



The Forum Insider

Book Reviewers Needed

Care to share your writing skills by providing book reviews for our publications and library catalog? The GFO is looking for people to write reviews of some donated books and other books of interest.

Reviews are published in the *Bulletin*, and in the new GFO library catalog. Contact Joan Galles at afftravel@aol.com if you are interested.



Thanks to Jim Morrow

As Jim Morrow steps back from some of his responsibilities and activities at the GFO, we would like to recognize him for his outstanding service to our society



over many, many years. A member since 1993, in 2010 he received the GFO Hall of Fame Award for his substantial and continuing contributions.

Several longtime members have written about their experiences working with Jim over many years. They express something of the gift he has been to our society:

"Jim worked with me to help set up the print shop in what was then the 'new' 5th Avenue building when we moved from the Neighbors of Woodcraft. He headed up the print shop and we needed to lay flooring in the new building, so Jim and I bought

linoleum squares and laid them in the print shop space ourselves. I had no clue how to do it, but was willing and he worked alongside me to get it done. He not only did the printing, but was critical to lining up volunteers who worked with him to do the sorting and stapling before the mailing out process. I cannot imagine a single volunteer who ever had a problem working with Jim. He was always extremely accommodating of everyone's schedules and difficulties and found ways to work around them to get the work done."

— Eileen Chamberlin

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Free Monthly Program

Third Saturday of each month at
2 pm with
an interesting speaker.

Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:30 am to 5 pm
Wednesday
9:30 to 8 pm
Friday & Saturday
9:30 am to 3 pm
Sunday
12 noon to 5 pm

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President's Message

In this season of giving thanks, we at the GFO have much to be grateful for. Most important is you, the member. Without you there would be no GFO. Thank you for your continuing support and membership. We hope we can continue to meet your needs and that you will remain a member for many years.



Also important are the many volunteers who keep the library open, provide excellent research assistance, work diligently to provide seminars and learning opportunities for our members, and labor behind the scenes to keep the organization running. Thank you.

Our donors deserve special thanks for providing the rich diversity of books and materials in our library. We are so grateful to our annual appeal donors this year as we were able to fulfill our wish list for the year. There are always things the library and the organization needs, and without your generosity we could not afford them.

I hope you have as much to be thankful for as does the GFO and that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

—Laurel Smith

Submissions to the Insider

Send comments, corrections, news, short success stories, and announcements to Becky Clark, 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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Thanks to Jim Morrow (cont. from page 1)

“As long as I have been involved with the GFO, Jim has been instrumental in seeing that our publications were produced and delivered to our members each month. He was also the key contact person with the building owners and managers, kept all the facilities in good working order, and took care of all the “stuff” in our space in the building.

“Jim was instrumental in making the successful move to the Ford building. He chaired the relocation committee that determined the layout of the new library, what should be moved, and where everything would be located in the new library; cleaned and painted all the new library and office spaces; negotiated and coordinated with the Ford building owner and manager to prepare the space for the move; planned and worked with the movers of the library shelves and books; figured out how to dispose of all the things that were not moved; and physically prepared all the furniture and other non-book material for the move.

“He was on-site during the actual move, coordinating with the movers and troubleshooting issues and questions that came up. While many others worked on various aspects of the move, I don't know how we could have made the move without Jim's leadership, good ideas, attention to detail, diplomacy, hard work, and long hours.

“Rather than taking a well-deserved rest afterwards, Jim immediately took on the additional unofficial role of GFO historian (which has been unfilled for several years), organizing all the materials stuffed in filing cabinets and boxes relating to the history of the GFO.”

– Marj Enneking

“Many years ago, when Connie Lenzen was President of the GFO, she asked me to develop a job description for all committees and other non-Board activities. Jim Morrow was then in charge of the physical facilities. He was very cooperative in

developing a detailed job description for the things he was doing, as well as for those things he thought he might be doing in the then-new facilities at Gideon Street.

“The move from Gideon Street to the Ford building was an extremely trying time since Sandi Whiteman, Library Director, was out because of arm

and leg injuries. Jim personally coordinated the move, both from the old and to the new headquarters.

“Jim is always extremely cooperative. He also never faltered in his service even when some personal family events were privately devastating to him.

“It would be hard to find a more dedicated member than Jim. His kindness, and often quiet demeanor, sometimes fooled people into thinking less of him than the strong person he really is.

“Most members don't realize that Jim is an excellent researcher. Have him show you some of his family history.”

– Gerry Lenzen

“I have not worked with Jim as long as the others who shared their thoughts, but I have always found him more than willing to do whatever was asked. If the spacing of the metal shelves would not accommodate a set of books, Jim would jump in and readjust them all—no small task when the units are bolted together and to the wall. When more space was needed for book sales, Jim found it for us.

“Jim has a kind and willing spirit, and his positive outlook and creative ideas are a pleasure. He continues to maintain the GFO historical records, and not one to be idle, recently began working with the manuscript committee, reviewing and sorting materials in preparation for scanning. Thanks Jim. I wish we had a hundred more just like you!”

– Laurel Smith

– With help from Don Holznagel and Loretta Welsh



Free Tours

In November, the GFO library will be hosting two more tour groups. This year we have hosted genealogical societies, classes, and the Ford Model A Motor Club.

Many are not aware that this is a service we provide to interested groups. If you are a member of a club or organization that would like to visit the GFO, simply contact info@gfo.org. Volunteers will be scheduled to provide the tour and extra research assistance for those who need it. These services are free, and groups may schedule yearly. After the tour, participants may stay to research for up to four hours.

We look forward to hosting your club, society, or organization in the coming year!

—Laurel Smith



Model A Ford Club Tours the GFO

Christmas Shopping on Amazon?

Use the www.gfo.org site to search for your Amazon items – we earn a 4% referral fee.

Weather Reminder

On days when the weather is snowy or icy, it's a good policy to call GFO first to be sure the library is open before going in. 503-963-1932

Free Monday

The first Monday of the month the library is usually packed with patrons because it is free to non-members. If it falls on a holiday, the free day is on the second Monday. You can always check the calendar on our website, gfo.org, if in doubt.

This is my favorite day to volunteer as a research assistant because there are so many people to help. It is great to see so many new folks starting or continuing their research in our library. Volunteers help those who lack computer skills and those who want assistance searching the databases we offer, such as Ancestry.com. They are also happy to share their knowledge of the many resources the library offers which are not on the internet. Research assistants will help someone new to genealogy in getting started or the more experienced in breaking through brick walls.

You, as members, can help by spreading the word about Free Monday. We would like to have as many people as possible become familiar with the GFO, and this is a great way to do it.

—Laurel Smith

Seeking Ideas!

- What could the GFO do to better meet your needs as a member?
- What could the GFO do or offer that would help you in your research efforts?
- What changes or improvements can you think of?
- What new services might we provide?

Any suggestions or feedback you give us could help us serve you better. Email us at info@gfo.org or call 503-963-1932 and leave a message. Thanks for helping to make the GFO a better organization for you, our members.



The “Why” of Genealogy

Thomas MacEntee, Flip-Pal mobile scanner ambassador, is a genealogy professional specializing in the use of technology and social media to improve genealogy research and as a way to connect with others in the family history community. He shares his thoughts on why we search for our ancestors. (Used by permission.)

As I’ve become more involved in the genealogy community and I’ve built up my own genealogy-related business, I find I am often asked to give interviews. I like being interviewed and I will reply to almost any request for an interview as long as the questions are genealogy-related and it helps bring more people into the family history community.

In addition, after moderating many panels for genealogy conferences and events, plus hosting my own radio show, it is fun to be on the other end of the microphone, as it were, providing my thoughts on genealogy.

The Question: Why Do You Do Genealogy?

Invariably, one question is almost always on the list provided by the interviewer: “Why do you do genealogy?”

My usual response “Well, why not do genealogy?” gets a few laughs, but really doesn’t stress the importance of why I and millions of others are obsessed with tracing their ancestry and heritage. Do you ever get so wrapped up in the “hunt” that you sometimes lose focus as to why you want to know more about your ancestors? Is “doing genealogy” such a large part of your life that the motivational factors sometimes defy description? Do you have trouble putting into words what researching your roots means to you?

I’m Not Crazy, Really. I’m Just Genealogy-Obsessed

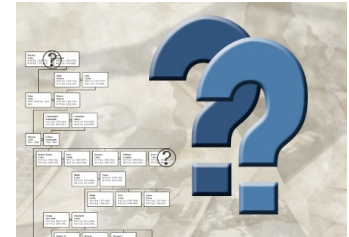
Many of my friends not only call me “genealogy obsessed,” but whenever I mention my latest find or how I recently visited a cemetery, they think it is just one more mile post on the road to “Crazy Town.”

They fear that I’ve become the equivalent of an ancestor “hoarder” and that they’ll have to tunnel through 20 years’ worth of genealogical records to find my body one day. When I use terms like “citing sources” or “ahnentafels” to them I may as well be speaking in tongues. The fact that I can draw a four generation tree of my family from memory does not mesmerize them. It only gives them hard evidence in the form of a written document to be used when and if I should be committed.

I don’t think it is really that bad. However, when I attempt to explain the things I do (which seem normal as a genealogist), I get frustrated. It is like trying to explain to someone why you follow a certain spiritual path or a specific faith.

Genealogy Is a Journey of Faith

Could the passion for genealogy actually be similar to one’s own faith, one’s own spiritual compass? In my eyes, faith is something that evolves over time, just as one’s passion/obsession for genealogy also evolves. Both represent a journey often to a destination unknown. Let’s look at the similarities...



- If we’re lucky, we discover genealogy when we are young, either through an older family relative or at school.
- Our family members may have stressed the importance of knowing our heritage, of telling family stories and sharing old photos.
- We may have dabbled with different hobbies in college, but we always came back to genealogy.
- We attend weekly or monthly gatherings where we meet with other genealogists and discuss what genealogy means to us.
- Our community has leaders and those who preach about various aspects of genealogy. Some are so popular that we pack classrooms and worship them as idols.
- We keep the family traditions and place them in context by explaining to others in the family the origins of certain customs and practices.
- Old documents and records not only feed our obsession, but we often hunger for more and are willing to volunteer our time indexing them and advocating for their unfettered access.
- You know another genealogist either when you see them or the minute you start talking to them. There is a certain kinship, a certain bonding as you swap surnames and discuss your brick walls.

See, it really isn’t such a far-fetched an idea after all. Genealogy brings meaning to our lives in so many ways that, again, we can’t often explain it, even to our close loved ones. It is a path, a journey and has its own strange practices and routines.

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So how do you put all this in words when attempting to answer that “why” question? It might just be easier to “show” rather than tell. I’ve learned that once I can show a person photos, stories and how my ancestors fit into history, I get to see that arched eyebrow, or that glimmer in the eye. Then I know I’ve started to make sense.

Report on Catalog Migration

The migration of the old library catalog to the new MARC-based OPALS system is progressing.

Substantial processing has been done to change data from the old FileMaker Pro database format to the newer MARC record format which is the current standard for libraries, but more work remains. We are also taking advantage of this chance to standardize some of the information that was entered by many volunteers over the years.

When we are done, it should be relatively fast and easy for the OPALS support company, MediaFlex, to convert our data and merge it with the new items already in the new catalog.

The Sunday morning work parties have also contributed by doing inventories of most of our special collections, such as Rare Books, City Directories, Oversize Books, and Atlases, so that volume and location information can be updated to be more accurate.

While the migration is ongoing, new library items are already being added to OPALS catalog which can be accessed from any web browser at home or in the library at gfo.ind.opalsinfo.net or by using a shortcut on the desktop of any of the



computers in the reading room. There are currently about 400 items in the new catalog.

Recently added items can be found by using the link on the home page. More information on the New Items page can be found in an article in the October *Insider*.

—Becky Clark

Milwaukie Stake Family History Conference 2013

Saturday, November 9, 9 am - 5:15 pm

8331 Cason Road, Gladstone, OR 97027

- Keynote Speaker: Hannah Allen, Oregon Historical Society
- No cost to attend
- Free lunch will be provided for pre-registrants
- Pre-registration is available online through November 6
- Walk-ins welcome, on site registration at 8:30 am
- www.milwaukiefamilyhistoryconference.blogspot.com/

Interest Group News

Irish Interest Group

Saturday, November 16, 12 noon - 2 pm
(Please note: time was incorrectly stated in the October issue.)



The topic for the November meeting will be “Irish Research and Breaking Down Our Brick Walls.”

Genealogy Book Group

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



We will be discussing the book, *Reunion: A Search for Ancestors*, by Ryan Littrell. A real-life account, *Reunion* shows how our ancestors just might still be a part of us, and how our story began long before we were even born.

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Interest Group News (cont.)

Family Tree Maker Interest Group

Sunday, November 17, 1 pm - 3 pm

Due to popular demand, the FTM group will again look at sources and citations in November. Documenting your sources – where you found the information about your family – is one of the most important steps in genealogical research. What do you do when Aunt Mabel is your source? How do you indicate that your source is a gravestone? And what's the difference between a source and a citation? All these questions, and more, will be answered by Steve at the upcoming meeting. We hope to see you there.

There will be no FTM meeting in December, but we will continue in January. The topics we cover in 2014 will be up to you, so speak up and let us know what you want to learn about. If you are new to FTM, don't miss the *Beginning Family Tree Maker* class on November 6th.



Illinois and Its Neighbors Interest Group

Saturday, November 9, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

The emphasis of this meeting will be on "Getting to Know Indiana."



British Interest Group

Saturday, January 25, 1 pm - 3 pm

"Parish Records" will be the topic offered by longtime British Group member Duane Funk on Saturday, January 25th.



In September, members enjoyed a field trip to the Museum of the Oregon Territory in Oregon City, followed by bangers and mash or fish and chips next door at the Still House Pub.

We meet four times a year at the GFO. If you have British Ancestry, join us for one of our meetings. Leader: Lyleth Winther, lylethw@gmail.com.

Interest Group Meeting Times and Contacts

British

4th Saturdays of
Sep, Jan, Mar, May
1 pm - 3 pm
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Computer

3rd Saturdays of
Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct
10 am - 12 noon
Daphne Garrison
degarrison@gmail.com

DNA

4th Saturdays of
Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct
10 am - 12 noon
Emily Aulicino
aulicino@hevanet.com

Family Tree Maker

3rd Sundays monthly
1 pm - 3 pm
Laurel Smith

bearpair@comcast.net

Stephen Morgan
ceanothus1@comcast.net

Genealogy Books

2nd Saturdays monthly
11:45 am - 12:45 pm
Bonnie Randolph
bbrandolph@clear.net

German

1st Saturdays monthly
Sep through Jun
1 pm - 3 pm
Nanci Remington
nancicr@comcast.net

Illinois and Its Neighbors

2nd Saturdays of
Jan through May, Sep through Nov
9:30 am - 11:30 am
Kristy Gravlin
hannah@teleport.com
Harlene Patterson
harlene5@yahoo.com

Irish

3rd Saturdays of
Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov
12 noon - 2 pm
Suzanne Lemon
slemon46@yahoo.com

Virginia

1st Saturdays monthly
Sep through Jun
10 am - 12 noon
Judi Scott
judiscot@gmail.com
Carol Surrency
lcsurr@gmail.com

Writers' Forum

2nd Saturdays monthly
Sep through May
1 pm - 3 pm
Peggy Baldwin
peggy@familypassages.com

Classes & Programs

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

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

Getting From Then to Now: Locating People in the Last Century

Sat., Nov. 16, 2 pm - Free Monthly Program - *Leslie Brinkley Lawson*

Learn skills to help you find those missing people in the last century, how to reassemble their lives, and how to figure out where they went and where their children are today. We'll touch on databases available on the internet, as well as other reference sources to help you find your way.



A forensic genealogist, Leslie has done genealogy research for attorneys across the United States. She has a range of experience from proving family lines to reuniting family members, as well as proving parentage for those unable to speak due to injury or disability (dementia, Alzheimer's, schizophrenia). Leslie currently serves as the President of the Council for the Advancement of Forensic

Genealogy and President of the Oregon Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists. Visit her website: www.LawsonResearch.net.

Beginning Family Tree Maker

- *Laurel Smith*

Wednesday, November 6, 8:30 am - 9:30 am and 7 pm - 8 pm

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

Ancestry.com and Google

- *Nanci Remington*

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

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

Tax Deduction

The GFO membership fees are 100% tax deductible in keeping with our 501(c)(3) nonprofit education status.

If you make a matching donation to the Oregon Cultural Trust, you may also be eligible for an Oregon tax credit. www.culturaltrust.org.

State Websites

Death indexes by state

www.deathindexes.com

Vital records by state - National Center Health Statistics

www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm

Vital records by state and county

<http://vitalrec.com/>

Arizona State Records

<http://genealogy.az.gov/>

British Columbia Archives VRs [search-](http://search-collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Genealogy/BasicSearch)

[collections.royalbcmuseum](http://collections.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/Genealogy/BasicSearch)

[.bc.ca/Genealogy/BasicSearch](http://bc.ca/Genealogy/BasicSearch)

Idaho State Death Index

<http://abish.byui.edu/>

[specialCollections/famhist/](http://specialCollections/famhist/index.cfm)

index.cfm

Illinois State Archives

www.cyberdriveillinois.com/

departments/archives/databases

Indiana State Library

www.in.gov/library/genealogy.htm

Kansas Historical Society

www.kshs.org

Minnesota Historical Society - vital records

www.mnhs.org

Missouri State Archives

www.sos.mo.gov/archives

Ohio Historical Society Archives

<http://www.ohiohistory.org/>

resource/statearc/

Oregon Historical Society

www.ohs.org

Oregon State Archives

<http://genealogy.state.or.us/>

South Dakota State Historical Society Archives

<http://history.sd.gov/archives/>

Washington Cemeteries & Obits

www.sos.wa.gov/library

Washington State Digital Archives

www.digitalarchives.wa.gov

Western States Marriages to 1928

<http://abish.byui.edu/>

[specialcollections/westernstates/](http://specialcollections/westernstates/search.cfm)
search.cfm

If you have favorite websites to share, please email them to insider@gfo.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Editors for the Bulletin

Editors are needed for the quarterly *Bulletin* on a rotating basis with each issue assigned to one person as the editor for that issue. Interested candidates will participate in the editing process with the current editors to ensure continuity. This job requires a person with a knowledge of writing and a strong interest who is willing to make a substantial time commitment each year. Contact Judi Scott at judiscot@gmail.com.

Layout for the Bulletin

This job requires someone familiar with appropriate software, such as InDesign and Adobe Acrobat Pro, who can do layout for the quarterly *Bulletin*. Contact Judi Scott at judiscot@gmail.com.

Book Cataloging

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

Book Sales

Book sales are taking off, and it's great because we can use the money and we certainly need the space these books now occupy. Our team of two needs your help. This is an ongoing project, so it calls for volunteers that can help on some sort of regular basis, whether once a week or once a month, but the

day and time is up to you. Training will be provided and procedural "cheat sheets" are available. Scanning and data entry need to be done for eBay sales. Book pricing is another area where you could make a big difference. Basic computer skills are all that is needed for the interested volunteer. Please contact Helen Smith at booksales@gfo.org or leave a message at 503-963-1932.

Print shop

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

Education

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

Manuscripts

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

Research Assistants

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

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Volunteer Opportunities (cont.)

Research Requests

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

Data Extraction

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

Historic Columbian Cemetery Extraction Project. The GFO has been asked to help with extracting the records of the Historic Columbian Cemetery. Several card files filled with 3x5 cards have been scanned and indexed. The data now need to be proofed before the

index is put on our website. Also, help alphabetizing the 3x5 cards at the GFO would be much appreciated. This task needs to be done before proofreading starts on the extracted records.

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

Scanning at the GFO. Additional loose obituaries and newspaper clippings have been donated and need to be scanned, as well as four bankers boxes of death certificates, church cards, and other miscellaneous items. The scanning needs to be done before the items are indexed.

Marriage Record Lookups

Check the GFO marriage records index online at www.gfo.org. Request a photocopy of the original Multnomah County marriage record. Years currently available online: 1855 - 1904.

Obituary Lookups

The Northwest Oregon Obituary Index of area clippings collected by the late Lottie Gurley is online! Go to www.gfo.org to find your ancestor and request a photocopy of the obituary.

The fee for each record request is \$5. Mail your exact request and payment with your return address to:

Obituary Collection Lookup, or Multnomah Co. Marriage Lookup
Genealogical Forum of Oregon
2505 SE 11th Avenue, Ste. B18
Portland, OR 97202

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Around the GFO

September Financial Report

In September we received a \$200 donation earmarked for the manuscript collection and other donations totaling \$120. Membership income was \$1,562, Fall Seminar attendance fees were \$913, and we received \$225 in guest fees, \$70 for research, and



\$68 in surplus book sales. Total income was \$3,667.28.

We paid \$68 for our safe deposit box for the year (and did an inventory of it as well), purchased a computer set up for the library workroom (processor, monitor, printer, and cables - \$585.19), paid for the airfare for our Fall Seminar speaker, sent out the *Bulletin* and the *Insider*, received toner supplies for the

reading room printer, and had total expenses for the month of \$6,342.94. There was a net loss of \$2,675.66 for the month. The total loss for the fiscal year now stands at \$7,604.54.

We have \$85,981.12 in general monies and \$162,687.25 in Endowment fund monies for a total of \$248,668.37.

- Richard Crockett, Treasurer

A Sample of Over One Thousand Books for Sale at the GFO

To raise funds the GFO sells duplicate books received by donation and other books removed from the collection for various reasons. Anyone interested in receiving a complete list should email booksales@gfo.org. Updated lists are sent out about once a month.

1818 Index Original Land Patents Brown Co, Ohio pamphlet, \$6

1839 Wagon Train Journal - Travels in the Great Western States, \$8

50 States and Their Local Governments, The, \$5

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Abstracts of Old Ninety-Six and Abbeville District Wills and Bonds, \$73

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Sat 11/2	10 am Virginia Group	Mon 12/2	Free Monday	Wed 1/1	New Year's Day
	1 pm German Group	Sat 12/7	10 am Virginia Group		Library Closed
Mon 11/4	Free Monday		1 pm German Group	Sat 1/4	10 am Virginia Group
Wed 11/6	8:30 am <i>Beg. FTM Class</i>	Tue 12/10	6 pm Board Meeting		1 pm German Group
	7:00 pm <i>Beg. FTM Class</i>	Sat 12/14	12 pm Writers' Forum	Mon 1/6	Free Monday
Sat 11/9	9:30 am	Sat 12/25	Christmas	Sat 1/11	9:30 am
	Illinois and Its Neighbors Group		Library Closed		Illinois and Its Neighbors Group
	11:45 am Gen. Book Group				11:45 am Gen. Book Group
	1 pm Writers' Forum				1 pm Writers' Forum
Sun 11/10	1 pm <i>Ancestry & Google</i>			Tue 1/14	6 pm Board Meeting
Tue 11/12	6 pm Board Meeting			Sat 1/18	12 pm Irish Group
Wed 11/13	10 am <i>Ancestry & Google</i>				2 pm Free Program
Sat 11/16	12 pm Irish Group			Sun 1/19	1 pm FTM Group
	2 pm Free Program			Sat 1/25	10 am DNA Group
	<i>Getting from Then to Now</i>				1 pm British Group
Sun 11/17	1 pm FTM Group				
Thu 11/28	Thanksgiving				
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