic Rogue River Loop, there are displays of the regional history through Oregon's early years. <http://www.rogueweb.com/interpretive/index.html>

GFO Stars



Jay Fraser

“Jay has spent many hours on the layout of the *Bulletin*, and done a very professional job for us, turning it into an attractive, readable periodical we can all be proud of. This has taken far more of Jay’s time than he expected, but he’s been a real trooper! His contribution has been invaluable.”



Donations for the Treasures Raffle

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 raffle at the seminar.

Suggestions include genealogically related books, household decorations, carry bags, and computer items. Leave the item(s) at the library reception desk with a note that it’s a seminar treasures donation.

Tickets are sold for \$1 each or 6 for \$5, and are placed in separate paper sacks for each prize so you win only something you want. Thank you.



Jane and Mac McGarvin

“They are whirling dervishes. They have exemplary teamwork and get more things done faster than the rest of us can get started. They were instrumental in getting books put away after the open house and cleaned everything including the sidewalk sign, chair rungs, overhead pipes and ductwork, and floors, all before the “WDYTYA” filming in our library. And Jane made all new signs and got them in place. Now she’s working on the new Disaster Preparedness Committee. Amazing people!”

★★★ Want to nominate a Star? ★★★

Has someone gone the extra mile? Helped you solve a knotty problem? Given the GFO more than we could expect? There’s a star for them. Complete a nomination form and submit it in the box near the front door at the GFO Library.





You may have heard that the Genealogical Forum of Oregon has been working to digitize its manuscripts and family bible collections.

What They Are and Why

We currently have 91 manuscript collections, with nearly 10 new collections donated just last year, and nearly 30 family bibles. Each of the manuscript collections contains an amazing array of unique genealogical research materials on specific family lines, with original photographs, copies of death and marriage certificates, oversized family pedigree charts, and the occasional collection of correspondence. Scans of the types of items that have been digitized are shown on the next page.

The main goal of the project is to push the valuable content of our manuscript collections out to the public. We want to help researchers from around the country and beyond to access the material on the Internet. While we have been making lots of headway, **We Still Need Your Help!**

Help Wanted

Volunteer opportunities include organizing and relabeling the paper files, scanning, pulling metadata from the collections, and researching the history of the collections' authors and highlighted families. To reach our goal of fully digitizing all 91 of our manuscript collections and indexing all 28 of our family bibles will take many hands, and the truth is that volunteers like you are invaluable.

So, if you would just love to look through old documents of family histories and help to preserve all of this irreplaceable historical content, please contact

either Nanci Remington or LauraDenise White at manuscripts@gfo.org. You could also fill out a volunteer form available at the GFO website, www.gfo.org, which can be found by clicking on the "Sign Up" link under the "Volunteer" box at the lower left-hand side of the page.

We offer in-depth and easy to follow training and work guides. Once trained, you can work independently to process an entire collection or choose to focus on one step, such as organizing or scanning. Currently, our greatest needs are for help with scanning and data extraction. The data extraction for both the manuscripts and the family bibles, which have already been scanned, can be completed from your home computer using our online forms to guide you.

Project Progress

Manuscript collections	91
Completely finished	12
Fully scanned but need processing	2
Partially scanned	13

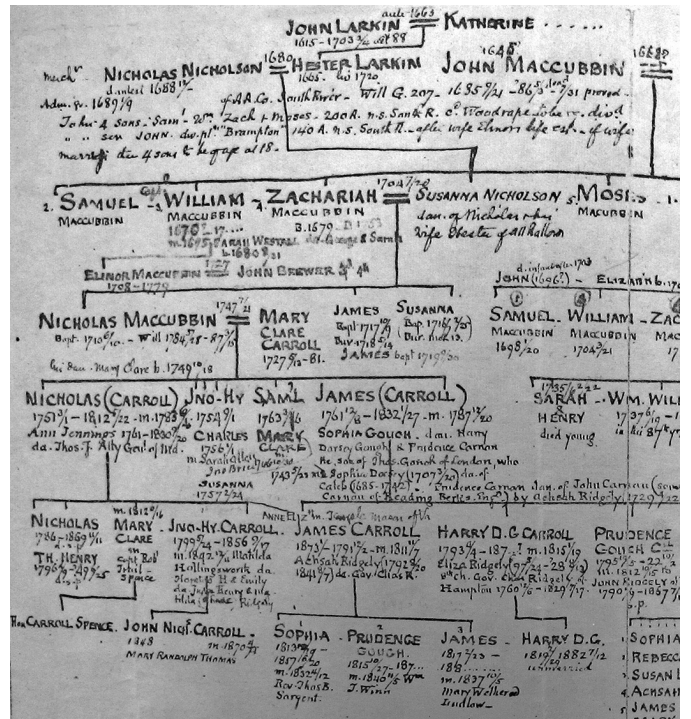
Fully processed indicates that all the prominent metadata has been researched, extracted and put into online finding aids.

What Is A Finding Aid And How To Use One

Finding aids tell researchers what is in a collection, e.g. family group sheets, pedigree charts, handwritten correspondence, death certificates. Our finding aids are geared toward highlighting any information that may assist in an individual's genealogical research. For this reason, we include not only the types of material within each collection, but also provide a list of the most prominent surnames, locations, and date ranges.

To see some examples of what a finished finding aid looks like, go to <http://www.gfo.org/dmc/index.html> and click on either the "Collections List" or on the "Recent Additions" link.

Photo: Two women entering data onto punched cards at Texas A&M in the 1950s. Source: Cushing Memorial library and Archives, Texas A&M (<http://www.flickr.com/people/29072716@N04>), Accessed at Wikimedia Commons.



Examples of Materials Found in the Manuscript Collections




John Wirt Nye Mar. 3, 1830 - Feb. 12, 1866 Cynthia Chanty Switzer-Nye Shaw Feb 28, 1836 - Aug 6, 1891





Example of a Finding Aid

<p style="text-align: center;">McCallment Personal Papers 2012-33</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Collection Scanning by the GFO Manuscript Collection Volunteers Finding Aid by LauraDenise White</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Manuscript Committee Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc. 2505 S.E. 11th Ave., Suite B-18 Portland, Oregon 97202-1061 copyright 2014</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Contact Info: manuscripts@gfo.org</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Finding Aid URL: http://www.gfo.org/dmc/McCallment2012-33.html</p>	<p>Summary</p> <p>Title: McCallment Personal Papers Span Dates: 1602-2001 Bulk Dates: 1704-1980 Accession Number: 2012-33 Creator: Leavens Anderson, Harriet Virginia (1917- 1994), notated copies from the author's original source materials, a travel journal with snapshots from various graveyards, marriage, census and deed notes. Prominent surnames within the collection include Huff, Vandemark, Alderman, Seay, Leavens, Anderson and Beatty. According to the research contained in this material, the families hailed originally from Germany and Norway before migrating to Rhode Island and New York State. The author's notes evidence that the families later split, some migrating north to Canada, while others journeyed west to various parts of the central United States and eventually to Washington and Oregon.</p> <p>Authority Headings</p> <p>The Library of Congress has approved the following authority headings. These search terms can be used to locate related materials within various online catalogs.</p> <p>Surnames Huff family MARC record Van Demark family MARC record Anderson family MARC record Alderman family MARC record Seay family MARC record Leavens family MARC record Nelson family MARC record Beatty family MARC record</p> <p>Locations Marion County (Or.) MARC record Oppland fylke (Norway) MARC record Bartholomew County (Ind.) MARC record Providence County (R.I.) MARC record Carroll County (Ill.) MARC record Hannover (Germany) MARC record</p> <p>Subjects Daughters of the American Revolution MARC record Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Family History Library MARC Military pensions MARC record United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783 MARC record</p>																																				
<p>Administrative Information</p> <p>Provenance: The McCallment Personal Papers was donated to the GFO Library in two boxes, with 9 File Folders in Box 1 and 6 File Folders in Box 2. In total, the collection contains 2355 pages. Scanning of the collection was completed in the spring of 2014. The author's original arrangement of the papers has been preserved, and the section titles for each file have been noted throughout the materials according to the author's original notations.</p> <p>Retention and Access: Scanned images of the collection are currently retained by the GFO Manuscript Committee in three separate digital storage locations and can be accessed via the Manuscript Requests link at the GFO Digital Manuscript website.</p> <p>Processing History: Processing and description of the McCallment Personal Papers began in late of 2013 and scanning was completed in early 2014. Retention of the physical items of the collection has been followed in accordance with the GFO Manuscript Committee guidelines. To assist in keeping the collection's original order as created by the author, tabulation sheets have been scanned in place of the author's original tab markers to note the collection's topical divisions.</p> <p>Copyright Status: The status of copyright in the unpublished writings and research papers of Harriet Virginia Leavens Anderson regarding the McCallment Collection is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).</p> <p>Preferred Citation: McCallment, 1704-1980. Acc. 2012-33. Digital Manuscript Collections. Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc. (Portland, OR). Box number, File number, Page number.</p> <p>Biographical Note</p> <p>[The biographical history of this collection is currently under further investigation by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon. Additional information about the collection's creator is welcome for review by the Manuscripts Committee and can be submitted by writing to manuscripts@gfo.org.]</p> <p>Scope and Content Note</p> <p>The McCallment Personal Papers is comprised of both copied and original source materials. The collection's highlight material includes personal correspondence (Box 1 Files 3-8) from Paul Hans Anderson, addressed to Mrs A, Karen, Jerry and John Joseph Christopher, spanning 1968 through 1994. Other items include various research notes, organized by locations, surnames and topics.</p> <p>The author's genealogical notations focus on tracing her family's roots through various land and property deed records. While the collection does not include specific biographical sketches, Ms Anderson's notes follow her family's history back to the Leavens to the Aldermans, the Seays, the Beatties, the Huffs and farthest to the VanDemarks. 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Volunteers Needed to Assist with Disaster Recovery Efforts

The Disaster Response Preparation Committee has been working since late May to develop a response plan for the GFO. At a recent board meeting, the Board of Directors approved a new incident report form that will replace two outdated forms to report incidents that occur within the Library.

The Committee has been working on two major projects:

1. Developing a guide which details procedures to follow and who to contact in an emergency situation. This project is nearly complete.

2. Developing a disaster plan. We are using an online disaster planning tool called dPlan which guides non-profit organizations in creating disaster plans. The first step was to conduct a risk assessment of the GFO library and offices, but also the Ford Building as the condition of the building affects the GFO facility. The committee is identifying priorities regarding the GFO collection and organizational records to prioritize items to be salvaged.

In the event of a "minor" disaster, one caused by water leaks, breaks in water pipes, or fire sprin-

klers that go off on their own, the GFO will need volunteers to assist with cleaning up the library or salvaging our collection. **If you are able to assist in an emergency we need your commitment to help!** We are preparing a list of members we can call to come in and help with cleanup and salvage in an emergency.

If you are interested or would like additional information, send an email to disaster@gfo.org, or call the Library at 503-963-1932 to leave a message for Jane McGarvin, Disaster Response Preparation Chair.

Do you have a plan for your home?

Disaster planning isn't only for research materials and family artifacts; a home plan begins with family safety and preparation for surviving after an emergency. Get started here:

- <http://www.ready.gov/>
- <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/plan>
- <http://lifelhacker.com/5817021/in-case-of-emergency-how-to-organize-your-important-records-in-a-master-information-kit>

Book Sales ~ Project Update

We started with thousands of stockpiled books that had been taking up space for years. Many have sold or have been processed for sale. We have new books coming in all the time, which is great because the GFO needs the income.

This is where we are:

Listed for sale on the GFO website	over 1,200
Of those, books also listed on AbeBooks	224
Ready to go to the Fall Seminar	over 1,000
Total gross book sales for August 2014	\$1,101.30

Here's what we're focusing on now:

Additional volunteer hours needed per week	12
<i>If four people volunteered three hours per week we'd meet our needs to clear the backlog.</i>	
Yearbooks to process	124
Family histories to process	62
General books to process	877
Miscellaneous items to sell on eBay	3 shelves full

A list of current books for sale can be seen at <http://gfo.org/library/surplus.pdf>

Reminder: The book sales team could use your help. Please contact Helen Smith or Barb Schrag at booksales@gfo.org.



A mule deer buck at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon— Credit: Barbara Wheeler— Source: Jim Clark ([http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Mule_deer_buck_at_Malheur_Refuge_\(5448494556\).jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Mule_deer_buck_at_Malheur_Refuge_(5448494556).jpg))



Treasurer's Report

August income totaled \$6,605.18. Picnic collections were \$153, there was \$70 in general fund donations, \$31.56 in Vanguard dividends, \$1787 from annual memberships, \$1,889.00 from the Fall Seminar, \$240 from the Garden Tour (Thank you!), \$885 for the Lenzen half day seminar. \$151.47 from the reading room, \$31 from research, \$55.58 in Amazon commissions, \$22 from publications, and \$1,289.57 from used book sales.

Expenses were only \$1,396.81 since rent had been prepaid for the month, resulting in a net income of \$5,208.37 for the month. For the year to date, there is a net income of \$934.46.

The checking account balance on August 31 was \$31,586.37.

Richard Crockett, Treasurer

Research Assistants and Book Reviewers Needed

Can you spare a few hours? Research assistants for the GFO Library are needed to fill various slots throughout the week. Contact Cathy Lauer, Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@gfo.org, or come to the library.

We have a pile of books that we'd like to have reviewed for the *Bulletin*. If you can help, please contact Joan Galles at bookreviews@gfo.org, or call her on Fridays at the GFO, 503-963-1932

Data Extraction Projects

The Oregon births (bound) from 1903–05 that are indexed at the state office are being consolidated. The scans have been named by Mac McGarvin and Cathy Lauer, and will be available on a CD when completed. The indexing and renaming are complete; the next step is to compile the files onto a CD. This collection will be available at the library.

We need a person for the compilation task. All training is provided, work hours as you can.

Multnomah County marriage books are the second project searching for volunteers. The two phases are data entry and proof-reading. There are 5 books dating from November 1912 to May 1915. These records will be placed on the GFO website.

Loretta Welsh, Data Extraction Committee



Wagon ruts are still visible at Keeney Pass south of Vale, Oregon, United States. Source: Ian Poellet. Accessed at Wikimedia Commons.

Monthly Program, Meetings and Interest Groups

All meetings at GFO Library

Saturday, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, and Nov. 15; 9:30–11:00 a.m.

Hunting and Gathering Information

Open to Members and Visitors

Join us for a new monthly support group where we help each other find information about a family line. We will share expertise about resources and search strategies. We can learn to do a reasonably exhaustive search and develop research plans. The focus will shift depending on the needs of the group. Several experienced researchers have volunteered to help. Beginners and intermediate researchers are encouraged to attend and bring specific problems to work on. Free to members. Visitors may request a guest pass at education@gfo.org.

Saturday, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, and Nov. 15; 2–4 p.m.

Breaking Through Those Brick Walls

Open to Members and Non-members

The focus of our fall monthly meetings will be on improving your research skills and finding paths to breaking through your brick walls. Connie Lenzen, Leslie Lawson, and other experienced researchers will be on hand to work through member problems. Depending on the needs of the group, there could be examples of finding available resources, resolving conflicting information, and analyzing the information that you already have. If you would like help with your brick wall, please submit your question along with a timeline for that individual to education@gfo.org.



October Family Tree Maker Group

Sunday, October 19th, 1–3 p.m.

Our topic/agenda for the October meeting has not been decided yet, pending the September meetings. Beyond any presented material, those who come are welcome to bring their FTM problems and questions for us to work on, and any new discoveries to share. We hope to see you there.

Wednesday Work Party

Weekly on Wednesday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Wednesday work parties focus on processing books after new call numbers have been assigned. This involves some computer work and labeling of materials. Under Sarah Holmes’ direction, we will pull each book, change the call number in the catalog, and clean up the entry to make all the yearbook entries consistent. Then, Sarah prints labels which we can put on the books—so computer skills are not necessary. Anyone who wants can drop in to help for an hour or two. You can use your own laptop if you have one, or we can set you up on one of the GFO laptops. This is just the beginning of the effort to get new, easier to understand, call numbers on our collection. Please come and help if you can.

Writers’ Forum

Saturday, October 11th, 1–3 p.m.

Everyone is welcome, whether you have participated before or not. This is your chance to get started or to improve your writing, whether your efforts are for yourself or others. We learn about good writing techniques, by practice and reading our work to each other. Everyone who has participated in this group over the last ten years writes better than they did when they started.

We are working with Roy Peter Clark’s *Writing Tools: 50 Essential Strategies for Every Writer*. Each year we focus on one book, but this particular book has been the most helpful. Currently we’re studying language; this meeting’s chapter is “Tool 45 Workshop: Breaking Long Projects into Parts.” Hope to see you there. Peggy Baldwin and Carol Surrency, Co-Facilitators.

Book Group

Saturday, November 8th, 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

We’ll be reading *Slaves in the Family*, by Edward Ball. This National Book Award winner, explores the author’s research into his family’s history as well as that of their slaves, the slave trade, and plantation system.

British

4th Saturdays of Sept, Jan, Mar, May; 1–3 p.m.
Lyleth Winther
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Genealogy Books

2nd Saturdays monthly; 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
Bonnie Randolph
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Irish

3rd Saturdays of Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov; 12–2 p.m.
Suzanne Lemon
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DNA

4th Saturdays of Jan, Apr, July, Oct; 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Emily Aulicino
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German

1st Saturdays monthly; Sept–June; 1–3 p.m.
Nanci Remington
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Virginia

1st Saturdays monthly, Sept–June; 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Judi Scott—judiscot@gmail.com
Carol Surrency—lcsurr@gmail.com

Family Tree Maker

3rd Sundays except July, Aug, Dec; 1–3 p.m.
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Stephen Morgan
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Illinois and Its Neighbors

2nd Saturdays of Jan–May, Sept–Nov; 9:30–11:30 a.m.
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Writers’ Forum

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GFO Calendar

Library Work Parties ~ every month, all welcome

Sundays 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Map project on 1st Sunday, other projects on remaining Sundays
 Wednesdays 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Book processing

October

Sat 10/4 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Virginia Group
 1–3 p.m. German Group
 Mon 10/6 **Free to Non-Members**
 Sat 10/11 9:30–11:30 a.m. Illinois Group
 1–3 p.m. Writers' Forum
 Tues 10/14 6–8 p.m. Board meeting
 Sat 10/18 9:30–11 a.m. Hunting and Gathering Information
 2–4 p.m. Breaking Through Those Brick Walls
 Sun 10/19 1–3 p.m. Family Tree Maker Group
 Sat 10/25 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Fall Seminar and workshop with
 Sun 10/26 Workshop Judy Russell ~ See flyer

November

Sat 11/1 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Virginia Group
 1–3 p.m. German Group
 Sun 11/2 Library closed~Private event
 Mon 11/3 **Free to Non-Members**

Sat 11/8 9:30–11:30 a.m. Illinois Group
 11:45 a.m.– 12:45 p.m. Genealogy Book Group
 1–3 p.m. Writers' Forum
 Tues 11/11 6–8 p.m. Board meeting
 Sat 11/15 9:30–11 a.m. Hunting and Gathering Information
 12–2 p.m. Irish Group
 2–4 p.m. Monthly Program ~ Breaking Through Those Brick Walls
 Sun 11/16 1–3 p.m. Family Tree Maker Group
 Fri 11/21 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Portland Teachers' Tour
 Sat 11/22 9 a.m.–12 p.m. DNA Group
 Thu 11/27 **Thanksgiving holiday—Library closed, beginning 1 p.m. on Wednesday the 26th**

December

Free to Non-Members
 Sat 12/6 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Virginia Group
 1–3 p.m. German Group
 Tues 12/9 6–8 p.m. Board meeting
 Sat 12/13 1–3 p.m. Writers' Forum
 Thu 12/25 **Christmas holiday—Library closed, beginning 1 p.m. on Wednesday the 24th**