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Masks Optional at GFO on Thursdays

The GFO Research Library is now open on Thursday afternoons from 1–5 p.m. Masks will be optional within the library on Thursdays. Watch the [Thursday Evening eNews](#) for any further developments.

This is the first expansion of our hours since the library re-opened in June on Sundays 1–5 p.m. and Mondays and Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Masks are still required on all other days. Before your visit, check our [Visitor](#) page for important information on parking and accessing the building.

We'd love to open on more days—we just need a few more research assistants! Being a research assistant is not difficult. Research assistants greet patrons and help them navigate the library. Training is provided. If you are interested, request details from volunteer@gfo.org.

At right, the GFO sandwich board marks the entrance to our Research Library. The library is located in the basement of the historic Ford Building at 2505 S.E. Eleventh Avenue in Portland, Oregon.



Spotlight on Special Interest Groups



Our final installment of the 2022 series highlighting the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) offered at the GFO covers the Learn & Chat Interest Group. All SIG meetings take place on Zoom and are open to the public at no cost.

The Learn & Chat SIG is the only SIG that meets twice a month online—on the first and third Wednesdays from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Pacific Time. This is a welcoming and friendly group where attendees can learn about anything genealogical. In fact, facilitator Sandy Alto aptly named Learn & Chat a “genealogy self-help” group.

Topics include methods for solving genealogical problems, information about useful websites, or just how to look at “brick walls” in a different fashion.

Please bring tales of your latest genealogy-related adventures and a wish list of subjects to build our calendar. Register for meetings, download handouts, or contact Sandy Alto from the Learn & Chat [web page](#).



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GFO Digital Collections Pass Milestone

The GFO Library Committee made a goal for the 2022 calendar year to have a million pages digitized and available in our **MemberSpace** by the end of the year. We're excited to announce that we have exceeded that goal, three months ahead of schedule!

In addition, we will soon post an updated Oregon Donation Land Claims index. All the claims in MemberSpace (1,040!) have been reviewed, page by page, to identify additional information about the claimants and their spouses to improve the index. We'll continue to update the index as we post more claims.

Plans for the Fourth Quarter

- Process and post the last of the books that have been scanned.
- Make more Oregon Donation Land Claims available.
- Post additional manuscript collections.
- Continue to digitize periodicals for release in 2023.

Questions on the digital library collection may be directed to library@gfo.org.

GFO DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

BY THE NUMBERS



- ▶ 1,098,130 pages
- ▶ 548,673 pages added in 2022 (so far)

BOOK & BOOKLET TITLES

some with many volumes

- ▶ This quarter: 372
- ▶ In 2022: 956
- ▶ TOTAL 1,159

See what's new

- » [Alphabetically](#)
- » [By call number](#)

MANUSCRIPTS

See what's new

- ▶ This quarter: 16
- ▶ In 2022: 23
- ▶ TOTAL 82

GFO Considering New SIG, “The Writers’ Room”

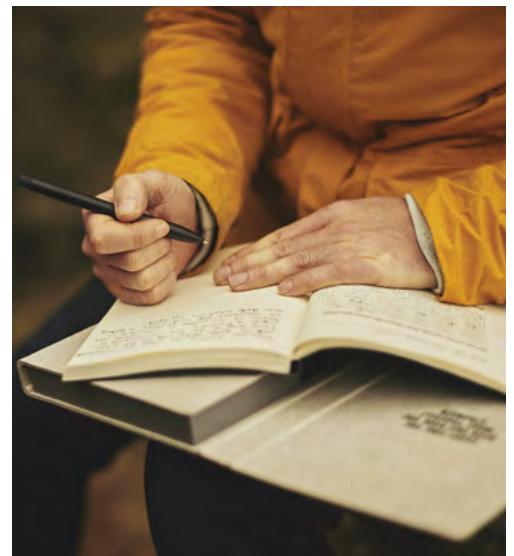
Do you have an interest in a social, supportive group where you can listen and learn from other writers, meet with other bloggers, or have a “soft” accountability forum? If any of these, or other genealogical or family history writing is of interest to you, we would like to hear from you.

With the capabilities of Zoom, a single writers’ group can serve different writing interests with the use of breakout rooms. The subject areas of the breakout rooms can evolve as the desires of the members evolve. There would always be a general open discussion area where SIG members can participate as much or as little as they would like.

The group would be scheduled on Sunday afternoons or one week-night once a month. The goal is to have accessibility for everyone who has an interest in writing.

If you have any interest in the potential SIG, please fill out the following interest form:

[The Writers’ Room Interest Form](#)





HAVE YOU SEARCHED EVERYWHERE?

Beyond the Basics

November 12, 2022

Leslie Lawson
9-10 am PT

**Let's Find Living People:
Locating People in the Last Century**

Janice Sellers
10:15-11:15 am PT

**Read All About It! Using Online
Newspapers for Genealogical Research**

Pam Vestal
1-4 pm PT

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Using Airtable to Research the FAN Club

Jane (Doggett) McGarvin

In July, I enrolled in the **Family History University** course titled *Cluster and Collateral Research*, led by Sunny Jane Morton. The two definitions used in the class were as follows:

1. **“Collateral research** involves focusing research attention on relatives who are not your ancestors or in your direct line of ascent,” and
2. **“Cluster research** looks at all folks who associated with your ancestors, whether they were related or not.”¹

Collateral and cluster research is also known as researching the FAN (friends–neighbors–associates) club.

Throughout the four lessons and class assignments, the different concepts of how cluster and collateral research could be used to find missing and elusive ancestors was demonstrated and practiced. Other concepts addressed in the class were location and migration.

For my final class assignment, I decided to trace my great grandfather, Asa Edmund Doggett,

from Macon County, Alabama, to Sevier County, Arkansas. Even though the information about Asa Edmund Doggett was “in my tree,” I had never delved into the records connected to him, his parents, or his siblings.

When I started the assignment, my known information was based on the following facts from research conducted by Samuel Bradlee Doggett for his book, *The History of the Doggett-Daggett Family* (a copy of which is in the **GFO Library**) and on the website, **Doggettfam.org**, which was maintained by James Doggett until he passed away in 2017. My additional known facts are italicized:

- My second great grandparents were John W. Doggett (1810–1854) and Mary Ann Lyon (1818–1858). *Mary Ann’s line always ended with her, but I wondered who her parents were.*
- John and Mary Ann were both born in Columbia County, Georgia, and died in Macon County, Alabama.
- John and Mary Ann had eight children (see Figure 1).

Children of John W. Doggett and Mary Ann Lyon

Asa Edmund* (1838–1911)
My great grandfather
m. Sarah Francis Clements
(1844–1908) in 1866 in
Sevier County, Arkansas

Mary Elizabeth
(1840–1875)
m. Levi L. Kirk in 1854 in
Alabama

Ann Elizabeth
(1842–unknown)
m. John Neal in 1859 in
Alabama

Sarah Esther
(1844–unknown)
m. unknown
d. Young County, Texas

Naomi Francis (1846–1862)
m. James S. Hopson in 1861
d. Arkansas

Eugenia Fredonia
(1847–1888/9)
m. Washington “Wash”
Wallis in 1866
d. Red River County, Texas

John R. (1849–1918)
m. Fannie Patton in 1877
d. Sevier County, Arkansas

George Wyman
(1851–1891)
m. California “Callie”
Hickman in 1877
d. Little River Co., Arkansas

Figure 1. Children of my second great grandparents, John W. Doggett (1810–1854) and Mary Ann Lyon (1818–1858). *Asa Edmund Doggett joined the Arkansas 12th Infantry in 1861–1862. I didn’t know when he arrived in Arkansas from Alabama. †Eugenia and Wash Wallis died together, leaving their eight children as orphans, who were then raised by their aunts and uncles, and even cousins.

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1. Family Tree University, <https://university.familytreemagazine.com/collections>, Cluster and Collateral Research, Lesson 1.



Using Airtable to Research the FAN Club, from page 5

As part of my project, a timeline was created, beginning with John W. Doggett's parents, Asa and Elizabeth (Eubanks) Doggett, then John W. and Mary Ann (Lyon) Doggett, and Asa Edmund and Sarah (Clements) Doggett.

I also created a locality guide that included county histories and available records for the locations the families lived by using the [FamilySearch Research Wiki](#). For example, my guide listed

- Land and probate records in Macon County, Alabama
- 1855 Alabama state census for Macon County, Alabama, and
- 1860 federal census in Paracliffa Township, Sevier County, Arkansas, and many more.

To track the research into the records for so many individuals, I used [Airtable](#), which is a relational database where information from one table is related to data in another table, for example, a research log and FAN club research.

I first heard about Airtable while watching podcasts by the mother/daughter team of Diana Elder and Nicole Dyer on their website [Family Locket](#).²

Throughout many of the *Family Locket* website articles and podcasts, Elder and Dyer talk about how they use Airtable to track their many research projects. I read the blog post, "[Airtable Research Logs](#)," and watched the Family Locket YouTube video "[How to Use Airtable to Create a Genealogy FAN Club Research Log](#)" at least a dozen times before beginning to use Airtable. Even after downloading the *Family Locket* Research Log and FAN Club Log templates to use in my own Airtable account, I have continued to re-watch the videos when I get stuck!³

The video and blog posts include information on how to download and use the two Airtable

templates, and Dyer includes instructions on how to save the template, delete the data in her template, and begin entering your own records and data in the Research Log and the FAN Club table.

I created an account with Airtable in order to use their product. After the 14-day trial, I was able to sign up for their free version rather than a paid version.

Airtable Setup

Airtable setup is similar to a spreadsheet, with rows, columns, fields, and records. The BASE spreadsheet is the Research Log, which can be copied from existing logs, modified, or manually entered into the provided template.

To enter data in the FAN Club spreadsheet, you click on a URL in a document in the Research Log, and then type names of individuals appearing in the pages in the FAN Club spreadsheet. An example would be to transcribe names in a census, where the names of each person are typed in a RECORD (a line in the database).

The ROLE column has a list of possibilities of how that person is related to the MAIN PERSON, such as neighbor, witness, creditor, surety, trustee, uncle, or cousin. Additional "roles" can be added.

In documents where multiple names, document name, page number, etc. are needed, the autofill feature can be used, eliminating the need to retype the same field for each entry. As each line is started, a new number is assigned to the entry (line), which is then linked back to the FANs list on the base grid.⁴

There is definitely a learning curve to use Airtable. It takes time to enter names from census documents. Dyer recommends transcribing deeds, probate records, etc., and highlighting names and relationships before beginning to enter data into the FAN Club document.

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2. Diana Elder and Nicole Dyer are also the authors of the books *Research Like a Pro, a Genealogist Guide* and *Research Like a Pro with DNA: A Genealogist's Guide to Finding and Confirming Ancestors with DNA Evidence*.

3. Nicole Dyer also shared a YouTube video "[How to Use Airtable for a DNA Research Log](#)", which describes the Airtable program for tracking DNA matches, genetic genealogy searches, and correspondence with potential matches. It includes information on how to download the DNA Research Log 2.0. In addition, a recent Family Locket podcast "[Tracking Research Projects in Airtable](#)" aired.

4. When entering data from census records, it is always recommended that names be entered in the spreadsheet from 1-2 pages before and after the page on which you find your ancestor or person you are tracking.



Using Airtable to Research the FAN Club, from page 6

Doggett FAN Club Connections

During my research regarding Asa Doggett, I found a probate record showing the following:

- Asa's father, John W. Doggett, died in 1854 without a will in Macon County, Alabama.
- Asa's mother, Mary Ann (Lyon) Doggett, was named administratrix for her husband's estate.
- Edmund Lyon and Thomas Lyon were named as surety for Mary Ann, and Edmund was named as "co-administrator" with Mary Ann.
- During this time, females generally did not own property or have responsibility for their minor children. Since all of John and Mary Ann's children were minors, guardians were appointed for all eight children.
- Their daughter, Mary Elizabeth Doggett, was married in 1854 at age 16 to Levi L. Kirk, who was appointed as Mary's "guardian" during the probate of her father's estate. Levi petitioned the court many times during the probate for additional funds or accounting about the estate.
- In 1854, Mary Ann Doggett petitioned the court for authorization to sell their cotton crop.
- Mary Ann Doggett bought and sold property from 1855 to 1858.
- John's estate was still active when Mary Ann died 1857–58.
- Edmund and Thomas Lyon then continued the process of administering John's (and Mary Ann's) estate(s), with the estate finally settled in 1858 or 1859.

The 1855 Alabama state census showed:

- Mary Ann Doggett as head of household in Macon County with three males under 21, three females under 21, one female over 21, and 16 enslaved individuals: total 21.
- Levi Kirk is on the next line under Mary Ann Doggett's name with one male under 21, one male over 21, and one female under 21: total three.
- Two pages before, Edmund Lyon appeared with one male over 21, one female over 21, and 12 enslaved individuals: total 14.

The 1860 U.S. census for Paraciffa, Sevier County, Arkansas, showed the following:

- Asa Doggett in the same dwelling with his sisters Eugenia and N. F. (Naomi Francis) Doggett **and** Thomas and J. D. Lyon (with their spouses and children).
- Two pages before the entry for Asa, there was a household comprising Edmund Lyon with John (age 11) and George (age 9) Doggett (Asa's brothers).
- Three of Asa's sisters had already married and left home by 1860 and did not go to Arkansas; so, five of the eight children were together in Arkansas in 1860!

Figure 2 on [page 8](#) depicts how relationships between data points in the Airtable Research Log and FAN Club Log are linked. The numbers in the Research Log show the individuals entered in the FAN Club Log spreadsheet.

Synopsis

After researching records for John W. and Mary Ann Doggett and Asa E. Doggett for my class project and entering data into Airtable, I was glad I went through this process. By looking at these documents, I slowed down, closely examined and evaluated each document, and then entered details of each document into Airtable.

For instance, Mary Ann Doggett's surname "Lyon" continually jumped out at me when looking at John Doggett's probate record, the 1855 Alabama state census, and the 1860 U.S. census for Sevier County, Arkansas. By taking the advice of many genealogists to look at several pages before and after the page on which Asa was listed on in the 1860 census, I found Asa's two brothers John and George living with Edmund Lyon, who I believe may be Mary Ann Doggett's father. Lyon had been the surety and co-administrator of Mary Ann's husband's estate. Thomas J. Lyon was also the co-surety of Mary Ann Doggett for her husband's estate, and he appeared on the 1860 federal census in Sevier County, Arkansas, living with one of Asa's sisters.

An additional couple, Abel B. Clements and Ann Perkins, were included in the FAN Club entries for

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	Web...	Date ...	URL	Source Citation	Results	Co...	FANs	Attac
1855	FamilySearch	9/12/2022	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33357-9GT6-...	1855 Macon Co. Alabama State Census, Mary A. Doggett and Levi Kirk, Page 29			20 21	
1860	FamilySearch	8/19/2022	https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/sources/MGRT-1BX	1860 U.S. Census, Paraclifta Township, Sevier County, Arkansas, p 175, line 1, Asa Doggett, image, FamilySearch (https://www.familysearch.org : accessed 19 August 2022): citi...	Asa Doggett in Paraclifta, Sevier County, Arkansas, age 21, with siblings: Eugenia, age 12; Thomas ...		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	

	First Na...	Last N...	Role	Research Log Entry	Page	Line / Househ...
7	Eugena	Doggett	Sister	1860 Census for Asa Doggett	175	2
18	N.F. (Naomi)	Doggett	Sister	1860 Census for Asa Doggett	175	13
6	Asa	Doggett	Person of Interest	1860 Census for Asa Doggett	175	1
5	George	Doggett	Brother	1860 Census for Asa Doggett	174	13
4	John	Doggett	Brother	1860 Census for Asa Doggett	174	12
30	John W.	Doggett	Deceased	1854-1855 Macon Co Probate C		
20	Mary A	Doggett	Person of Interest	1855 Macon Co Alabama State	44	14
32	Mary A.	Doggett	Adminis	1854-1855 Macon Co Probate C	345-346	Fill
22	Mary Ann	Doggett	Wife	1854-1855 Macon Co Probate C	300	M.
21	Levi	Kirk	Son-in-Law	1855 Macon Co Alabama State	44	15
17	Alice	Lyon	Cousin	1860 Census for Asa Doggett	175	12
3	Edmun	Lyon	Grandfather	1860 Census for Asa Doggett	174	11
19	Edmund	Lyon	Neighbor	1855 Macon Co, Alabama State	40	15
23	Edmund	Lyon	Surety	1854-1855 Macon Co Probate C	300	
15	Eliza	Lyon	Aunt	1860 Census for Asa Doggett	175	10
9	Elizabeth	Lvon	Aunt	1860 Census for Asa Doggett	175	4

Figure 2. Top, Airtable Research Log for Asa E. Doggett. Bottom, FAN Club Log for entries for the 1855 Arkansas state census and 1860 U. S. census for Asa E. Doggett and family members. The numbers in the Research Log mark the individuals in the FAN Club Log spreadsheet. Clicking on the numbers in the FAN column in the Research Log opens the detail page to provide more information about the person in the FAN Club. Users can add additional notes while making the entry.

the 1860 census even though they were more than two pages before or after the page Asa Doggett appeared on. Their daughter, Sarah, would marry Asa in 1866, and Abel and Ann would also become my second great grandparents!

What's Next?

Other records to be reviewed in the future and added to the Airtable Research Log and FAN Club Log will be more census records, land and probate

records, Civil War Records, and more to trace family members in the FAN Club who were born in Alabama and Georgia back to those states to see if they could be FANs of the Doggett family in 1820 through 1850, and then follow them forward through their lifetimes.

Jane (Doggett) McGarvin is a GFO Life Member, Membership Chair, Disaster Response Team Chair, past Director-at-Large, and 2020 inductee, with her husband, into the GFO Hall of Fame.



Help GFO Process Family Bible Records

GivingTuesday Event Will Be Hybrid: Join Us in Person or Virtually

GivingTuesday, now a global movement, started in 2012 in New York City to encourage people to do something to help their community. At the GFO, it is a day for volunteers to unite to achieve an important goal. This year, on November 29, the GFO will transcribe and index family records from Bibles.

Family Bible records are often overlooked, yet may be the only existing record of births and deaths. They can be valuable tools for clarifying family relationships also. GFO has collected many records since the last family Bible project in 1994—now it's time to put them together into a single, digital collection that

researchers can easily access.

The collection will be published on the GFO website and in the online library catalog. Some Bible records may also be published in our quarterly journal, *The Bulletin*.

Whether you have Bible records to share or not, you are invited to help at the GFO Research Library in person or online via Zoom.

Visit our [GivingTuesday web page](#) to learn more about how to submit your own Bible images, how locals can get scanning done at the GFO Research Library, and how to register to be a volunteer on the day of the event.

See you on GivingTuesday!

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Going Down the Rabbit Hole Can Be Illuminating!

Duties for Justice of the Peace in the Eighteenth Century Were Expansive

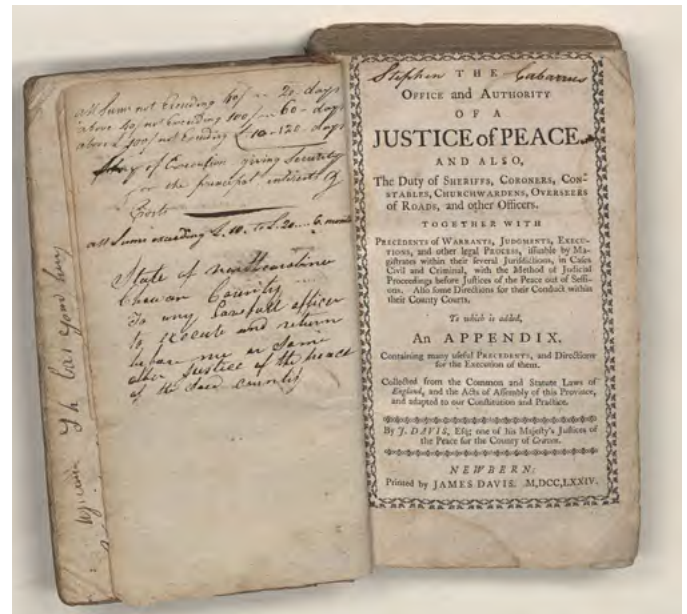
Karen Hubbard

While researching my five times great grandfather, Thomas Cook, in the early 1700s in North Carolina, I noticed he was appointed by **Governor Arthur Dobbs** to serve as a Justice of the Peace or Magistrate in the first Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions (1753) in the new Rowan County, North Carolina. Okay, so that sounds interesting, sort of like jury duty four times a year, right? Turns out it was far more!

The justices heard civil cases where the claim was above 40 shillings and less than 20 pounds, and criminal cases where fines were less than 20 pounds. They heard cases of petty larceny, assaults, batteries, trespass, breaches of the peace, and inferior offenses. They could solemnize marriages in counties that had no minister or with a minister's consent. Justices exerted authority over legacies, intestate estates, and orphan matters. With few lawyers on the frontier, individuals could plead their own cases and the group of three justices (your fellow neighbors) would hear and decide your case. That might be a bit challenging!¹

Colonial government was very small, but the needs of the growing population expanded. These same justices also assessed and imposed taxes on individuals and for bridges, gaols (jails), and other public works. Want to operate a public grist mill or ferry? First the justices had to grant you a license, and justices set the rates you could charge.

Each year justices recommended to the Governor “three men of good standing” to become sheriff. The Governor selected his choice, who was then appointed by the upper house of the General Assembly. The sheriff's primary job was to collect the taxes and to keep those sentenced to jail safe until they could be released back into society. A very challenging job on the frontier—just imagine the disagreements over taxes assessed!²



Personal copy of Stephen Carburus of *The Office and Authority of a Justice of the Peace, 1774.* [East Carolina University Digital Collections.](#)

Dr. Gary Freeze, a retired Catawba College (Salisbury, N.C.) professor of history and volunteer researcher for the Rowan Museum, shares this perspective. A house west of present-day Salisbury in “the Irish settlement” served as the first courthouse starting 15 June 1753. **Daniel Boone's** father Squire Boone served as one of the first magistrates.³ (That would mean my ancestor Thomas probably knew Squire Boone!).

The very first case, by the way, was a most interesting one. John Baker, who lived near where Lake Norman is today, “petitioned this court” to be given official recognition that “in a late affray with another person” part of his ear had been bitten off. Baker wanted the public to know that he had not lost part of the ear for any kind of crime he had committed. The court gave Baker a certificate asserting the fact.⁴

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1. Wikipedia, “[North Carolina Justice of the Peace](#),” 19 February 2022, accessed 18 October 2022.

2. James S. Brawley, [Rowan County, A Brief History](#) (1974: North Carolina Dept. of Cultural Resources), 24; accessed 18 October 2022.

3. Gary Freeze, “[Rowan County's First Courthouse](#),” *Salisbury Post* (Salisbury, N.C.), 10 October 2021, accessed 18 October 2022.

4. *Ibid.*



Going Down the Rabbit Hole..., from page 10

By mid-1754 a new courthouse site was selected near “the place where the Old Waggon Road (crosses) over Grant’s Creek.”⁵ That site became the town of Salisbury, North Carolina.

County government was not yet developed, so justices were also in charge of selecting and siting the county courthouse, approving the contract to build the courthouse, laying out street grids, approving highway construction and oversight, and creating and approving the licenses and rates for taverns, public houses, and ferries! If the ferry did not include a nearby tavern, the justices could direct the ferryman to build a tavern. For all public conveniences there was very clear direction on how much they were allowed to charge for spirits, meals, and accommodations. Rates were posted, and if not strictly adhered to by the operation, their license was revoked!

Between 1753 and 1772, the justices granted 142 licenses for ordinaries (inns) and 30 for taverns in the town of Salisbury, Rowan County. The original justices were appointed for life, and this would stay the case for the next century. I wonder if they were volunteering or got some pay?

So far, the earliest mention of the Thomas Cook family is in a note by William McConnell indicating that as of 17 September 1744, Thomas and his family were already living on Rockey Creek, Rowan County, North Carolina. The population of Rowan County in 1753 was very small, probably less than 5,000. The oldest record of taxable persons in Rowan County in 1759 was 658 heads of households. (This record was found in the walls of the old courthouse in 1944!)

By 1790 there were about 15,972 people. Given the efforts to expand and govern the new county, it is interesting to note that there were no town officials until the North Carolina General Assembly passed an act in 1770 regulating the town of Salisbury and appointing eleven commissioners to “enforce tavern charges, oversee the town commons, control animals roaming the streets, and the speed of horses through the streets.” Salisbury’s first post office was not built until 1792.

Certainly, the folks heading down the Old Wagon Road had heard there was land to spread out on and a healthy little town at the crossroads to provision their wagons.

Three of the Cook family, including Thomas, fought in the Revolutionary War. Thomas was a tailor, and his services were in demand both for sewing clothes but also for helping repair harnesses, stitch wagon covers, and repairing trunks. I can only imagine what time it took to work in both jobs, plus raise a family and grow your food. As I review Thomas’ life, I am amazed at his engagement locally and on behalf of a nascent county as he and wife Martha took on huge challenges to achieve their dreams. It got me thinking about my own citizen engagement level. What are my duties of citizenship?

From the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services:⁶

- Support and defend the Constitution.
- Stay informed about the issues affecting your community.
- Participate in the democratic process.
- Respect and obey federal, state, and local laws.
- Respect the rights, beliefs, and opinions of others.
- Pay income and other taxes honestly, and on time, to federal, state, and local authorities.
- Serve on a jury when called upon.
- Defend the country if the need should arise.

It seems we 21st-century Americans have it much easier than our colonial forebears who managed to grow this country and be active citizens—all while tending to their own families, homes, and serving as justices for the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions!




5. Ibid.

6. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, “[Should I Consider U.S. Citizenship?: Citizenship Rights and Responsibilities.](#)”



SEARCH AND RESEARCH

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Jeff Wallach,
author of
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Get Help at PMUG Clinic

**Every Tuesday Evening
6:00 – 7:30 pm on Zoom**

- Get Free Help for your Macintosh, iPhone, iPad, iPod or Apple Watch
- For info on how to attend, contact us at:

info@pmug.org





Online Events for November

Wednesday, November 2

Learn and Chat

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

SIGN UP >

Saturday, November 5

Virginia Group

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

SIGN UP >

10 Things You Need to Understand

(In order to do effective Virginia research):

What is a gap, a neck, the fall line, and why are they important? Is there any way to do successful research in “burned counties”? Why would a 16-year-old give herself permission to marry? Genealogical research in early Virginia is daunting. It is even more so if you approach it without knowledge of the challenges specific to Virginia and some methods to overcome those challenges. Join us for an overview of these issues and suggestions to help with your research.

German Group

1–3 p.m.

SIGN UP >

Sherri Johnson will be sharing her personal research on her LIPPERT family from various locations in Saxony-Anhalt, Hamburg, parts of current Poland and the Netherlands. Apparently as glassworkers, they moved around quite a bit, which presented challenges!

Monday, November 7

RootsMagic SIG

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

SIGN UP >

Tuesday, November 8

Board Meeting

6:30–8:30 p.m.

All GFO members are invited to attend. To receive a link to this online meeting, send an email at least 24 hours in advance to president@gfo.org.

Thursday, November 10

The Q Review

6–7 p.m.

SIGN UP >

Saturday, November 12

FALL SEMINAR:

SIGN UP >

Have You Looked Everywhere?

9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Go beyond the basics and become familiar with lesser-known genealogical strategies and resources. See flyer on [page 4](#) for more information.

Tuesday, November 14

Access GFO Resources

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

SIGN UP >

Join Laurel Smith via Zoom to learn about the resources GFO provides for everyone and about the special benefits to GFO members.

Wednesday, November 15

Learn & Chat

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

SIGN UP >

DNA Q&A: The Basics

1–3 p.m.

SIGN UP >

Saturday, November 19

African American Ancestry

12–2 p.m.

SIGN UP >

Sunday, November 27

Italian Ancestry

1–2:30 p.m.

Email Stephanie Silenti for a meeting invite.

Monday, November 28

Special Event:

Family Tree Maker

5:30–7 p.m.

SIGN UP >

What's in the new FTM update?

Mark Olsen, brand ambassador for MacKiev, will discuss the new or updated features of Family Tree Maker Version 24.1

Tuesday, November 29

GIVING TUESDAY: Bring Your Own Bible event

Online and in person

SIGN UP >



WINTER IS COMING

GFO Inclement Weather Policy



In case of inclement weather, the GFO Library follows the Portland Public Schools guidelines for closure or delayed opening. If it is a day when school is not scheduled, check the GFO website (gfo.org), and call the GFO at (503) 963-1932 to speak with a Research Assistant to make sure that the library is open and staying open.

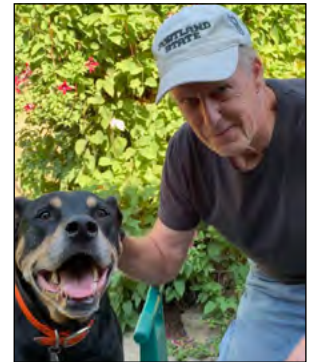
GFO Star

October

Mark Grafe

When the September issue of *The Bulletin* fell behind schedule, Layout Editor Mark Grafe took action. He organized the editing and proofreading of the articles and took articles to the layout step even before editing. He did this knowing he would need to rework layout on every article. Moreover, he found time to find photos and maps that added visual interest to submitted articles.

Mark essentially took on both the Editor and Layout Editor tasks, and his attention brought *The Bulletin* back on track in record time. Mark's initiative meant that the September issue could be mailed just in time, and for this the GFO Board is grateful!



GFO Special Interest Groups

SIG meetings occur virtually in Pacific Time. They are open to the public. Learn more about our SIGs at our [SIG page](#).

AFRICAN AMERICAN GROUP

Led by Janice Sellers
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BRITISH GROUP

Led by Duane Funk
uk@gfo.org

DNA – Advanced

Led by Tim Janzen
dna@gfo.org

DNA Q & A – The Basics

Led by Lisa McCullough
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FAMILY TREE MAKER

Led by Agnes Zueger
and Joyce Grant-Worley
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GENEALOGY PROBLEM SOLVERS

Led by Katie Daly
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GERMAN GROUP

Led by Tia Cobb
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GREAT LAKES

Led by Kim Thurman
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IRISH GROUP

Led by Karen Hubbard, Peg Kenaga,
and Erinn Sears
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ITALIAN GROUP

Led by Stephanie Silenti
italian@gfo.org

LEARN & CHAT

Led by Sandy Alto
learnandchat@gfo.org

THE Q REVIEW

Led by Alexa Waddle
qreview@gfo.org

ROOTSMAGIC

Led by Barry Wolff
rootsmagic@gfo.org

VIRGINIA GROUP

Led by Judi Scott and Carol Surrency
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Don't see your interest? Consider starting a SIG! You must be a GFO member. Zoom training provided. Learn more from president@gfo.org.



RVGS Special Interest Groups

Registration for Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Interest Groups

Nov. 8, 2022	11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. PT	German Interest Group
Nov. 8, 2022	1:30–3 p.m. PT	Family TreeMaker Interest Group
Nov. 9, 2022	10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. PT	Genetic Genealogy Interest Group
Nov. 10, 2022	6–7:30 p.m. PT	Genealogy Newbies Interest Group
Nov. 11, 2022	1:30–3 p.m. PT	Irish Interest Group
Nov. 12, 2022	10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. PT	Brick Wall Roundtable
Nov. 14, 2022	2–3:30 p.m. PT	Colonial America Interest Group



Treasurer’s Report

Contact: treasurer@gfo.org

SEPTEMBER 2022 INCOME

Contributions	\$ 328.18
Memberships	\$ 2,571.00
Education Income	\$ 855.00
Library & Research	\$ 74.67
Book Sales & Misc. Income	\$ 731.00
Interest & Dividends	\$ 1,800.70
Total	\$ 6,360.55

SEPTEMBER 2023 EXPENSE

Administration	\$ 1,191.45
Publications	\$ 369.99
Education fees	\$ 125.00
Facilities & Equipment	\$ 5,546.18
Library & Research	\$ 82.73
Total	\$ 7,315.35

Net Income for the month	\$ -954.80
Year-to-Date Net Income	\$ -531.86

Donor-restricted Donations	\$ 4,568.70
Unrealized losses	\$ 39,063.72
Endowment Donation	\$ 0.00
Total adjustments	\$ 43,632.42



The GFO wishes you a happy *Thanksgiving* surrounded by *friends and family!*