Half-Day Workshop
Saturday, Aug. 5 • 9:30 a.m. to noon
Genealogical Forum of Oregon

Tips and Tricks:
Finding What You Need and Making the Most of What You Find

With so much information available to us today, it can be hard to know how to find what we're looking for, or how to take full advantage of it after we've found it. Discover an assortment of techniques that can help you search the internet more successfully, extract those useful genealogical nuggets from your documents, access what you've found after you've filed it, and evaluate your evidence. We'll look at tools for locating overlooked records, understanding codes in documents, recovering missing websites, finding evidence of name changes, and much more.

Genealogical Pits I Have Fallen Into and How to Avoid Them!

Genealogy is a great treasure hunt, but sometimes the clues are easy to misunderstand, or to miss altogether. We'll look at eight pitfalls that can get us into trouble, and discuss strategies for dodging these traps so they won’t keep you from reaching your goals.

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Questions? Contact education@gfo.org or 503-963-1932.
Hardware, Printers, and Routers – Oh My!
Introducing the GFO “Reboot” Campaign!

Everyone’s time is valuable, and no one should have to fight equipment to get results – especially GFO’s patrons. After all, researchers are the reason GFO exists! Many GFO Library visitors come in specifically to use the computers to access the online database collections we provide – like Ancestry.com, Fold3, FindMyPast, Newspapers.com, and others. These folks know that our current computers are slow – really slow – and our patron printer is on its last legs. Faster, more reliable technology will make every GFO visitor’s online research faster, easier, and more trouble-free. It’s our hope, with your help, to make this happen.

Some time ago, GFO switched to faster Internet service; however, until recently we did not have the routers necessary to provide the speed we were paying for. Now, thanks to very generous donations of expertise and equipment, the GFO has received and installed two new routers for the library, significantly improving access to the high-speed connection. The improvements also allow more people to be online without significantly reducing speed. Thank you donors!

To take advantage of our high-speed Internet connection and our two new routers, the next step is to replace out-of-date patron computers which were never configured to receive Internet data so quickly. The 2017–18 GFO budget includes $1,500 for three new computers, and another PC has already been generously donated – so we’re off to a great start!

We’re seeking your help to purchase six new computers (about $500 each) and a new laser printer ($400) devoted to patron print jobs – a complete IT upgrade for GFO patrons. Without your help, this will take two to three years to accomplish.

Won’t you please consider helping? If you want to sponsor the purchase of a new computer or the printer – that’s great! And we thank you! We all know that many of us are not in a position to be so generous, but lots of smaller donations can quickly add up – so won’t you please give what you can to our Reboot campaign? It’s easy!

You can donate using a credit card on our website: www.gfo.org. Donations can also be made on PayPal to payments@gfo.org (Dot org, not dot com.) You can send a check to: GFO – Reboot ● 2505 SE 11th Ave., B-18 ● Portland, OR 97202-1061. And of course you may drop off any donations at the library.

Whatever the method, please be sure to tell us it’s for the Reboot Campaign.

Thank you so much for your support!
Events and Conferences

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Pam Vestal
Genealogical researcher, writer, and lecturer

2017 International Germanic Genealogy Conference
July 28–30, 2017   Brooklyn Park, MN

Northwest Genealogy Conference
August 16–19, 2017  Arlington WA
Including free beginning genealogy class. Space is limited. https://stillygen.org/cpage.php?pt=50

Save the Dates (Registration will open in July)
Mary Kircher Roddy Half-Day Workshop September 9, 2017
Finding Your People: Indexes & Bagging a Live One
CeCe Moore Seminar & Workshop October 14–15, 2017
DNA

SWITCHED AT BIRTH: Unraveling a Century-Old Mystery with DNA
Saturday, September 16, 2–4 p.m.
GFO Library
Alice Collins Plebuch
Free & Open to the Public

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Help Find Robert Lloyd Graham
A Mystery and A Challenge For All You Sleuths

Laurel Smith

The GFO is trying to help an elderly gentleman to find out when and where his father, Robert Lloyd Graham, died. He would also like to know if he has any half siblings. There’s been no word on the father since 1961 when he was said to be in Spokane.

He has been conducting this search for at least 10 years, researching and posting queries online. He recently hired a genealogist, but she’s hit a brick wall. About the only thing I could think to try that might yield results was social media—getting many folks working on it. Somewhere there’s an answer, we just haven’t found it yet.

Please help us search. Share with anyone you think can help: share the post, share the web page, especially with people in Spokane (and all of Washington) and Arkansas and wherever. Maybe work with friends to puzzle out new ideas. Let’s pull out the stops to see if we can get some traction on the search.

You can consult the timeline, sources, and the images which consist of censuses and marriage documents, but no photos. Files can be accessed at: http://gfo.org/find-rl-graham.html

Thanks for your help.

Questions and (hopefully) findings can be sent to RLG@gfo.org. Information GFO receives will be shared weekly on our website.

Remember to “Like” us on Facebook. This is how the world shares things and we’d like to remain vibrant. Your “Likes” help us reach more people.

Recently Added Surplus Books For Sale!

We have over 1,000 surplus books for sale at GFO, but if that sounds like too many to browse, here is a link to just those added in the last month.

https://gfoorg.presencehost.net/file_download/inline/f97399d4-9465-4a30-96a1-e1f7132c3cb6

Email us at booksales@gfo.org for more information.

1940 and 1950 Census Enumeration District Maps Online

Did you know? The 1940 and 1950 census enumeration district maps are online in the National Archives Catalog. Go to https://catalog.archives.gov/advancedsearch and where it says search term – type in “enumeration district map (your state {or} your county)” and where it says “Record Group Number” - type in “29”. If you want to limit to one of those census years, you can add 1940 or 1950 to the search term. Confused? Try this sample search: “1950 enumeration district map cuyahoga” [Note: searches on other years may not turn up any maps, though there are other documents.]

Claire Kluskens, National Archives and Records Administration
Jerry Zimmer

“For many years, Jerry has been the driving force behind binding GFO’s periodicals. He patrols the shelves looking for complete years or volumes of newsletters that need binding. Lately, he’s been getting lots of binding requests as the GFO collection is re-cataloged and re-organized. Showing additional support, Jerry also donates many of the supplies for the binder. We’re grateful for all you do, Jerry. Thank you.” (That’s Jerry and his Lego relatives.)

Jackie Olson

“Jackie Olson stepped up to help several years ago when the previous Forum Insider editor resigned. She consistently produces an attractive publication filled with interesting content. The Insider’s publication timeline is tight, and many times she receives information at the last minute, and she is always adaptable to making last minute adjustments to the publication before printing. She attends the Board of Director’s meetings in order to become aware of current information so she can keep our readers informed. Thanks, Jackie.”

Marti Dell

When I first started doing genealogy many decades ago, I was taught to keep a log so that I didn’t duplicate my efforts. That was a good idea then and is still a good idea. However, I think things have changed a bit in this modern technological age. Although it is still very true that not everything is on the Internet (the estimation is that less than 10% has been digitized), there is a lot of information currently available there.

This made me realize recently that it is prudent to re-check your work and sources every couple years. I have two recent examples. A few years ago, I did extensive research on my paternal great-grandfather and was able to get a lot of information. But I had never seen a photograph of him. Last month, I reviewed that research and found that some records pertaining to him had been consolidated and moved to a state archive where more information had been added. I sent a request to the archive and they actually had a photograph of him, which they sent to me. I was thrilled.

My second example illustrates the importance of doing your own research, even if someone else you consider trustworthy has already done it. My mother did research years ago, and we knew that one of her great-grandfathers had been naturalized (he emigrated from Canada). However, when she tried to find his naturalization, she was told that the records, kept at the county courthouse were lost when it had burned. I never followed up on this and believed that they were lost forever. This particular brick wall has been in place for more than 50 years. As a birthday gift to my mother, I recently hired a professional genealogist to see if she could break through. One of the first things she found were the “burned” naturalization records – in another repository where a copy had been sent. This revealed a wealth of information including the names of his parents, confirmation of a brother, and contact with current descendents of that brother. My search continues to find out more about his sisters and parents.

These two recent incidents brought home to me very forcefully that it is no longer true that you are spinning wheels when you recheck some of your previous research. Additional information may be available now that was not accessible before.
Sanborn Maps – New Digital Additions in Library of Congress

There is a resource that, with a few colors, numbers, and text, can evoke a neighborhood in a glance. Sanborn maps, designed for fire insurance evaluations, have long been a favored resource for historians, genealogists, and urban planners. A new source of digital maps is a welcome event: this time it’s the Library of Congress.

From their site: The Library of Congress has placed online nearly 25,000 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, which depict the structure and use of buildings in U.S. cities and towns. Maps will be added monthly until 2020, for a total of approximately 500,000.

The online collection now features maps published prior to 1900. The states available include Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Alaska is also online, with maps published through the early 1960s. By 2020, all the states will be online, showing maps from the late 1880s through the early 1960s. (Other non-digital maps are held in the LOC.)

The Sanborn Fire Insurance Map Company began operations in 1866, surveying and printing maps that show buildings within their blocks, each building described in intricate detail. The purpose was to provide information on fire liability for agents who sold fire insurance policies. By studying the maps’ symbology and descriptive text, the agent could see not just the vulnerability of a particular building or business, but its setting in respect to the neighboring buildings and the fire-fighting resources on the block.

The maps were published in large atlas folios, with a street index and map showing the sheet numbers. The folio was sold as a subscription service to agents. The maps were completely resurveyed and reissued every 10 years, a snapshot of that date.

Over the intervening years, the company would resurvey the area and issue updates to the pages. The updates were sections of a printed map that could be cut out and glued on top of the existing page. You can see an example of this to the left. In this small section there are at least seven overlying pieces of paper. Dating a page with updates can be tricky, since there are no dates on the replacement surveys. The most reliable method would be to assume that all information is current as of the initial publication date, or to give a decadal range for the sheet: for example, 1910–1919 (in 1920 a new book would be issued). Between snapshot years, the updating of pages may be inconsistent, depending on the owner’s subscription, and their diligence in pasting in new material. Building uses, structure changes, or additions may have occurred over the decade without a change being recorded in the books.
The Sanborn Maps continue

The Sanborn company is still active, though not in fire insurance maps. They retain archives for approximately 12,000 American cities and towns – that’s more than 1.2 million maps!

What can you learn from the maps? Each building is shown in outline, some with interior partitions and stairways or elevators; construction material (brick, stone, wood), windows, number of stories, and sometimes the roof type; type of business or residence, name or type of business and street address; types of materials that might pose an increased risk of fire (solvents, paints, etc.); heating method (coal in basement) and more.

They also provide a panorama of the cultural and business settings of the time. You can see the shops in the family’s neighborhood, the entertainment venues, schools, and more. One example of historical change: in studying 1920s Portland, the downtown stretch along the river listed only a handful of horse/wagon enterprises, indicating that the automobile had nearly completely taken over transport.

Looking for more Sanborns online? One trick I found was to type in a search for “sanborn [place name]”, using town, county, or state for the place name. Sometimes they’re located at a local university, historical society, a state library, or even a private collection. You may need to search several sites to find a particular year.

More resources:
- Wikimedia Commons (https://commons.wikimedia.org) has some scans.
- ProQuest Digital Sanborn Maps, 1867–1970 subscription through some public and academic libraries.
- Sanborn Maps, Environmental Data Resources, Inc. www.edrnet.com/sanborn – pay site
- There are some scans in the David Rumsey Map Collection: http://www.davidrumsey.com/

The Library of Congress has several reading resources on the maps: https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/articles-and-essays/introduction-to-the-collection/

This site has a very good explanation to reading Sanborns: http://cardinalscholar.bsu.edu/bitstream/handle/123456789/193970/Maps_and_Cartography_Sanborns.pdf

Pay It Forward – Share Your Tips, Stories, Tools, and Other Insights!

*Liz Stepp*

We’ve all heard wonderful stories, discoveries, tips, tools, and advice from fellow researchers. We’re hoping you’ll share some of your own success stories with us – big or little! Maybe you toppled a brick wall in a surprising way or perhaps you’ve developed a strategy that others would find useful. Let’s tap our collective knowledge and pass it on to help others.

Here’s one to start us off: While researching early 19th-century Wiltshire, England, I encountered a type of record that was new to me – a removal order. This record contained the individual’s location at the time of the order as well as his likely place of birth – opening up a new research lead.

According to FamilySearch Wiki, poor law records span both “old” (1601–1834) and “new” (1834–1948) poor law timeframes, a period of almost 350 years. Under the decentralized old system, individuals and families who were unable to support themselves would be sent back to the parish where they were born. The local poor law parish had an obligation to pay for relocation and to provide some kind of support for those born there. Assuming they met certain basic requirements, people established a right, based on a principle known as legal settlement, in that local parish area. Wives took their husbands’ legal settlement status upon marriage.

These kinds of records can be valuable for researching people such as rural farm laborers, lesser-skilled workers like weavers, or others who would likely not otherwise show up in records, such as wills or probate, records more common to more affluent people. And before the Industrial Revolution, when people flocked to urban industrial centers seeking employment, much of the population lived in rural areas.

So, got a tip, story, discovery, cool website, tool, or other insight? Don’t be shy – please share them with us! It’s simple. Take a moment and send a note to news@gfo.org. Fellow GFO members will thank you!
Charles Booth’s Poverty Maps of Victorian London

If you saw the PBS video series Victorian Slum House, you might remember a discussion of the maps that delineated the city’s enclaves of poverty and wealth.

Created by the social researcher Charles Booth in the 1880s and later, they are the result of a statistical survey, street by street, of London. Inhabitants were classified by their economic status, and the block color-coded to reflect the general class standing. It’s an impressive achievement that became a blueprint for increasing efforts in the era to alleviate poverty.

The base map is also a useful tool for the historian: the level of detail goes down to building outlines. Places labeled include schools, churches, parks, community halls, institutions, docks, warehouses, and some of the businesses. Scanning the map shows the structure of the society, and the closeness of neighborhood life.

The maps are an appendix to several volumes describing the data collection and statistical analysis. The first, called Life and Labour of the People, was published in 1889. Download the maps at two collection sites: 1) David Rumsey Map Collections – the maps are offered whole in several image resolutions (http://www.davidrumsey.com/, search “Charles Booth”, and choose the largest export file to be able to read the map labels), and 2) the London School of Economics. Note that the LSE map downloads are copyright, for personal use only. The LSE archive also has much to read on Charles Booth’s London, his works and his original notebooks (https://booth.lse.ac.uk/).

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s report for the period ending May 31, 2017. Richard Crockett

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Special Interest Groups’ Summer Schedule

During the summer months many of the Special Interest Groups take a break, with no meetings planned. Please check the calendar online to find whether your group will meet. The Virginia, Writing, British, Learn-and-Chat, and other groups have indicated no meetings through August.

Special Interest Groups [http://gfo.org/learn/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

### 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 – 10 a.m.–12 p.m. – Jeanne Quan jeannequan3@gmail.com

### 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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Southeast Interceptor Sewer Repair

For the next year, repairs on a deteriorating deep interceptor sewer line will interrupt traffic on streets in the vicinity of the GFO library. The map shows one of the work areas (the other is north on Grand Ave). You may experience lane closures, slow traffic, and occasional delays. Parking may be affected if local on-street parking is blocked off. Allow extra time to arrive and to find parking on some busy days.

More information at: [https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/68796](https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/68796)
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