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GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON

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18-26**

- WORKSHOPS
- CLASSES
- BOOK SALES
- AND MORE!

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What's Happening:

18th

DNA DAY 1: Comparing the Three Testing Companies; Basics of Y-DNA and mtDNA; atDNA Basics; Organizing Data & Contacting Matches; Discovering My Birth Family through DNA Testing

19th

DNA DAY 2: Convincing Family & Strangers to Test & Why; The Four Autosomal DNA Testing Companies; Examples of How Autosomal DNA Testing Solved Genealogical Problems; GEDmatch; DNA Q & A

20th

Start with the Census; Immigration & Naturalization; History of Railroads in the US; Ports & Shipping

21st

GFO Website & Catalog; Facebook 101; Facebook 102; Create a Blog

22nd

Cemetery Research; FindaGrave.com; Intro to Photoshop Elements; Intro to Heritage Makers Books; GFO's Resources

23rd

Genealogy Basics; Genealogy for Beginners & More; Using a Timeline; Organizing All That Stuff

24th

Mexican History for Genealogists; Intro to Mexican Records; Intro to Probate Records; Intro to Military Records

25th

French Prairie; The French-Canadian Collection at the GFO; Membership Meeting; British Events Leading to Migration

26th

Ancestry.com; FindMyPast.com; One-Step Webpages of Stephen Morse; HistoryGeo.com; FamilySearch.org

CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE CALENDAR FOR CLASS TIMES & MORE INFO

Genealogical Forum of Oregon **SPRING SEMINAR**

with *John Philip Colletta*

Immigration and Naturalization

FULL-DAY SEMINAR SATURDAY

Our Ancestors from Overseas: Getting to Know them One by One

- ◆ Passenger Arrival Records, Colonial Times to Mid-20th Century
- ◆ Naturalization Records, Colonial Times to Mid-20th Century
- ◆ Lesser-Used Federal Records: Sources of Rich Detail about Your Immigrant Ancestors' Lives
- ◆ Discovering the REAL Stories of Your Immigrant Ancestors

Focus on Writing

HALF-DAY WORKSHOP SUNDAY

- ◆ Assembling & Writing a Narrative Family History, Part I: Creating a Reliable Record
- ◆ Assembling & Writing a Narrative Family History, Part II: Writing a Readable Story

Saturday & Sunday
APRIL 29
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
APRIL 30
9.30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

*- Two Sessions -
Attend One or Both*

JOHN PHILIP COLLETTA, Ph.D is one of America's most popular genealogical lecturers. Knowledgeable, experienced and entertaining, he lectures and teaches nationally. He is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, has taught for Boston University's Certificate in Family History program, and has created courses for three other genealogy institutes. For twenty years, he worked half-time at the Library of Congress and taught workshops at the National Archives.

A published author, Dr. Colletta's writings include numerous articles, both scholarly and popular, two manuals and two books. He appears frequently on podcasts and local and national radio and television. Dr. Colletta holds a Ph.D (French), and two M.A.'s (French and Medieval Studies). He is fluent in both French and Italian, and has traveled and researched extensively in both France and Italy.



SATURDAY SEMINAR DETAILS

Location

Milwaukie Center
5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.
Milwaukie, Oregon

Time

10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Break for lunch 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Seminar Features

Books from Heritage Quest & from the GFO Raffle
Syllabus: electronic copy included

Lunch

Bring your own or order from GG's Deli. A lunch selection form will be sent with your confirmation. Sack lunch is \$10, and includes your choice of sandwich and salad. Add \$1 for gluten-free bread.

Coffee, tea and snacks provided throughout the day.

Questions? Email seminar@gfo.org.

SUNDAY WORKSHOP DETAILS

Location

GFO Library
2505 SE 11th, Suite B-18 (Basement level)
Portland, Oregon

Time

9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**- Limited to 50 Attendees -
- Register Early! -**

Payment and Refund Details

Pay online with PayPal using the email address payments@gfo.org.

Pay by check, mail to: Colletta Workshop, GFO, 2505 SE 11th, Ste. B-18, Portland, OR 97202-1061.

For cancellations received after April 22, 2017, refunds will be made in the amount of the registration fee less a \$10 cancellation fee. **Lunch fees are non-refundable if canceled after April 25, 2017.**

REGISTRATION FORM

You may sign up for Saturday, Sunday, or both sessions. Prices are reduced for early registration. One form per attendee. Circle price selected, enter amounts on the right, and total at the bottom.

Name _____ Member No. _____

Email _____ Telephone No. _____

Payment Enclosed Paid online at [PayPal.com](https://www.paypal.com) using the email address payments@gfo.org.

EVENT Select one or both sessions	EARLY REGISTRATION By April 1, 2017		REGISTRATION After April 1, 2017		AMOUNT
	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member	
	Price	Price	Price	Price	
SATURDAY SEMINAR Immigration and Naturalization	\$40	\$45	\$45	\$50	
Lunch from GG's Deli	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	
Add gluten-free bread	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	
Add paper copy of Syllabus	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	
SUNDAY WORKSHOP Focus on Writing	\$20	\$25	\$25	\$30	
Add paper copy of Syllabus	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	
TOTAL FOR ALL					



The Forum Insider

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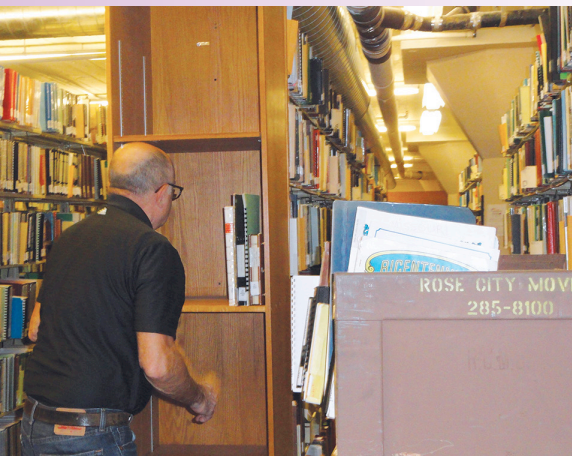
GFO Super-Star

Jerry “Mac” McGarvin

Sometimes, we have a volunteer effort that goes far beyond the standard. Our jack-of-all-trades, Mac McGarvin, deserves this accolade for not just the dozens of everyday fixes and creations, but for the reorganization of the library.

Largely due to Mac, the space planning project was completed – two and a half months before the target date!

Once the new space plan was approved, Mac took the bull by the horns to assemble, build, and move shelves, move microfilm cabinets, and much, much more! And during the past month, he went absolutely “hog wild” moving books from one location to another. He hasn’t let any grass grow under his feet during this process which was to begin in January with the goal of completion by the March Open House.



We couldn't even get him to slow down to take a picture!

At one point we had to WAIT for shelves to be delivered so he could assemble and attach them to the wall before the family history books and the remainder of our collection could be moved. It was amazing to see the progress Mac made each day.

Great job Mac!

We also want to give a huge shout-out to the large cadre of volunteers who worked on the reorganization. Shifting the entire contents of a 40,000-piece library, and getting it all in order is an enormous undertaking.

And definitely not last, our gratitude to Rose City Moving and Storage and to David Eisenhower, Senior Moving Consultant for their support of the GFO. They allowed us to use their “book carts on steroids” at no charge, for as long as we needed them with only a nominal charge for delivery and pickup.

Discovery Census Immigration History Ports GFO Library Military Cemetery Photoshop Books Basics Beginners

OPEN HOUSE

MARCH 18-26, 2017

WORKSHOPS ~ CLASSES

BOOK SALES ~ AND MORE!

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Any help with promotion is appreciated – take a flyer to your local library, post on a community bulletin board, etc.

Check our online calendar for class times and details.

<http://gfo.org/who-we-are/calendar.html>

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DNA Testing Matches Blog

Facebook Mexico Probate Records French-Canadian British Ancestry FindMyPast History Geo FamilySearch

Timeline Organizing Web



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Free Gen Talk

Third Saturday of most months 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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RESEARCH PRACTICUM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 9:30 A.M.–4 P.M.

Keith & Darlene Pyeatt

Bring your laptop and your lunch! This is a supervised practical research experience designed to provide participants an opportunity to develop and use their knowledge and skills learned previously in conferences or classes. Goals are to build and strengthen genealogical research skills by increasing awareness of various research resources, gathering appropriate evidence, and improving analysis and interpretation of collected information. The last hour is reserved for group discussion to review research plans and strategies, records searched, quality of evidence and analysis. It's a great opportunity to share and learn from one another.

Skill Level: Intermediate / Advanced

Requirements: Your own computer with wifi capability, and your own lunch

Registration: You can register and pay online, or register online, and then send in payment later.

Questions? Contact Education@gfo.org or 503-963-1932

Calling for Volunteer Hours

Is your time valuable to you? It's very valuable to GFO and we appreciate every bit of time that you have given to us. The problem is that many of our workers have not turned in their hours to be counted. Have you worked on projects from home? Do you facilitate a Special Interest Group? Are you a proof reader for the *Bulletin* or the *Insider*? Do you attend planning meetings for the GFO? All of these count towards volunteer hours and will help us to plan for the future of our organization. If we should apply for a grant, the volunteer hours would look good on our application. We have two notebooks for record-

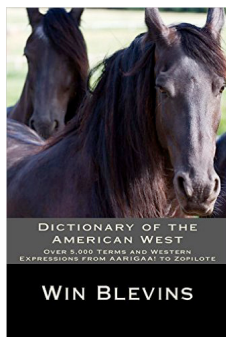
ing your hours. One is at the reception desk and another is in the work room. Either one is fine to use. Or if you would prefer to report your time directly to me, you may send a note to volunteer@gfo.org.

Thank you so much for all you do for GFO.

Cathy Lauer,
Volunteer Coordinator

Tallies for the last 4 years (July 1 through June 30) are as follows:

2012–13	15,632
2013–14	18,191
2014–15	13,378
2015–16	15,253
2016–17	6,102 (July–November)



Dictionary of the American West

Dictionary of the American West: Over 5,000 Terms and Expressions from AARIGAA! to Zopilote (Epic Adventures), 2015

Would the terms “case of slow” (what was wrong with the loser in the gun battle), “face-licking” (a good-time, with people extra friendly, as at a reunion), “prayer book” (a cowboy’s book of cigarette papers), and “roostered” (drunk.)” leave you leaping for the search box? This dictionary is a much better source for words with origins in the historical west.

The GFO is acquiring this resource for the library. The author, Win Blevins is a best-selling author of dozens of works of historical fiction, non-fiction, and more on life in the West. Among other awards, he has received the Owen Wister Award for Lifetime Achievement in writing literature of the West.



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Relict and Consort: Terminology

☞ Just had to share – was reading an obituary of a woman, 95 years of age, who died in 1910. The obituary said, “Caroline Lindsey (relict of John Lindsey, deceased), born, Oct. 27, 1815...”. I have never seen that word used as saying she was the widow of John Lindsey. Is this common usage for this time period? K.P.

☞ It’s on the late side for being used that way, but it was the usual term for widow in Scotland (and in many parts of Ireland) in parish registers until the late 19th century. A little less common but not unusual in New England until at least the Civil war era.

B.J.J.

☞ The word refers to the survivor of the marriage union, not to the survivor of the other person – as is commonly thought. The word relict is the opposite of the word consort, in the sense that a marriage is a consortium of husband and wife, hence each is a consort only while the marriage union survives. [http://www.eogen.com/relict]

Relict (relictus): Relictus is a Latin term meaning having inherited or been bequeathed. Ergo, the relict is the survivor (usually a widow) of the marriage union.

from: <https://blog.genealogybank.com/understanding-terms-found-in-historical-newspapers.html>

Larry Naukam, Retired Director of Historical Services, Rochester NY Public Library

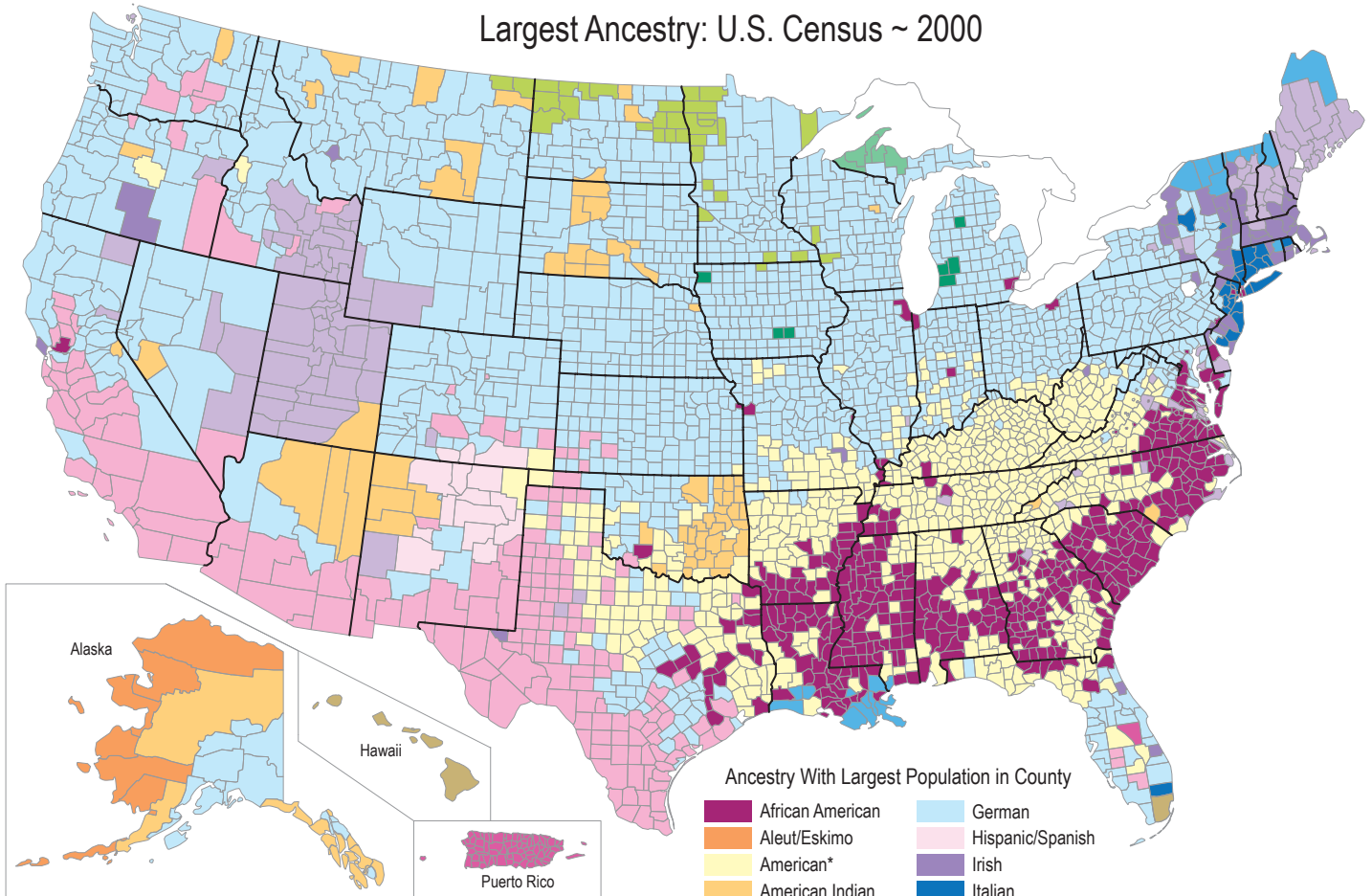
☞ To see a lot of examples, you can: type in google, WorldCat, or newspaper databases “relict of [the late] [insert male first name].”

Very generalized observations which could be incorrect: The phrase seems to have been a bit more common in the UK than in the US. In the US, it seems to have been somewhat more common in the New England states, and perhaps used more often in the 17th and 18th centuries. However, there are plenty of later examples as well. The phrase is most commonly found on gravestones and in obituaries, but the wording may vary slightly. Example in an obituary might be: “Jane Smith, relict of the late John Smith, died Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Jones... [etc.]” Whereas on the tombstone, the wording might read: “JANE SMITH / Relict of John / Died ... [date] / In the 68th Year of Her Age” (sometimes followed by a Bible verse or religious phrase).

Barbara Hill, Volunteer, California Genealogical Society & Library



Largest Ancestry: U.S. Census ~ 2000



Source: Adapted from U.S. Census Bureau. *Ancestry: 2000 Census 2000 Brief*. Washington D.C., 2004. Census 2000 special tabulation. American Factfinder at www.factfinder.census.gov provides census data and mapping tools. (Data based on sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf3.pdf)

Ancestry in the 2000 U.S. Census

The U.S. Census in its decennial collection of information on U.S. households has often asked a question about family origins. In the past, this was usually about the birthplace of each person’s parents or their race or ethnicity. Beginning in 1980, the question shifted to defining one’s ancestry or ethnic origin. In the year-2000 long-form census, sent to one of six households, a new question was: What is this person’s ancestry or ethnic origin? (For example: Italian, Jamaican, African Am., Cambodian,...and so on.)

The Bureau makes the following comment on the question: “Ancestry is a broad concept that can mean different things to different people; it can be described alternately as where their ancestors are from, where they or their parents originated, or simply how they see themselves ethnically. Some people may have

one distinct ancestry, while others are descendants of several ancestry groups, and still others may know only that their ancestors were from a particular region of the world or may not know their ethnic origins at all. The Census Bureau defines ancestry as a person’s ethnic origin, heritage, descent, or “roots,” which may reflect their place of birth, place of birth of parents or ancestors, and ethnic identities that have evolved within the United States.”

This map, taken from a Census publication, shows the results by county for the ancestry with the highest percentage. This doesn’t necessarily mean that the greater number of people in that county are of that an-

OTHER: Chinese (San Francisco County, CA); Cuban (Miami-Dade County, FL); Dominican (New York County, NY); Filipino (Kauai and Maui counties, HI); French Canadian (Androskoggin County, ME); Hawaiian (Kalawao County, HI); Japanese (Hawaii State, Honolulu County, HI); Polish (Luzerne County, PA); Portugese (Bristol County, MA and Bristol County, RI). *Seven percent of the U.S. population reported their ancestry as American and no other ancestry.



cestry - just that the percentage reporting that ethnicity is the largest group. So, for example, the results for San Francisco (CA) county showing greater percentages for “Chinese” reflect that, in a cosmopolitan city among the dozens of potential answers, the results for “Chinese” occurred more often.

One interesting response is “American,” with no other ancestry reported. This is explained in the Census publication: “Some people identify their ancestry as American. This could be because their ancestors have been in United States for so long or they have such mixed backgrounds that they do not identify with any particular group. Some foreign born or children of the foreign born may report American to show that

they are part of American society. There are many reasons people may report their ancestors as American, and the growth in this response has been substantial.”

If you’d like to read more about this study, the publication is <http://www.census.gov/library/publications/2004/dec/c2kbr-35.html>. The website is <https://www.census.gov/population/ancestry/>



Earthquake At The GFO Library!

Jane McGarvin, Disaster Planning Team Chair

None of us wants to hear that – or experience it, but imagine this scenario: You are concentrating on your family research, trying to make your next discovery when suddenly, it happens! Everything begins shaking! EARTHQUAKE! Your initial instinct might be to run, or to stand in a doorway or between book shelves. Experts tell us that these are poor choices both during and following an earthquake.

What you should do immediately? At the first sign of shaking: DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON! This means get on the floor, get under a table or desk, and hold on to your cover so it doesn’t move away from you. Anything above you may fall. If you are unable to drop, cover, and hold on, an alternate location would be in the middle of an open area away from book shelves, cabinets, and doorways. Books can fall from the shelves. Cabinet drawers can open and cabinets can tip over. Doorways are no stronger than the rest of the house and may collapse on you – or you may be hit by the door itself. The initial shaking might last for 30 seconds or more, but it will seem like several minutes; more shocks will probably occur later and be more intense and frequent.

What should you do once the initial shaking stops? Attend to anyone seriously injured. A first aid kit and a supply of disposable gloves are located in both the Emergency Bag and the Disaster Kit found on a shelf in the beverage park area next to front door.

Everyone should gather their belongings as reentry to the Library may be days or weeks away. Everyone in the back of the library should exit out the back door and proceed to the front stairwell. This will reduce the need to walk through books that have fallen onto the floor which may serve as tripping hazards. Everyone should exit the building by the main stairwell at the front of the building unless it is blocked. Listen to RAs and volunteers who will direct everyone to an assembly area where you will be asked to wait until everyone can be accounted for.

Evacuations of disabled patrons: The elevator cannot be used following an earthquake. Assist the disabled to evacuate via the stairs if possible. A disabled person may use the handrail on one side while receiving assistance on the other. Another alternative would be for a disabled person to sit on the stairs and scoot up one step at a time or even crawl up the stairs.

Do not call 9-1-1. First responders will be dispatched to higher priority buildings, so it will be up to the research assistants, volunteers, and patrons themselves, working together, to see that everyone is evacuated safely after an earthquake.

Once out of the building, MOVE AWAY and STAY AWAY to avoid falling bricks. Avoid any downed lines as all should be considered to be live power lines. Watch for debris, buckled pavement, and other hazards.

If you have any questions about evacuation after an earthquake, send an email to disaster@gfo.org.



The George T. Brown French-Canadian Collection

The Library Development Team

Back on April 6, 2016, a large crew of GFO volunteers helped pack and transport what is one of the most significant single donations of genealogy books to our library in its history. The collection received from member George T. Brown filled 136 bankers' boxes. It would certainly present a tremendous challenge to screen and process such an overwhelming amount of material, but it was clear from the first look at the collection that it would also add tremendous assets to the GFO.

Mr. Brown is an expert in French-Canadian genealogical research and the spread of French Canadians into the Canadian and U.S. West, including Oregon. The great bulk of the collection consisted of baptismal and marriage records recorded in Catholic churches from the early 1600s through the late 1900s, largely in Quebec, but also in Ontario, maritime and western Canada, and the northern U.S.

Brown had great interest in fur trappers who worked in the early Northwest, and in families that traced



their lineage to French Meadows in Oregon, so we received a wealth of information about trapping and trappers. He knew that after the American

Revolution, many Loyalists emigrated to the Eastern townships (the lower counties) of Quebec. So his collection provides resources key to tracing American families. Family histories, biographical/genealogical compilations and periodicals relating to French Canadians and Acadians made up most of the rest of the collection.

We're excited to announce that all the boxes have been emptied and screened and the bulk of the pro-

cessing has been completed. We believe we now have one of the best collections for French Canadian genealogy on the West Coast. We're eager to get the word out, and to provide some expert training for those with French Canadian ancestry on how to use this amazing collection.



Though much of the Quebec and some other material is in French, the vital records are generally well indexed and easy to understand.

It so happened we had just embarked on revising the call numbers for Canada right before this flood of Canada books came to us, so there was far more than a normal amount of confusion attending the process of absorbing the new books. The shelves are now rapidly getting back in order. Many thanks to all who helped swallow this big gulp (including the sale book sales crew who also absorbed a mass of duplicates and other material not chosen for our collection). And thanks to all for your patience through several months of disorder in Canada!

Photos: Chapelle Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours, Vieux port, 2012, by Jazmin Million; Jacques Cartier Square, circa 1900, William Henry Jackson, U.S. Library of Congress. Both Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Accessed at Wikimedia Commons.



Easy Note-Taking at Meetings

The new outside venues for our larger seminars and meetings may not have tables for all participants, and the same conditions apply for large gatherings at the GFO library. A useful item to bring would be a clipboard, portfolio, or other firm writing surface.



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report for the period ending December 31, 2016. *Richard Crockett*

<u>Income</u>	\$15,810.36
General fund donations	86.00
Membership income	2,277.00
Annual Appeal	10,413.92
Library	95.04
Fall Seminar	722.00
Spring Seminar	1,181.00
Half-day Workshop	145.00
Investment income	338.06
Research	44.50
Used book sales	297.84
Publication sales	60.00
<u>Total expenses</u>	<u>\$6,779.55</u>
Administration expenses	213.30
Facilities	4,531.55
Program expenses	1,222.19
Printing	542.21
Sales expenses	120.30
Net gain for the month	\$9,030.81
Year net loss to date	\$5,049.07
Checking account balance	\$30,475.58

Website Resource for Meyers Orts

Mike Fernandez passes on this note from Tom O'Brien about a website that explains Meyers Orts* more clearly. <http://www.meyersgaz.org/>

“The article mentions a website that offers the information that is contained in Meyers Orts but provides it in understandable English – even the details of the multiple abbreviations. Once a village name is placed in the search box and searched additional information is available using the six tabs near the top.

“For example by clicking on the Ecclesiastical tab we learn the locations of churches and Synagogues within 20 kilometers of our selected community and with what denomination those churches are affiliated.

“The email tab allows one to submit their email address and a list of names you are researching in that village so that other researchers can contact you.”

*A gazetteer of the German Empire used to locate place names in German research

Oregon Library Passport Program

<https://librariesoforegon.org/passport>

The Oregon Library Passport Program opens access to more than 100 libraries in Oregon. With registration, you can check out materials from libraries across the state. Now you can research wherever your travels take you.

How do I sign up? All you need is a valid library card from any of the participating libraries, and personal identification, and to agree to abide by their rules.

They add: “If you don't have a home library, you can still participate by purchasing a non-resident card at a participating Passport Program Library of your choice.”

Participating libraries are listed here: <https://librariesoforegon.org/passport-libraries>

For access to Multnomah County Library if you live outside the free access area, there's a limited-use card; you'll need a “home library card”. This card lets you check out up to 10 items (books, CDs, DVDs, e-books and more, access the Internet at the library (including the databases), and place holds on items. <https://multcolib.org/oregon-passport-program>



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 6. *A seated woman sewing a kimono*, by Utagawa Kuniyoshi (1791-1861)
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Virginia Special Interest Group

Saturday, February 4, 2017

“From Research Problem to Research Plan”

Due to the bad weather, we are continuing our January topic. Gather the information that you have for a problem you want to solve this year and we'll work as a group to formulate a plan to solve it.

Come with, at least, the following:

- What do you want to know: Be specific.
- What do I know now? Brief summary of the family or pedigree chart or family group sheet. (Be specific about time and place.)
- What records have you already looked at - be specific.

Saturday, March 4, 2017

“The Who, What, When, Where, & Why of Military Bounty Land”

Researching bounty land grants can be confusing, but understanding the complexities of the laws, and the location of the grants can lead to some important information about our ancestors.

Looking for Candidates: GFO Board Openings

Our next election in May is opening five positions that need candidates:

- Vice President (one position)
- Treasurer (one position)
- Director-At-Large (one position)
- Endowment Committee (two positions)

If you are interested, or know someone who is, or have questions on the duties, please contact Laurel Smith at president@gfo.org or any of the existing Board or Staff contacts anytime from now until our Membership Meeting scheduled for Sat, March 25, 12:30–1:00 p.m.



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>

Special Interest Groups <http://gfo.org/learn/special-interest-groups/#>

Scheduled dates may change. Always check the GFO Calendar for meeting date and time.

British

4th Saturdays in Jan., Mar, May, Sept; 1–3 p.m.—Duane Funk duanefunk@comcast.net

DNA - Beginners

3rd or 4th Saturday in Feb, May, Aug, and Nov; 9 a.m.–noon—Emily Aulicino, aulicino@hevanet.com,

DNA - Advanced

3rd Saturday in Jan, Apr, July, and Oct; 9 a.m.–noon—Emily Aulicino 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

Genealogy Problem Solvers

3rd Saturdays monthly; 9:30–11:30

a.m.—Katy Daly GPS@gfo.org

German

1st Saturdays monthly; 1–3 p.m.—

Mike Fernandez cheeseandwine62@gmail.com and Tia Cobb

Get Acquainted With...

2nd Sundays; 1–3 p.m.—Laurel Smith bearpair@comcast.net and Nanci Remington nancicr@comcast.net

Illinois and Its Neighbors

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

Irish

Currently inactive. Facilitators needed. Please contact us if you are interested.

Italian

Quarterly, please check calendar for times—Keith Pyeatt k_pyeatt@yahoo.com

Learn & Chat

1st and 3rd Wednesdays monthly—1–3 p.m.—Connie Lenzen

Photoshop Elements

2nd Wednesdays monthly; 1:30–2:30 p.m. — Sarah Holmes slh@sarahholmes.com

Virginia

1st Saturdays monthly, Sep–Jun; 10 a.m.–noon—Judi Scott judiscot@gmail.com and Carol Surrency lc-surr@gmail.com

Writers' Forum

2nd Saturdays monthly, Sep–May; 1–3 p.m. — Peggy Baldwin peggy@family-passages.com

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Library Work Parties ~ every month, all welcome

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

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|-----------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Wed 2/1   | 10 a.m.–12 p.m.<br>1–2 p.m.              | Learn & Chat<br>DNA Q&A                                |
| Sat 2/4   | 10 am–12 p.m.<br>1–3 p.m.                | Virginia Group<br>German Group                         |
| Mon 2/6   | <b>Free to non-members</b>               |                                                        |
| Wed 2/8   | 1:30–2:30 p.m.<br>6–8 p.m.               | Photoshop Elements Group<br>Get Acquainted With        |
| Sat 2/11  | 9:30–11:30 a.m.<br>1–3 p.m.              | Illinois Group<br>Writers' Forum                       |
| Sun 2/12  | 1–3 p.m.                                 | Get Acquainted With (repeat of<br>Wednesday's program) |
| Tues 2/14 | 6–8 p.m.                                 | Board meeting                                          |
| Wed 2/15  | 10 a.m.–12 p.m.<br>1–2 p.m.              | Learn & Chat<br>DNA Q&A                                |
| Sat 2/18  | 9:30–11:30 a.m.<br>12–2 p.m.<br>2–4 p.m. | Genealogy Problem Solvers<br>Italian Group<br>GenTalk  |
| Tues 2/21 | 6–7 p.m.                                 | Library committee meeting                              |
| Sat 2/25  | 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.                         | Full Day Research Practicum<br>(Workshop)              |

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

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| Wed 3/1 | 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
1–2 p.m. | Learn & Chat
DNA Q&A |
| Sat 3/4 | 10 am–12 p.m.
1–3 p.m. | Virginia Group
German Group |
| Mon 3/6 | Free to non-members | |
| Wed 3/8 | 1:30–2:30 p.m.
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| Wed 3/15 | 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
1–2 p.m. | Learn & Chat
DNA Q&A |
| Sat 3/18-26 | Open House ~ See calendar for full details | |