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Reminder: Keep Your Private Data Private at the Library

If you use your own personal login to access a website at the GFO Library, please be sure to log off when you are done.

We don't want someone coming to the same computer after you and accidentally messing up your family tree information stored on a site like Ancestry.

Recently, we found three people signed in an hour after they left the library. Since the reminder stickers on each computer may not stand out enough, we're offering this reminder here as well.

GFO's May 2019 Star Remi Newhouse

You could not ask for anyone more organized than Remi Newhouse.

He has singlehandedly launched our online sales of a variety of donated items.

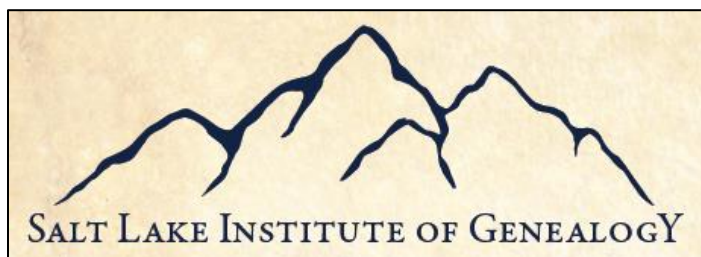
In addition, Remi's a data extraction dynamo, having aptly applied his skills to indexing our Multnomah County Marriage Record books. These are among the GFO's most valuable, unique resources and indexes will open them to the wider world.

We couldn't ask for better help than Remi is giving to the GFO.

Thank you, Remi!



Genealogy Events in Salt Lake 2019 & 2020 Have you registered yet?



Don't miss out on these three upcoming Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) events.

- ☉ **SLIG Virtual (Fall 2019)** offers in-depth education in the comfort of your home. Class topics include "All-DNA Advanced Evidence Analysis Practicum," "Intermediate Foundations," and "Nordic Part II - Swedish and Finnish."
- ☉ **SLIG Silver Anniversary (January 12-17, 2020)** offers opportunities to "Elevate Your Genealogical Education to New Heights."
- ☉ **SLIG Academy for Professionals (January 20-24, 2020)** is the perfect chance to "Take Your Professional Skills to New Heights."

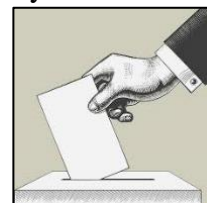
Registration for all these great events is available online: slig.ugagenealogy.org.

2019 Election Results

The following newly elected GFO Board members were successfully installed at the Annual Meeting on June 16th:

- * Erin Randall is GFO's new Treasurer.
- * Julie Ramos will be the new Director-at-Large.
- * Marti Dell is GFO's new Vice President.
- * Doug Henne continues on our Endowment Committee.
- * Bylaws amendment passed to Clarify Titles, Numbering, Officer Roles & Modify Articles V & VI (read full text online: gfo.org/bylaws2019).

Please help us welcome our new and returning officers. The new term for these officers begins July 1st.





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Wednesday..... 9:30 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday..... 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.
Sunday..... 12 noon–5 p.m.
1st Monday each month till 8 p.m.

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Submissions to *The Forum Insider*: Send comments, corrections, news, short success stories, and announcements to LauraDenise White and Ruth Summers, editors, at insider@gfo.org or leave messages at the GFO desk, 503-963-1932. Please provide submissions two months ahead of time for inclusion in the next publication's issue.

GFO Helps Restore Collection for the Burned Genealogy Library in Paradise, California

Last year, the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California history swept through Butte County and the town of Paradise. The blaze destroyed nearly 19,000 structures, including the Paradise Genealogical Society's library.

The Paradise Genealogical Society has since found a new facility and wants to begin rebuilding its library. We at the Genealogical Forum of Oregon are fortunate to be in a good position to help.

We have many surplus books which we sell to generate income. From these we selected more than 550 excellent resources that we're donating.



Paradise Genealogical Society after the fire.

Volunteers came in two Sundays in May to sort and inventory everything to insure we're sending books of value to Paradise. Our contributions covered all regions of the country, plus some resources for the United Kingdom. In addition, we donated brand new copies of all of the GFO's 55 publications, which we print in-house.

In early May, we extended a challenge via social media to all the other genealogical societies on the west coast. Readers immediately responded, and some offered more books. The Clark County Genealogical Society thought it was a great idea and brought us 13 boxes of books to take down with us.

On June 13th, we drove 28 boxes of books to a half-way point in Medford where we met Carol Sutherland and Joyce Higgins from Paradise.

They're elated by the generosity. They headed home with the building blocks of a new library.



Paradise Genealogical Society before the fire.



GFO volunteers sort book donations to rebuild Paradise library.



GFO President Vince Patton gets ready to deliver 28 boxes of books to Paradise.



Joyce Higgins and Carol Sutherland of the Paradise Genealogical Society receive GFO's donations.

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ADDING HISTORICAL CONTEXT TO YOUR GENEALOGY RESEARCH:

A Hands-On Approach

14 July

Half-Day Workshop

Adding historical context to our genealogical research makes it richer, more interesting, and helps to explain some of the changes in our families. But if you aren't a historian how do you know when there is an opportunity for adding history to our research? In this workshop we will:

1. Practice identifying items, events, and topics ripe for historical research.
2. Once the questions have been asked, we will learn how to find those answers.
3. Finally, we will discuss how to add this new-found information to our family's history.

9:30 a.m. - Noon

GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON

Kate Eakman

Kate Eakman holds an MA in History from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with additional graduate work in history and education. She spent 20 years as a college history instructor, and today is a Senior Researcher and Team Lead for Legacy Tree Genealogists. Kate has made genealogical presentations across the U.S., and is the author of two articles for the *APG Quarterly*.



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Register and pay online at **GFO.org**. Or complete the form below and mail it in along with your check or PayPal confirmation number to **GFO, 2505 SE 11th Ave. B-18, Portland, OR 97202.**

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HALF-DAY WORKSHOP with Kate Eakman 9:30 to noon - Jul. 14 - GFO Library	EARLY REGISTRATION By June 30, 2019		REGISTRATION After June 30, 2019		AMOUNT
	Member Price	Non-Member Price	Member Price	Non-Member Price	
Adding Historical Context to Your Genealogy Research	\$20	\$25	\$25	\$30	
Add paper copy of Syllabus	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	
Questions? Contact education@gfo.org or 503-963-1932.					TOTAL



Anna Mary Burnett Martin

Liz Porter

Sometimes in your genealogy research you find answers, or at least a clue, and sometimes you struggle for what seems like forever, without success.

My great-great-grandmother Anna Mary Burnett Martin has been one of those people that has fascinated me in my research. I know that she came to Oregon in 1843 with her uncle Peter Hardeman Burnett and his wife, Harriet Walton Rogers, and family. Family lore is that Aunt Harriet was very “sickly” and was advised by doctors to leave Missouri and go out west to a better climate. This in itself might have killed her, but no. That’s another story.

Stay focused ... back to Anna Mary.

I knew that my great-great-grandmother was the daughter of George William “Billy” Burnett, and Billy the brother of Peter. I knew that their mother was Dorothy Hardeman, the source of Peter’s middle name. So, in my search for more information about Anna Mary, and researching both the Burnett and Hardeman surnames, and Oregon Trail resources, I decided to see what I might find at the GFO library. So off to the GFO stacks I went.

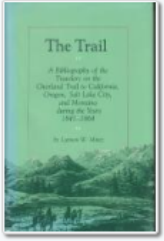
This time I decided to focus my search in the “Trail” section of GFO’s Northwest Collection. There are so many books about many trails, so I narrowed my attention to the “Trail Diary” books. I rationalize that, if nothing else, I can read some narratives to get the feel of the excitement and danger of coming to Oregon through the wilderness.

One item caught my eye. It was *The Trail: a bibliography of the travelers on the overland trail to California, Oregon, Salt Lake City, and Montana during*

the years 1841-1864 by Lannon W. Mintz. I went straight to the index. I looked for Martin; nothing. I checked Burnett, and there were three entries referencing Peter H. Burnett’s book, which wasn’t what I wanted. Next, I looked for Hardeman, and there was a Nicholas Perkins Hardeman, entry #66. Flip, flip, flip went the pages, until there it was! Nicholas Perkins Hardeman had written a book entitled *Wilderness Calling: The Hardeman Family in the American Westward Movement, 1750-1900*.

The trail : a bibliography of the travelers on the overland trail to California, Oregon, Salt Lake City, and Montana during the years 1841-1864
 Author: [Mintz, Lannon W.](#)
 Related Names: by Lannon W. Mintz.
 Format: Book
 Subject:

- [Overland journeys to the Pacific -- Bibliography.](#)
- [West \(U.S.\) -- Description and travel -- Bibliography.](#)
- [West \(U.S.\) -- History -- To 1848 -- Bibliography.](#)



Wow! I needed to get my hands on this. The GFO didn’t have it, but when I got home, I checked Powell’s Books, and they had one copy. I ordered it immediately, to be delivered to their Hawthorne location. In two days, I had the copy in my hands, and I just have to say ... I’m still on cloud nine.

This book, as it states, covers the time between 1750 to 1900. And how cool is this? My research overlaps with the Burnett family from 1810 to present. The excitement is not only being able to fill in names and dates, but this book tells where, when, and why the Hardeman family moved. It also tells how the Burnett cousins were included in this movement, this hunger, to go west.

So, in conclusion, the GFO has made it possible for me to find this gem. I encourage any and all researchers to look to the books in the GFO Library. These are a great resource, and you never know what you may find.



Member Dues Rise July 1

	Now	After
Individual:	\$45	\$47
Joint:	\$68	\$72
Life Individual:	\$750	\$875
Life Joint:	\$1,000	\$1,220

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**Renew Early
Beat the Dues Increase**



Member Dues Rise July 1st

Renew Early Before the Increase

Effective July 1, 2019, our annual member dues will increase to help us catch up with our organizational costs. **We encourage you to renew before July 1st, to lock in this year’s lower rates.**

If you would like to convert from Standard to Life Membership, you can reduce the amount you pay equal to the time left on your current membership. **Please email membership@gfo.org before the end of June 2019 to ask us to calculate your prorated dues.**



Portland Probate Records Now Available: 1852-1901

GFO is pleased to unveil a new index to Early Oregon Wills, Probate Intestate Estates, and Oregon Guardianship records from the first half-century of Multnomah County, Oregon.

These records were compiled as abstracts back in the 1930s and 40s by local members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. They had never been indexed until GFO volunteers Eileen Chamberlin and Loretta Welsh began the task several months ago.

Included in the index are names of the deceased and their heirs, as well as indication of whether the heir was out of the state or country. Browse or order a copy on our website at <https://gfo.org/resources/indexes/vital-records/multnomah-county-probates.html>.



Algorithms in the Archives

By Emily Mercer

Martha Ballard, a midwife in Maine, wrote in her diary every day for twenty-seven years, beginning in 1785 when she was fifty years old (“About the Diary,” n.d.; Blevins, 2010). Her diary can now be found at the Maine State Library, and it has become the subject of research for primary source accounts of life during the 18th century (“About the Diary,” n.d.). For example, Laurel Ulrich published a book in 1991 analyzing the diary and its many story lines, which was said to be a very exhaustive project (Blevins, 2010).



Then, in 2010, Cameron Blevins, an assistant professor at Northeastern University, used computational analysis techniques to analyze Martha Ballard’s diary, specifically using the approach of *topic modeling*, “a method of computational linguistics that attempts to find words that frequently appear together within a text and then group them into clusters.” (Blevins, 2010, n.p.) Topic modeling is able to scan hundreds of thousands of documents and map words together based on context in order to create interpretable topics of grouped words.

Using this method, the researcher has the capability to set the variable of how many discrete topics they want to generate. Topic modeling does not rely on language

learning or knowing the meaning/proper spelling of a word (Blevins, 2010; Templeton, Brown, Bhattacharyya, & Boyd-Graber, 2011), so the resulting items pulled from the source material by the algorithm are shown exactly as they appear in the original documents. The topic modeling algorithm then creates the topics based on the source material. The algorithm groups the words and the human researcher can then assign topic headings from the lists of words pulled out of the source material by the algorithm (Blevins, 2010; Block, 2006).

To demonstrate, here are some of the topics (in bold text below) that Blevins created from Martha Ballard’s diary, followed by the words that the topic modeling algorithm grouped together.

- **MIDWIFERY:** birth deld safe morn receivd calld left cleverly pm labour fine reward arivd infant expected recd shee born patient
- **CHURCH:** meeting attended afternoon reverend worship foren mr famely performd vers attend public supper st service lecture discoarst administred supt
- **DEATH:** day yesterday informd morn years death ye hear expired expird weak dead las past heard days drowned departed evinn” (Blevins, 2010, n.p.)

Blevins was also able to track topics across time and individual entries, which accurately predicted the overarching theme of individual entries and detected trends over the span of Martha’s life. For example, topic modeling was able to identify the increasing theme of housework and emotion as Martha aged (validated by the themes that Ulrich’s more labor-intensive work had previously found), and was able to identify themes about weather patterns which matched with the season the entry was written in (Blevins, 2010).

In another example of the usefulness of the topic modeling algorithm, Sharon Block, an author and history professor and University of California, Irvine, remembers reading hundreds of microfiche newspapers word for word and counting references to her research topic in the 1990s (Block, 2006). Twenty years later, Block enthusiastically shared her collaboration with computer scientists from University of California Irvine about “this new technique [which was designed to] allow scholars to use digital archives not just to *access* increasing numbers of documents but to *analyze* those documents in entirely new ways.” (Block, 2006, n.p.) Block used topic modeling to analyze all *Pennsylvania*



Gazette newspapers from 1728-1800 (Block, 2006). Topic modeling revealed that the *Gazette*'s articles and advertisements were typically about economics (specifically land, shipping, sales) and politics (Block, 2006).

Topics can also be linked with correlated documents, demonstrating that “beyond using this as a subject-based finding aid, researchers can get a better sense of a topic’s definition from a ranked list of the documents most likely to contain a given topic,” (Block, 2006, n.p.), which in effect removes indexing bias. As a result, the topics emerge from the collection itself, not from an archivist or librarian many years removed from the event (Block, 2006). A great example of this is:

“Throughout the eighteenth-century *Gazette*, the word *slavery* is most highly associated with two topics that are both related to Revolutionary ideals and government forms: 1) country men people liberty friend let man world god ever life mind virtue ... and 2) right great people power law colony act without britain subject country america liberty ... These associations suggest that readers of the *Pennsylvania Gazette* were far more likely to see discussions of the concept of slavery in relation to the rhetoric of political enslavement than in relation to the actual enslavement of Africans (Block, 2006, n.p.).”

In a genealogical context, a tool such as topic modeling could help a researcher understand the larger emerging themes from very large sets of correspondence. Reading individual letters, we gain an ineffable sense of personality, irreplaceable for the researcher who finds correspondence from their direct family line. Yet there is also a wider perspective, of our ancestors existing as a part of a larger sociological whole. Tools like topic modeling could help us understand the cultural context in which our ancestors lived, and thus the conditions that gave rise to our own.

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Blevins, C. (2010). Topic modeling martha ballard’s diary. Retrieved from <https://bit.ly/31o6AVV>.

Block, S. (2006). Doing more with digitization: An introduction to topic modeling of early American sources. *Common-Place*, 6(2). Retrieved from <https://bit.ly/2X90OZf>.

Templeton, C., Brown, T., Bhattacharyya, S., & Boyd-Graber, J. (2011). Mining the Dispatch under Supervision: Using Casualty Counts to Guide Topics from the Richmond Daily Dispatch Corpus. In *Chicago Colloquium on Digital Humanities and Computer Science*. Chicago, IL. doi.org/10.1093/nar/gkw075.

Meet the Oregon Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists

The Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) is an international organization dedicated to supporting people who are engaged in genealogy at a professional level. APG’s efforts include advocacy, collaboration, education, and the promotion of ethical standards within the genealogical profession.

In Oregon, we work together at the local and state levels to help each other and the general public with their genealogical needs. While our primary focus is on genealogical research, APG is also comprised of

speakers, writers, librarians, and archivists. We have different areas of expertise, such as DNA, heir research, specific geographical areas of interest, and various historic periods.

If your society or organization has a need for a speaker, we would be glad to help. We can also staff “Ask an Expert” panels or a booth or table at a seminar or conference to spread the word about a local resource that may be new to many genealogy enthusiasts.

For more information about APG, go to www.apgen.org. For more information about the Oregon chapter and what we can do for you, contact Tricia Oberndorf at obiegenealogy@gmail.com.





Nanci Remington Named to GFO Hall of Fame

This year, the board is proud to name Nanci Remington as the GFO's 2019 Hall of Fame honoree.

We've almost lost track of all the hats Nanci Remington has worn during her decade of volunteering at the GFO.

Nanci is more than just a Research Assistant. She has her own fan club. Patrons make a point of coming down on days they know she will be at the library.

If someone writes to info@gfo.org, she's the awe-inspiring person who answers, frequently going out of her way to research questions and to provide friendly, helpful, fact-filled answers.

Several years ago, when the education chair stepped down, she filled that role admirably for several years. She planned the Open House for several years and has always been willing to provide wonderful classes on a variety of subjects.

For two years running, an Open House speaker canceled at the last minute, and she stepped up and improvised one-hour classes as though she had fully-prepared presentations ready to go.

When the Seminars Committee lost a co-chair, she stepped in to fill the gap, and ended up as the only chair for a couple of years. The seminars became much better organized as a result.

A while back, when there was a plea to start a German Special Interest Group, she started one and led it for several years. Under her leadership, it became one of the best-attended groups at the GFO.

And when donated manuscripts had overtaken every shelf, file cabinet, and hall space, she formed the Manuscripts Committee to deal with the deluge. She continues to this day as co-leader of this team as they shift, inventory, purge, scan, and create online finding aids—all to make the treasures within available to researchers worldwide.

But wait, there's more!

For years, she has provided interesting and informative articles for *The Bulletin*. Most recently, when an editor was needed, true to form, she stepped in, and is doing an exemplary job of moving items through the ranks of editors and proofreaders while also fact checking and managing communications with the authors.

Our good fortune seems to be that if she burns out of one role, Nanci always seems to pop up in another.

For her true leadership, service, and accomplishments, we are proud to add the name of Nanci Remington to the GFO Hall of Fame.



Meet GFO's 2019–2020 Board Members



We're so excited to welcome our new and returning GFO Board members! From left to right in the back row: President Vince Patton, Vice President Marti Dell, Library Chair Laurel Smith, Secretary Geoff Smith, Technology Chair Richard Crockett, and Manuscripts and Insider Co-Chair LauraDenise White. From left to right in the front row: Director-at-Large Julie Ramos, Treasurer Erin Randall, Purchasing, Research, Data Extraction, and Publishing Chair Loretta Welsh, Director-at-Large Joyce Grant-Worley, Education Chair Kristin Parks, and Membership Chair Jane McGarvin.



New Books at GFO

Lots and lots of new books have been received. Many are donations, some are purchases or the result of trades with other libraries.

Maybe the answer to your brick wall lies within these pages. Come on in and see what they reveal:

Currer-Briggs, Noel. *Huguenot Ancestry*.

- (GFO Library call number 284.5 Curr)

Wayne, Debbie Parker. *Advanced Genetic Genealogy: techniques and case studies*. Cushing, Texas, Wayne Research, 2019.

- (GFO Library call number 616 Wayn 2019)

Peterson, Gerald H. *The Lucero de Godoy family of New Mexico: from the founder Maese de Campo Pedro Lucero de Godoy through the seventh generation*. Albuquerque, NM, New Mexico Genealogical Society, 2018.

- (GFO Library call number 929.2 Lucero Pete)

Hedges, Caroline P. *From Bavaria to Sagebrush Flats: the family of Joseph and Mary Ann Meyer*. [Soap Lake, Wash.?], [C. Hedges?], 1989.

- (GFO Library call number 929.2 Meyer Hedg)

Metcalf, Clayton G. *A study of Metcalfs, Andrews & Smith*. Enterprise, Ala, Metcalf, 1979.

- (GFO Library call number 929.9 Metcalf)

Tracing your Roman Catholic ancestors: a guide for family and local historians.

- (GFO Library call number 941 .Church Cath How-To Raym 2018)

Tracing your ancestors through the equity courts: a guide for family and local historians.

- (GFO Library call number 941 .How-To Court Equi Moor 2017)

Criminal children: researching juvenile offenders 1820-1920.

- (GFO Library call number 941 .How-To Crim Chil Watk 1820-1920)

Criminal women 1850-1920: researching the lives of female criminals in Britain and Australia.

- (GFO Library call number 941 .How-To Crim Women Will 1850-1920)

The American Revolution: as described by British writers and the Morning chronicle and London advertiser.

- (GFO Library call number 941 .Mil-Yr 1775-1783 News)

Smith, Fay Jackson. *Captain of the phantom presidio: a history of the presidio of Fronteras, Sonora, New Spain, 1686-1735, including the inspection by Brigadier Pedro de Rivera, 1726*. Spokane, Washington, A.H. Clark, 1993.

- (GFO Library call number 972.17 Fron .Hist-Au Pres Smit)

Gleanings from the Christian advocate and journal, and Zion's herald, September 1827-August 1831.

- (GFO Library call number 973 .Church ME News 1827-1831)

African-American community studies from North America: a classified, annotated bibliography.

- (GFO Library call number 973 .Ethnic black Bibliog Hay)

Black biography, 1790-1950: a cumulative index. Alexandria, Chadwyck-Healey, 1991.

- (GFO Library call number 973 .Ethnic Black Biog)

Places of their own: African American suburbanization in the twentieth century.

- (GFO Library call number 973 .Ethnic Black Migr 1900-1999)

A bibliography of Negro migration.

- (GFO Library call number 973 .Ethnic Black Migr Bibliog Ross)

Forgetting Ireland.

- (GFO Library call number 973 .Ethnic Irish Conn)



Another Look at the Women in Your Family Tree



GenTalk

Genealogical
Forum of Oregon

Saturday,
August 17
2:00 p.m.



“Why don't I recognize all those names on my DNA match list?” Half of your ancestry comes from women, yet we tend to focus our genealogical searches on men. No wonder those matches are mysterious! Let's talk about a comprehensive genealogy, of *all* of the descendants of your third great grandparents. Not only will you begin seeing the relationships, but you'll be creating the genealogy that future generations can refer to and build on.

PRESENTER BARB SCHRAG is a member of the Clark County Genealogical Society as well as the GFO, where she formerly served as Book Sales chair. She has given numerous presentations for both organizations.



Treasurer's Report

By Richard Crockett

April 2019 Income	\$21,862.91
Contributions & Investments	\$11,921.24
Memberships	\$5,861.00
Seminars & Other Programs	\$2,226.00
Library & Research	\$564.42
Surplus Books & Publications	\$1,290.25
April 2019 Expenses	\$11,037.63
Administration	\$435.94
Marketing	\$4,761.18
Facilities	\$4,561.42
Library	\$1,279.09
April 2019 Net Income	\$10,825.28
Year-to-Date Net Income	\$43,222.93
Checking Account Balance	\$69,419.27

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May 2019 Income	-\$3,867.50
Contributions & Investments	-\$9,708.53
Memberships	\$2,806.00
Seminars	\$989.00
Library & Research	\$387.40
Surplus Books & Publications	\$1,658.63
May 2019 Expenses	\$9,417.95
Administration	\$469.67
Marketing	\$1,084.01
Facilities	\$5,285.09
Library & Sales	\$2,579.18
May 2019 Net Loss	(\$13,285.45)
Year-to-Date Net Gain	\$26,097.97
Checking Account Balance	\$63,848.34

Special Interest Groups

<http://gfo.org/learn/special-interest-groups/>

African American

3rd Saturdays, 12–2 p.m.

Led by Janice Sellers.

African_American@gfo.org

British Group

4th Saturdays in Jan., Mar., May, Sept.,
1–3 p.m.

Led by Duane Funk.

UK@gfo.org

DNA – Beginners

4th Saturday in Feb., May, Aug., & Nov.,
9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Led by Emily Aulicino.

DNA_EA@gfo.org

DNA – Advanced

4th Saturday in Jan., Apr., July, and Oct.,
9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Led by Emily Aulicino.

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DNA – Q & A

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Sept.–June,
1–3 p.m.

Led by Lisa McCullough.

DNA_LM@gfo.org

Beginning Family Tree Maker

Quarterly (see GFO's calendar) 1–3 p.m.

Led by Laurel Smith.

FTM@gfo.org

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

3rd Sundays, 1–3 p.m., Feb., Mar., May,
June, Aug., Sept., Nov., Dec.

Led by Joyce Grant-Worley.

FTM@gfo.org

French Canada Group

3rd Sundays, 3:30–5 p.m.

(no July or August 2018 meetings)

Led by Bob LaMarche.

FrCan@gfo.org

Genealogy Problem Solvers

3rd Saturdays (except July),
9:30–11:30 a.m.

Led by Katie Daly.

GPS@gfo.org

German Group

1st Saturdays, 1–3 p.m.

Led by Mike Fernandez and Tia Cobb.

German@gfo.org

Italian Group

1st Tuesdays, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Led by Nancy Matheny

Italian@gfo.org

Great Lakes Region

2nd Saturdays monthly (except Jul., Aug.,
Dec.), 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Led by Lynn Rossing.

GreatLakes@gfo.org

Irish Group

3rd Wednesdays Feb., Apr., June, Aug., &
Oct., 6–8 p.m.

Led by Karen Hubbard. Irish@gfo.org

Learn & Chat

1st & 3rd Weds, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

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| Mon 07/01 | Free to Non-Members Open until 8 p.m. | | Sat 08/03 | 1–3 p.m. | German Group |
| Tue 07/02 | 10 a.m.–12 p.m. | Italian Group | Sun 08/04 | 9 a.m.–12 p.m. | Library Work Party |
| Wed 07/03 | 10 a.m.–12 p.m. | Learn & Chat | Mon 08/05 | Free to Non-Members Open until 8 p.m. | |
| | Library Open until 8 p.m. | | Tue 08/06 | 10 a.m.–12 p.m. | Italian Group |
| Thu 07/04 | Library Closed for Independence Day | | Wed 08/07 | 10:00 a.m.–12 p.m. | Learn & Chat |
| Sat 07/06 | 1–3 p.m. | German Group | | Library Open until 8 p.m. | |
| Sun 07/07 | 9 a.m.–12 p.m. | Library Work Party | Sun 08/11 | 9 a.m.–12 p.m. | Library Work Party |
| Tue 07/09 | 6:10–8:10 p.m. | Board Meeting | Tue 08/13 | 6:10–8:10 p.m. | Board Meeting |
| Wed 07/10 | Library Open until 8 p.m. | | Wed 08/14 | Library Open until 8 p.m. | |
| Sun 07/14 | 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. | Half-Day Workshop | Sat 08/17 | 9:30–11:30 a.m. | Genealogy Problem Solvers |
| Wed 07/17 | 10 a.m.–12 p.m. | Learn & Chat | | 12–2 p.m. | African American Group |
| | Library Open until 8 p.m. | | | 2–3 p.m. | Gen Talk |
| Sat 07/20 | 12–2 p.m. | African American Group | Sun 08/18 | 9 a.m.–12 p.m. | Library Work Party |
| Sun 07/21 | 9 a.m.–12 p.m. | Library Work Party | | 1–3 p.m. | Family Tree Maker Users |
| | 1–3 p.m. | Family Tree Maker Beginners | Tue 08/20 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m. | Beginners' Boot Camp |
| Wed 07/24 | Library Open until 8 p.m. | | Wed 08/21 | 10 a.m.–12 p.m. | Learn & Chat |
| Sat 07/27 | 9 a.m.–12 p.m. | DNA Advanced | | 6–8 p.m. | Irish Group |
| Sun 07/28 | 9 a.m.–12 p.m. | Library Work Party | | Library Open until 8 p.m. | |
| Wed 07/31 | Library Open until 8 p.m. | | Sat 08/24 | 9 a.m.–12 p.m. | DNA for Beginners |
| | | | Sun 08/25 | 9 a.m.–12 p.m. | Library work party |
| | | | Wed 08/28 | Library Open until 8 p.m. | |