



THE Forum Insider

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Virtual Open House Is an Educational Adventure!

Our Free Annual Event Features 23 Presentations Over Eight Days

This year's Virtual Open House begins Saturday, March 26, 2022, and continues through Saturday, April 2, 2022. Many of our Special Interest Groups (SIGs) will have presentations showcasing their areas of interest. In addition, we have speakers from across the United States offering content on research techniques, ethnic research in the U.S. and beyond, valuable databases and how to use them, recording our family members'

memories, using social media to make connections, and an entire day devoted to DNA.

Our acting president, Laurel Smith, will kick off this adventure on Saturday, March 26, at 10:00 a.m. (Pacific Time) with an introduction to all the resources available at the GFO. We end our Open House with a presentation by FamilySearch's Fritz Juengling, Ph.D., AG®, on Saturday, April 2, at 1:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)

entitled "German Dialects and What They Mean for the Researcher."

Please review the 2022 Virtual Open House Flyer on page 4 for presentations you may be interested in (and feel free to download our flyer and share it widely).

You must register for each presentation individually. To register, visit the [2022 GFO Virtual Open House](#) website or click on the presentation links on the [GFO calendar](#).

Spotlight on SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

British and Irish Special Interest Groups

According to the 2000 United States Census, when the question of ancestry was asked, 12.5% of the population claimed British (English, Scotch-Irish, Scottish, and/or Welsh) ancestry. An additional 10.9% claimed Irish ancestry. If anything, these numbers likely undercount Americans with ancestry from these countries.

As part of the *Forum Insider's* continuing series highlighting our Special Interest Groups (SIGs), we feature two active SIGs that cater to those with an interest in British and Irish genealogy.

In addition, during our upcoming [Open House](#) we will have topics featuring British and Irish ancestry: "The Society of Genealogists (national genealogical society of Britain) Website" and "Irish Vital Records in the 19th and 20th Centuries." Everyone is welcome.

BRITISH SIG

The British Special Interest Group meets at 1–3 p.m. (Pacific Time) on the fourth Saturday of the following odd months (January, March, May, and September, with no meetings in July or November).

The SIG focuses on researching in the United Kingdom: England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland (Ulster) after 1922. We discuss history, geography, genealogical sources, and problem solving. We try to have speakers who provide interesting experiences or online databases useful to our U.K. research.

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Submissions to *The Forum Insider*: Please send short success stories, news, announcements, comments, and corrections to Geri Auerbach and Keri Logan, editors, at insider@gfo.org.

New Home Committee to Meet

Join Us in Forging the Path to Permanent Home

The New Home Committee is dedicated to finding the path to a permanent home. GFO currently has a great below-market deal on our lease, but someday that runs out. Wouldn't it be great to own our building and use the rent money to buy more books or technology instead?

We invite you to join a small team to figure out how we get there. We especially need members with some experience in fundraising, finance, commercial real estate, and publicity.

We started this initiative a little over a year ago, and in that time, GFO has received over \$100,000 in donations earmarked for this purpose.

NEW HOME

the time has come



gfo.org/newhome

The committee will meet Tuesday, February 22, 2022. If you are interested in joining us, please contact geoff.smith@gfo.org.



Thank You

FOR YOUR SUPPORT
We couldn't have done it without you!

GFO Exceeds Appeal Goal

Our wonderful donors came through in a big way during our Annual Appeal. The GFO had the ambitious goal of raising \$30,000.00 this year to address our current needs and ongoing projects. As of publication of the February issue of *The Forum Insider*, the total amount received is \$35,234.30. We appreciate your support!





The GFO was named to FamilyTree Magazine's list of best state and U.S. territory web sites. Click [here](#) for the announcement and full list of sites.

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SPOTLIGHT ON
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS, FROM PAGE 1

We normally meet for two hours and try to save an hour or so to discuss brick wall problems. For more information and some useful links, please visit the [British SIG](#) webpage.

The British SIG will have a presentation at GFO's [Open House](#) on March 26, 2022, at 1 p.m. (Pacific Time). We are planning a presentation on the website of the Society of Genealogists, which is the national genealogical society of Britain.

The British SIG is facilitated by Duane Funk. To attend a meeting, contact Duane at uk@gfo.org.

IRISH SIG

The Irish Special Interest Group meets five times each year on the third Wednesday of the even months: February, April, June, August, and October (with no meeting in December) from 6–8 p.m. (Pacific Time).

Attendance on Zoom is about 20–25 people from all over the U.S. We often present an educational piece during the first hour and spend the last hour making suggestions for brick walls that were submitted in advance or research questions of attendees. Recent topics for our presentations have included topics such as researching records in Ireland, the United States, or Canada; exploring a particular website; or learning about a genealogy technique. We recently explored how to create a research plan, and then worked through an example of one. We will conclude this three-part series in February 2022 by crowdsourcing ideas for submitted brickwalls.

On our page at [GFO Irish Ancestry Group](#), we have included handouts for “Useful Websites for Irish Research,” “Crafting an Irish Research Plan,” “Irish Naming Conventions,” and lastly, “Irish SIG Brick Wall Submission Checklist.”

All meetings are free and open to the public.

Fáilte (Welcome).

Register in advance for meetings at bit.ly/3Fe17Ui or on the [GFO calendar](#).

The Irish SIG team:
Moderator/Leader – Karen Hubbard
Program Chair – Erinn Sears
Secretary – Peg Kenaga

GFO's Open House Marks Its 70th Year

Did you know the GFO held its first Open House on Monday, 12 May 1952? It was held in room A at the Multnomah County Central Library. The first Open House (or open meeting as it was called that year), offered David C. Duniway, the Oregon State Archivist, speaking on “Paths of Western Migration.” Also available to peruse were books, family histories, and charts “arranged to show various steps in locating a family tree and will be of interest both to the serious minded genealogist and to those curious to see how ‘ancestor hunters’ work.”¹

Although the number of presentations and mode of delivery of those presentations have changed over these past 70 years, the goal of providing free genealogical education to the curious and the “serious minded” continues.

1. “Genealogists Invite Public,” *The Oregonian* (Portland, Oregon), 4 May 1952, p. 11, col. 1.



Get Help at PMUG Clinic

Every Tuesday Evening
6:00pm – 7:30 pm via Zoom

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- For info on how to attend, contact us at:

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A WEEKLY EVENT BY THE PORTLAND MACINTOSH USER GROUP

GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON



Virtual OPEN HOUSE

REGISTER AT [GFO.ORG/OPENHOUSE](https://gfo.org/openhouse)

23 FREE CLASSES

MARCH APRIL

26-02
2022

SAT, MARCH 26

Introducing the GFO

10 a.m.–12 p.m. PT | Laurel Smith

The Society of Genealogists Website

1 p.m.–3 p.m. PT | Duane Funk

SUN, MARCH 27

Techniques for the People Workspace and Managing Media in Family Tree Maker

1 p.m.–3 p.m. PT | FTM Special Interest Group

French Canadian Genealogy: How I Got Started

3:30 p.m.–5 p.m. PT | French Canada Special Interest Group

MON, MARCH 28

Resources for Getting Help at FamilySearch

9:30 a.m.–11 a.m. PT | Becky Adamson, AG®

How to Get the Most Out of NGSQ Articles

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. PT | Alexa Waddle

Cześć Grandma! Finding your Polish Ancestors

1:30 p.m.–3 p.m. PT | Katerina Schmidt

The Hidden Treasures Utilizing Newspapers

4 p.m.–5:30 p.m. PT | Eric Vaughn

TUES, MARCH 29

Getting Help Solving Tough Research Problems

9:30 a.m.–11 a.m. PT | The Brick Wall Team

How and Why to Record Your Oldest Relative's Life Story

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. PT | Leslie Gold

Finding German Records

Online at Archion and Matricula

1:30 p.m.–3 p.m. PT | Gina Palmer, AG®

Irish Vital Records in the 19th and 20th Centuries

3:30 p.m.–5 p.m. PT | Barbara Lynch Schrag

WED, MARCH 30

The Modern U.S. Federal Census: 1850–1950

10 a.m.–11:30 a.m. PT | Geri Auerbach

The United States Colored Troops

12:30 p.m.–2 p.m. PT | Lyn Rasmussen, CG®

En la Capilla: Navigating Hispanic Church Records

2:30 p.m.–4 p.m. PT | Hailey Wentz

THURS, MARCH 31

Great White North 101

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. PT | Racheal Minns Kay, AG®

Online Resources for Black American Genealogy Research

1:30 p.m.–3 p.m. PT | Janice M. Sellers

Using Social Media Networking Platforms and DNA Matches to Find Living Connections—A Case Study

3:30 p.m.–5 p.m. PT | Annette Adams

FRI, APRIL 1 DNA DAY

DNA Testing: The Y-DNA, mtDNA, and atDNA Basics

9 a.m.–10:30 a.m. PT | Emily Aulicino

Compare DNA Companies: 23andMe, AncestryDNA, FTDNA, My Heritage, and LivingDNA

11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. PT | Tim Janzen

You've Got DNA Test Results! Now What?

1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. PT | Lisa McCullough

SAT, APRIL 2

Bounty Land: A Grant of Free Land from a Government, Given to Citizens

10 a.m.–12 p.m. PT | Judith Beaman Scott

German Dialects and What They Mean for the Researcher

1 p.m.–3 p.m. PT | Fritz Juengling Ph.D., AG®

Multnomah Coroner Records Available Online

Keri Logan

Finding a death certificate is often a high priority for genealogists. The death of an ancestor is the event nearest in time to the present. It pays, however, to remember that an individual's death may generate other records, such as coroner's reports.

The Multnomah County Archives has coroner records from 1894–1965. The records from 1 July 1894–11 June 1923 are digitized and available on its [website](#) and at [FamilySearch](#).

The county coroner investigated killings, sudden deaths that may have been caused by criminal means, and suicides.

Coroner's records do not include all deaths, but any death of an individual not under the care of a doctor may have been investigated. For example, P. A. Bergman, a 30-year-old man who died in November 1895, was determined to have perished from natural causes, specifically heart disease. The records may contain name, age and birthdate, address, place of birth, cause of death, verdict of jury, burial notes, and more.

The coroner's records have not been digitally indexed by either the Multnomah County Digital Archives or FamilySearch, but the records themselves have an alphabetical index at the start of the record book.



James Kintrea grave marker, Columbia Pioneer Cemetery, Portland, Oregon. Photo courtesy of Keri Logan.

HOW TO USE THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CORONER'S RECORDS

For this tutorial, we will look for the record for James Kintrea, who was buried at Columbia Pioneer Cemetery, Portland, Oregon.

Multnomah County Digital Archives

Begin at the [Multnomah County Digital Archives](#). Type "County Coroner" in the search box (Image 1).

Choose the second option "Record of Coroner's Investigations, 1894–1923" for the most direct route to the records (Image 2).

Each page is an individual digital image. The first 36 images are index pages. All surnames beginning with a certain letter are listed together, but the names are not alphabetized beyond the first letter. You must search the entire list for your name, but generally, names listed near the top are for earlier death dates. For James Kintrea, use index image 17, which lists surnames beginning with K (Image 3). (See the info box on page 6 for a list of index pages and their corresponding letters.)

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Image 1.

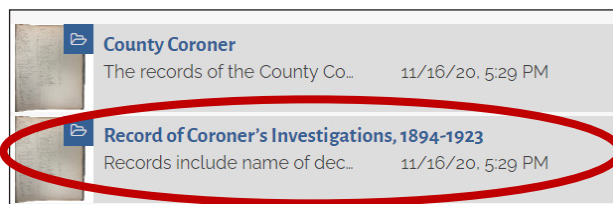


Image 2.

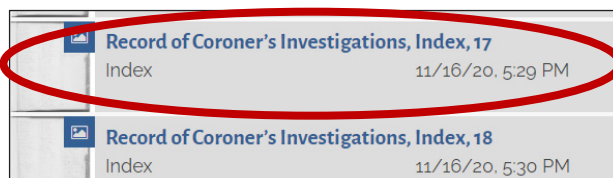


Image 3.

By looking through the index list, you can determine the page number for your person of interest. “Jas. Kintrea” will be on page 62 (Image 4).

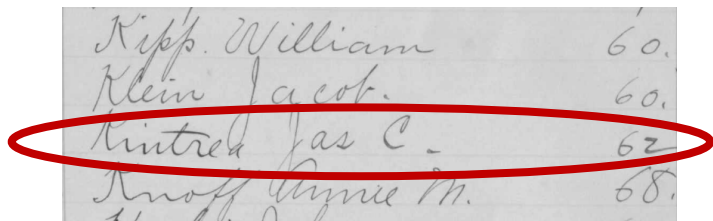


Image 4

Using the “Search Within” box in the middle of the Archives page, enter “062” to pull up the image for page 062 (Image 5). [Pro Tip: Using zero(s) before numbers that are less than three digits will limit search results.]



Image 5

Once the page has loaded, click the download icon to download the page to your computer.



FamilySearch

If you prefer to use FamilySearch’s platform, the records can be accessed through their catalog. You will need to be logged in to your free account to access the images. Go to the “Search” drop-down menu and choose “Catalog.” On the catalog page, choose to search for “Titles” and enter “Oregon, Multnomah County, coroner’s records, 1894-1923” in the search box. Note that the records are in the “preliminary” stage and have not been reviewed. Some errors include a missing page for surnames beginning with A and repeats of pages for surnames beginning with C and D. To access the images, click on the camera icon.

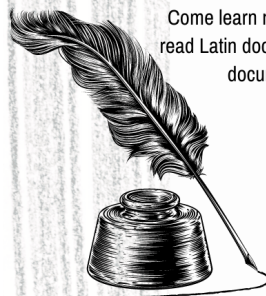
County Coroner Records Index Images–Letter Correlations

Image Nr	Letter	Image Nr	Letter
01	A	22	N
03–04	B	23	O
05–06	C	24	P
07	D	25	Q
09	E	26	R
10	F	27-29	S
11	G	30	T
12–13	H	31	U, and Unknown individuals
14	I	32	V
16	J	33-34	W
17	K	35	Y
18	L	36	Z
19–20	M		
21	Mc		

Note: Some pages are blank, and there is no index for "X."

INSTRUCTOR:
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Free Latin Handwriting Series



Come learn resources, strategies, and basic Latin grammar to read Latin documents. Get practice transcribing and translating documents and discuss problems that you encounter.

Times: (All times are Mountain Time)

- Mar 21, 2022 01:00 PM
- Mar 22, 2022 01:00 PM
- Mar 23, 2022 01:00 PM
- Mar 24, 2022 01:00 PM
- Mar 25, 2022 01:00 PM

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HERE

Sharing Is the Lifeblood of Genealogy

The GFO strives to bring resources to our community’s fingertips. We have digitized more than half a million pages from our stacks. But that’s not the only way we receive content to share. Recent unique collections have been generously donated from our members. Three new items will be accessible to the public, and one collection has been added to our MemberSpace:

- **Onslow County, North Carolina Deed Book 1779-1785 Abstract and Index:** GFO Life Member and former library chair Stephen Wayne Turner discovered a deed book for Onslow County, North Carolina on FamilySearch that had never been indexed. He created a 30-page index with brief accompanying abstracts that he has generously shared with the GFO. This [index](#) is freely available in the “Indexes” section on our website.
- **Military service record of Thomas F. Frewen:** Another GFO member has donated the digital 12-page military service record of an ancestor, a member of the First Pennsylvania Infantry during the Spanish-American War. This record is available in the [GFO catalog](#).

- **Church Records of Mount Tabor Methodist Episcopal Church:** These records were discovered in a church vault and loaned to the GFO by a member of the Montavilla Methodist Church. They will be scanned, indexed, and placed in our public pages as soon as possible.
- **Men of New England:** This rare book compiled by Winfield Scott Downs in 1947 includes biographic detail, family histories, and even some pictures. More than 1,900 names of both men and women are included in the index. The GFO member who owns the book has donated the index to our MemberSpace and will provide a copy of specific profiles to GFO members. Access the index in MemberSpace > Indexes.

Perhaps you have some painstaking work you would like preserved. Or maybe a treasure is languishing in a box or on a bookshelf. Sharing is a wonderful way to honor your ancestors, preserve history, and give back to the genealogical community. If you would like to make available resources on our public pages or in our MemberSpace, please contact library@gfo.org, and we can help you make it happen.



GFO Member Meeting Followed by

Here Comes the 1950 Census!

Mar. 19

- 2:30-2:45 Member Meeting
- 2:45 GenTalk

with **Joel Weintraub**

FREE REGISTRATION
gfo.org/gentalk

FREE Virtual GenTalk / Genealogical Forum of Oregon

Reunited!

GFO Members Find Album Owner

When a neighbor found an old photo album near an abandoned house in southwest Portland, he passed it on to GFO member Nanci Remington. The album contained baby pictures (with a name). There were other family members in some of the photos and addressed envelopes with birth announcements for children born in the 1930s.



Research found information about the family and indicated the baby in the photo

was still alive and living in Coos Bay. But all contact information was out of date. That's when GFO member Darrell Gulstrom came to the rescue. A native of Coos County, Darrell posted the information on a Coos Bay Facebook page, and soon found where the man in the photos, now in his 90s, was living. Not only that, Darrell delivered the album to him that same week! Though he couldn't visit the resident in person at the retirement community, Darrell was sent a photo. Another success story!

Run for GFO Board

The GFO prides itself on being entirely run by volunteers. This year, we have three positions up for election: President, Secretary, and Director at Large.

The GFO needs you!

These are vital roles to fill. Active and engaged members keep GFO thriving.

Board members must be GFO members in good standing and agree to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2022. Responsibilities include attending at least nine of our 12 monthly board meetings each year and submitting monthly reports. Currently, board meetings are virtual.

No prior nonprofit board experience is necessary. Please contact president@gfo.org if you would like to know more about these positions.

If you would like to attend a Board meeting to experience how the Board conducts the business of the GFO, please send an email to our secretary, Alexa Waddle (alexa.waddle@gfo.org) to receive a Zoom link to that month's meeting. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR RESEARCH AFTER YOU'RE GONE?
PATRICIA BURROWS

FEBRUARY GENTALK MOVED TO
Apr 16 @ 2:30 PT
FREE REGISTRATION:
gfo.org/gentalk

Nominations Requested for GFO Hall of Fame

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon has established the Hall of Fame Award as a way to honor members who have performed outstanding service and shown exceptional leadership skills on behalf of the Forum. The award is limited to one person per year, except in the case where a pair of members has worked together.

A nomination may be made by any Forum member, and the recipient will be selected from the panel of nominations by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The recipient must have a well-documented history of service, leadership, and accomplishment in more than one facet of the Forum over a significant period of time.



An official biography will be prepared from the data submitted and will be presented to the recipient for verification prior to the publication of the award.

Schedule

February: Newsletter announcement about nominations including criteria.

April: Nominations presented to the Board.

May: Board selects a recipient, prepares the plaque, and orders a life member badge.

June: Award presentation at the Annual Membership Meeting.

July: Publication of official biography in newsletter.

Procedure

Any member may nominate another member for the award in writing. A nomination must be submitted to the Forum President (president@gfo.org) and should include the following:

1. Name and member number.
2. List of services, activities, positions, and accomplishments.
3. A narrative describing the nature of their work in terms of its importance to the success of the Forum.
4. A short biography.

All areas of service will be examined and may include, but not be limited to, serving as an officer or Board member, chairing a major committee, special interest group, research committee, or data development committee, serving as a research assistant, or performing other responsibilities. Other important activities to present might include publishing their own books, teaching, giving presentations, and developing publications or electronic GFO products such as online databases or CDs. The Board will review the information on all nominees and may consider nominations carried forward from a previous year.

The Board will select the one which, in their judgment, is the most deserving. The Board may decline to select a recipient if the available nominations are found to be inadequate or if no nominations are received. Information submitted for nominees who are not selected for the award will be retained by the Secretary for possible use in future years by the Board.

An honorary life membership is given to the recipient.

Treasurer's Report

TREASURER@GFO.ORG

December 2021 Income	
Donations	\$29,196.47
Memberships	\$7,737.00
Seminars & Other Programs	
Library & Research	\$43.00
Book Sales & Misc. Income	\$836.00
Interest & Dividends	\$1,998.70
Total	\$39,811.17

December 2021 Expense	
Administration	\$3,327.76
Publications	\$29.99
Seminar fees	
Facilities & Equipment	\$5,274.97
Library & Research	
Total	\$8,632.72

Net Income for the month	\$31,178.45
Year-to-Date Net Income	\$26,484.86

Donor Restricted Donation:	\$2,606.82
Unrealized gains	\$10,625.93
Endowment Donation	\$373.63
Total adjustments	\$13,606.38



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

gfo.org/learn/special-interest-groups

SIG meetings occur virtually in Pacific Time. They are open to the public. Check the calendar (gfo.org/calendar) for meeting dates and registration links. When registration links are not on the calendar, contact the SIG leader or email gfoevents@gfo.org.

AFRICAN AMERICAN GROUP

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BRITISH GROUP

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DNA – Beginners

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DNA – Advanced

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DNA Q & A – The Basics

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Special Topics for February SIG Meetings

VIRGINIA GROUP

Saturday, February 5, 2022

10 a.m.–12 p.m. Pacific Time

Candice Buchanan, Reference Librarian at the Library of Congress will present “Local History & Genealogy Research” at the Library of Congress. This presentation highlights the collections, services, and resources available at the Library of Congress, including the size of our collections, a brief history, basic genealogical research methods, how to search our online catalog, and digital collections available from home. [Register](#) in advance for this online meeting.

IRISH GROUP

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

6–8 p.m. Pacific Time

“Creating a Research Plan For Your Irish Ancestors: Part 3–Brick Wall Crowdsourcing”

Join us for the third of a three-part series, presented by Erinn Sears, that will help guide you in your journey to creating an effective research plan to track those elusive Irish ancestors. [Register](#) in advance for this online meeting.

FRENCH CANADA GROUP

Sunday February 20, 2022

3:30–5:00 p.m. Pacific Time

The topic this month is DNA—the tool, which products we have used, and how it helps our tree. [Register](#) in advance for this online meeting.

DNA BEGINNERS

Saturday, February 26, 2022

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Pacific Time

“X-Chromosome: The X-tra Special Chromosome.” This is a requested repeat from 2020. Learn how the X is inherited differently for women and men. Learn to use the X-chromosome Fan Chart to assist in determining the common ancestor. Receive various tips and warnings about the X. Time for questions will be allowed as well as questions on other topics. [Register](#) in advance for this online meeting.



January

Kerry Tymchuk and Oregon Historical Society



We would like to honor Kerry Tymchuk and the Oregon Historical Society as our GFO Star for January. Their generous offer of a complimentary 2022 Family Membership to everyone who joined or renewed their GFO membership in December 2021 was a wonderful boost for us. Our membership team processed a record number of enrollments and renewals during the month, and GFO members were thrilled with the opportunity. Thanks as well to Tara Cole for her assistance, and to all the OHS staff, who we are sure, have been swamped by the response.

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Great Lakes Facilitator Steps Down

The GFO would like to thank Fran Hart for her amazing work with the Great Lakes SIG since May 2020. She has stepped down from this role and will be missed. However, if you are interested in Great Lakes research, don't fret, the group will continue with Nicki Matushak as facilitator.

Fran attended her first Great Lakes Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting on March 14, 2020. It proved fortunate for the Great Lakes SIG. It was meant to be their last meeting because former facilitator Lynn Rossing had moved to Wisconsin. Amidst the goodbyes of a group that Fran had just met, she asked what was needed for a SIG leader and immediately volunteered.

Cue a global pandemic and the library shutdown a few weeks later. Fran was left floundering as all meetings were canceled. She recouped quickly and led the group through a critical time as SIGs switched to online meetings. She adjusted wonderfully,

offering nine presentations on such topics "Three Unique Families of Kane County, IL," and "Tinker Tailor Soldier Troublemaker: Phelps Family line from War of 1812 to the Gilded Age," as well as bringing other speakers to her online meetings with varied presentation themes like "Minnesota ancestor in the Canadian Scottish Regiment of WWI," and "Early Norwegian Immigration to Wisconsin."

She is most proud of her presentation in September 2020, which was the first time that she shared the story of her first great grandfather, Prof. John J. Hart, a Civil War soldier who guarded Lincoln's casket and was 1st Violinist of Cleveland Conservatory of Music.

Fran is grateful for getting to know the group members and hearing their stories. Thank you, Fran, for all your hard work. We welcome Nicki to the team and look forward to more great meetings of the Great Lakes Special Interest Group.

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GFO FEBRUARY 2022 ONLINE EVENTS

Check the calendar for the URL to participate in online events: gfo.org/calendar

Wednesday, February 2

10 a.m.–12 p.m. Learn & Chat

Saturday, February 5

10 a.m.–12 p.m. Virginia Roots and Vines
1–3 p.m. German Group

Tuesday, February 8

6:30–8:30 p.m. Board Meeting

Thursday, February 10

6–7 p.m. The Q Review

Saturday, February 12

1–3 p.m. Writers' Forum

Wednesday, February 16

10 a.m.–12 p.m. Learn & Chat
1–3 p.m. DNA Q&A: The Basics
6–8 p.m. Irish Group

Saturday, February 19

9:30–11:30 Genealogy Problem Solvers
12–2 p.m. African American Ancestry

Sunday, February 20

3:30–5:30 p.m. French Canada Ancestry

Monday, February 21

1–3 p.m. Access to GFO Records

Saturday, February 26

10 a.m.–12 p.m. DNA Beginners

Sunday, February 27

1–2:30 p.m. Italian Ancestry
