



# Land Records Mini Seminar

Keith Pyeatt

## Presenter

Keith Pyeatt is a full-time genealogy enthusiast who is a graduate of Brigham Young University and the University of Colorado Denver. He is becoming a credentialed genealogist. He conducts original genealogical research in record repositories throughout the United States. He is a fifth generation Oregonian and has been serving as an LDS family history consultant for the last ten years.

## Topics

### U.S. Land Records: An Historical Perspective

Learn the effect history had on U.S. land records. This look at history will help you understand why there are state land states and public land states. Skill level: beginner, intermediate.

### U.S. Land Records: The State Land States

Researchers accustomed to using federal land records are often intimidated and confused with the 'metes and bounds' survey system used by state land states. This presentation will introduce you to land records of the twenty state land states and to the 'metes and bounds' survey system which they

Saturday, 23 June 2012

2 pm - 6 pm

GFO Library

**Limited to 50 attendees**

Coffee, tea, and cookies included.

The library will be closed for research at 1:45 pm the day of the seminar.

use. Learn how to draw metes and bounds legal descriptions (plat). Skill level: all.

### U.S. Land Records: The Public Land States, Or Homage To The Square

This presentation will introduce you to the land records for the thirty states created out of the public domain and to the Public Land Survey System, a uniquely American creation. When you discover that your great grandfather owned the NE1/4, Sec. 5, T3W, R12E of the 6th P.M., you will understand what it represents. Learn how to use land records to solve genealogical problems. Skill level: all.

## Land Records Seminar Sign-Up Form

23 June 2012

Members  \$20 received by 6/15/12  \$25 received after 6/15/12

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# The Forum Insider

## Thanks to Our Volunteers!

### Data Extraction – January and February

#### Poor Farm Records

The poor farm records at the Multnomah County Archives have been indexed by Eileen Chamberlin, Jim Rogers, and Shelley Hoffman. The data is being prepared for the website. Additional information about any person in the index must be obtained from the county archives.

#### Multnomah County Marriage Books

The Multnomah County marriage index can be found on the website. Work is continuing with Volume 32. Volunteers: Marie Diers and Eileen Chamberlin.

#### Newspaper Obituaries

Our Oregon obituary online index already contains over 23,000 entries. Additional books in our library with obituaries on Oregon people, small collections of local neighborhood papers with genealogical articles, miscellaneous single obituaries, and scrapbooks are being indexed and

will go onto the website. Volunteers: Nathan Haines, Eileen Chamberlin, Jim Rogers, Cathy Lauer, Teri Danielson, and Loretta Welsh.

#### Oregon State Birth Index

Oregon birth records for 1901 - 1905/6 have been indexed by county and are being prepared for the website. Work is continuing on Portland City births 1866 - May 1905 and boxed certificates for Portland. This is the third state project.

Volunteers: Loretta Welsh, Eileen Chamberlin, Marie Diers, Sam Butler, Roger Edwards, Shelley Hoffman, Diane O'Dell, and Ray and Maureen Ganner.

– Loretta Welsh

Thanks to all the volunteers who provide this valuable service to our members and others around the country. We appreciate the time and efforts that go into creating these indexes.

### Ballots!

Don't forget to mail or drop off your annual election ballot (enclosed in the April *Insider*) by May 7.

### Parking Reminder

Check the notice as you enter the GFO for the new changes in parking time limit enforcement, or see last month's *Insider*.

### Volunteers Needed

Irene Little is stepping down from the volunteer coordinator position, and we are forming a volunteer committee to handle recruiting, training, recognition, scheduling (filled), and oversight of RAs (filled). The chair will become a member of the board. If you are interested in helping with volunteer coordination, please leave a message at the reception desk or speak with any board member. Many thanks to Irene for all her efforts.

We are also looking for a new membership chair at Marj Enneking's request. There is already a committee in place to handle clerical details, and they will continue. We are hoping to find someone to lead the group who is interested in outreach and increasing our membership. Let us know if you are interested.

## Genealogical Forum of Oregon

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*Free Monthly Program.*

Second Saturday of each month at  
2:00 p.m. 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 a.m. to 3 pm  
Sunday  
12 to 5 pm

### *President's Message*

Please join us for our Monthly Programs with interesting speakers on topics of genealogy. Bring a friend, give them a little exposure to our goings on; there is no guest fee to attend the Programs. This past month we hosted Anne Saker, a reporter from *The Oregonian*, who wrote the four-part series "The Missing Icelandic War Bride" about a woman who married a G.I. during World War II, came to Portland, and disappeared. People were packed wall to wall for this presentation at our library.

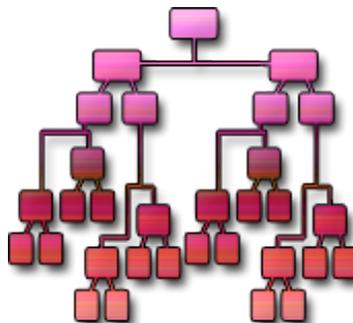
Next month on Saturday, June 9, we have our annual meeting at the GFO. There will be a speaker, of course, recognition of our dedicated volunteers, installation of the three new members to our board, the announcement of this year's Hall of Fame award, and any late breaking news on the recently released 1940 census records. Talk about excitement in the air!

This will be my last President's Message in the *Insider*, as the new president will be installed before the July *Insider* is created. I appreciate all of our members' support for our activities, the work of our many dedicated volunteers, and the participation of the twelve board members (officers and chairs) who made my job easier and helped with the smooth running of our society and library.

– *Lyleth Winther*

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### **Erratum**

The April issue of the *Insider* indicated that it was Vol. 23, No. 8. It should have been Vol. 23, No. 7. There will be no *Insider* issue Vol. 23, No. 7.

### *Submissions to the Insider*

Send comments, corrections, news, short success stories, and announcements to Becky Clark, editor, at [gfonews@gmail.com](mailto:gfonews@gmail.com) 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.

*Opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon.*

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## Hey, America, Your Roots Are Showing

Forensic researcher and history detective Megan Smolenyak reveals in her new book *Hey, America, Your Roots Are Showing* how she uses genealogy tools, often including DNA testing, to uncover relationships and historical information for purposes ranging from unclaimed persons cases to family histories for the show *Who Do You Think You Are?*

In 22 entertaining case studies she describes the often circuitous methods she has used to find her way around brick walls while looking for still living relatives of the deceased and long deceased relatives of the living. She has a passion for history that carries through to the individuals who created it.



The author of six books, she has also written the *Who Do You Think You Are?* series companion guide.

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## FamilySearch Has Digitized Books

More than 40,000 free searchable digitized books from seven collections are now available on the FamilySearch site at <http://books.familysearch.org>. Advanced Search allows for more specific searches.

When you click on a book link, the book downloads to your computer in the background. Books are in pdf format and require the free Adobe Reader.

The libraries providing the images are continuing to add to the collection so check back in a few months if you do not find books you are looking for.

## Summer Break

The monthly programs and many interest groups take a break during June, July, and August. If in doubt, you can find the schedule and contact list in each *Insider* and on the GFO website.

## Oregon Newspapers A Local Resource

A collection of about 16,000 rolls of microfilmed 19th and 20th century newspapers from around the state of Oregon is held at the Oregon Historical Society Research Library. The Society also has indexes to Portland newspapers, the *Oregon Spectator* (1846-1854), and the *Oregon Statesman Journal* (1850-1866).

These could be a valuable resource for obituaries and other information about your Oregon ancestors.



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## Congratulations to the Winners of the GFO 2012 Writers' Contest

- 1st place: Judith Beaman Scott, "A Clash of Conviction in North Carolina: The Struggle Over Religion, Politics and Independence"
- 2nd place: Bonnie Randolph, "Frank Hemsworth: A Tenuous Stand for Law and Order in Portland"
- 3rd place: Cynthia M. B. Drayer, "My Father, the Dove"

Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to all who participated. Look for these stories in the GFO Bulletin.



## In the News: The Sampler Archives Project

By Janis Bailey

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded a grant of \$300,000 to the Universities of Delaware and Oregon to develop a searchable, online database of American needlework samplers. These are examples of needlework done by young girls in 17th to 19th century America.

Co-investigators on this project are Lynne Anderson, professor at the Center for Advanced Technology in Education at the University of Oregon, and Dr. Patricia Keller of the University of Delaware.

There are perhaps 15,000 to 20,000 existing American Samplers. “Our goal is to find them all,” said Dr. Anderson.

If you have a historic sampler or know of a collection that should be included in the Sampler Archive, you can let the project know by filling out a brief questionnaire at <http://samplerarchive.org/>.

The earliest known mention of samplers was that by Elizabeth of York in England whose account book indicated her purchase in 1502 “of *lynnyn*. for a sampler for the queen.”<sup>1</sup>

For genealogists the chief interest in this project may be in the indexing of names and images of samplers which include stitches of family information. The first of these may be one sewn by



Ann Robbins, who in 1730 embroidered the names of her parents and grandparents on her sampler.

Perhaps the first real genealogical sampler is one owned by the Olmstead family of Connecticut and made in 1774 by an unknown girl who may have lived in Springfield, Massachusetts. On this sampler she embroidered the first names and birth dates of the family’s children. Samplers with initials and dates were most common after 1800 and were as valuable as the family Bible for their genealogical information.

Young women learned to embroider by copying the stitches in these samplers. In America different patterns developed in various schools and regions. By identifying the details one can make a good guess about the towns where the girls lived and the schools they attended.

The National Society of Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts published a book in 1921: *American Samplers*, by Ethel Stanwood Bolton and Eva Johnston Coe. The Society continues its interest in bringing this information up to date. The 1921 edition is out of print, but a public domain reproduction is available from Amazon, and free electronic versions are available at <http://archive.org/details/texts>.

1. Bolton, Ethyl Stanwood and Eva Johnston Coe. *American Samplers*. Boston: The Massachusetts Society of the Colonial Dames of America, 1921, p. 1.



*Upcoming Events*

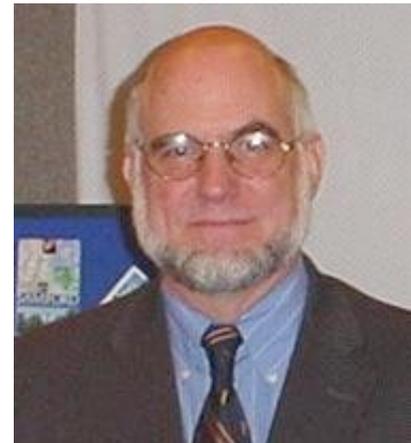
## GFO Fall Seminar

### Craig Roberts Scott, CG

Saturday, 27 October 2012

*Topics*

- Pension Research: You Stopped Too Soon
- Treasury Records: Follow the Money
- Basic Military Research
- Finding Aids in the National Archives



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## 2012 American Historical Society of Germans from Russia Annual Convention

14 - 17 June 2012

Concordia University, Portland, Oregon

Each of four sessions per day has a wide variety of choices relating to the Volga Germans, including presentations on history, genealogy, food, music, crafts, and roundtable discussions. The website contains information about the presentations and activities planned for the four days.

Early discounted registration ends 14 May 2012: Full (4-day) - \$100, 2-Day - \$60, and 1-Day - \$40.

The convention is hosted by the Oregon Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia and the Center for Volga German Studies at Concordia University.

See the website for further information: <http://cvgs.cu-portland.edu/conf2012/intro.cfm>.

## Lineage Society Seminar

Saturday, May 12, 10:30 am - 1 pm, *free*

Hillsboro Main Library Meeting Room

2850 NE Brookwood Parkway

Introduction to lineage societies with society representatives who will discuss membership information. Free class 11 am - 12 pm, *How to Document and Complete a Lineage Society Application*. Preregistration is required to receive class materials.

Societies attending:

- Daughters of the American Revolution
- Sons of the American Revolution
- Children of the American Revolution
- Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
- Colonial Dames of the 17th Century
- Daughters of American Colonists
- Mayflower Society
- Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers
- Genealogical Forum of Oregon
- Genealogical Society of Washington County

For further information or to register for the class, email Janice B. Heckethorne at [JBHeckethorne@gmail.com](mailto:JBHeckethorne@gmail.com). Sponsored by Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Oregon Department.



*Upcoming Events*

# Summer Genealogy Fest

## Genealogical Council of Oregon

*Features*

Saturday  
28 July 2012  
7 am - 5 pm

Lane Community College  
Eugene, Oregon

- Early registration discount rate of \$50/\$60 ends July 9.
- Buffet luncheon available for purchase before July 6.

- **John Philip Colletta** lectures on how to write a family history that the family will read.
- **Thomas MacEntee** lectures via Skype on technology and social media.
- Regional specialists.
- Five lecture tracks in each of four sessions, including tracks on repositories, methodology, and social and historical aspects.
- Vendor area—books, charts, genealogy software, regional societies, and more. The vendor area is free to the public.
- Silent auction.

For more program information and to download a registration form, see [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/-orgco2/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/-orgco2/).

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### *Oregon Historical Society Events*

This series of classes will all be held at the Oregon Historical Society. Cost for each class: \$15 for OHS members, \$20 for non-members. RSVP: 503-306-5240 or [libreference@ohs.org](mailto:libreference@ohs.org). (Space is limited so sign up soon!) For more information: [www.ohs.org/research/library/genealogy/workshops-and-events.cfm](http://www.ohs.org/research/library/genealogy/workshops-and-events.cfm)

#### **History for the Genealogist**

Saturday, May 5, 10 am - 12 noon

Unsure how to put the "History" in Family History? Is the disappearance of your ancestor in 1850 causing you stress at night? Or do you have your whole family gathered around the old will trying to figure out if that letter is a U or an N? General history is the key you're looking for! Learn tips and tricks and the advantages of nourishing your roots by digging up the past.

#### **Where Did I Come From? A Workshop on Starting Your Family Tree:**

Saturday, May 19, 10 am - 12 noon

Have you just started digging up your roots with a hand trowel? Or maybe you're not even sure which

shovel to begin with! Then let the research library staff teach you basic tools and methods for unearthing your family history. (Warning: You might enjoy it so much, you'll want to turn your trowel in for a tractor!)

#### **Genealogy: A Family Effort**

Saturday, June 2, 10 am - 12 noon

Does connecting ancestors on a pedigree chart seem easier than forming ties with living relatives? Come learn how to make the genealogy bug contagious by involving your cousins, children, parents, and siblings.

#### **Beginning Records & Methodology:**

Saturday, June 30, 10 am - 12 noon

Have you just begun to research your family and don't know what records to look at? Or perhaps you know your ancestors lived in Oregon in 1880, but you can't find them in the census. This workshop will cover the basic genealogy record types: what they are, how to access them, and tricks to finding what you're looking for, along with a case study to pull them all together.

*Interest Group News*

**Irish Interest Group – The Gene in Genealogy**

Saturday, May 19, 1 pm – 3 pm

Learn how DNA is used for genealogy. Understand the reasons for testing, who can test for which of the three types of tests, the basic terminology, and what to do after you test. View a tester's personal webpages at Family Tree DNA. There will be handouts and time for questions.

Speaker: Emily Aulicino, Northwest Regional Coordinator and Speaker for ISOGG ([www.isogg.org](http://www.isogg.org)) and administrator for thirteen FTDNA DNA Projects.  
<http://writingyourmemories.blogspot.com/>  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~orgco2/speaker/EmilyAulicino.html>  
<http://genealem-geneticgenealogy.blogspot.com/>

**German Interest Group – Reading German Script**

Saturday, May 5, 1 pm – Peggy Baldwin, MLS

German script, a variation in the way letters were formed, was used in Germany until the 1940s. This complicates reading German records, but it is still possible to learn to read them, even if your knowledge of the German language ranges from none to limited. We will learn ways to approach German script, see examples of it in records, and practice reading it. Resources for learning German script will be explored.



*Interest Group Meeting Times and Contacts*

**British**

4th Saturdays of  
 Jan, Mar, May, Sep  
 1 - 3 pm  
 Lyleth Winther  
[lylethw@gmail.com](mailto:lylethw@gmail.com)

**Computer**

3rd Saturdays of  
 Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec  
 9:30 am - 11:30 am  
 Genealogy software programs.  
 Daphne Garrison  
[degarrison@gmail.com](mailto:degarrison@gmail.com)  
 Roger Ostrom  
[wrostrom@gmail.com](mailto:wrostrom@gmail.com)

**DNA**

2nd Tuesdays of  
 Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct  
 1 - 2:30 pm  
 Emily Aulicino  
[aulicino@hevanet.com](mailto:aulicino@hevanet.com)

**German**

1st Saturdays monthly  
 Sep through Jun  
 1 pm - 3 pm  
 Carolyn Bergeron  
[cbergeron67@msn.com](mailto:cbergeron67@msn.com)  
 Nanci Remington  
[nancicr@comcast.net](mailto:nancicr@comcast.net)

**Heritage Scrapbooking**

1st Sundays monthly  
 Sep through May  
 1 - 4:30 pm  
 Bonnie LaDoe [bladoe@aol.com](mailto:bladoe@aol.com)

**Illinois**

2nd Saturdays  
 9:30 am  
 Kristy Gravlin  
[hannah@teleport.com](mailto:hannah@teleport.com)  
 Harlene Patterson  
[harlene5@yahoo.com](mailto:harlene5@yahoo.com)

**Irish**

3rd Saturdays of  
 Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov  
 1 pm - 3 pm

Suzanne Lemon  
[slemon46@yahoo.com](mailto:slemon46@yahoo.com)  
 Lenore LeMans  
[lenorel@comcast.net](mailto:lenorel@comcast.net)

**The Master Genealogist**

3rd Saturdays of  
 Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec  
 12 pm - 1:30 pm  
 Exploring TMG and recent updates.  
 Roger Ostrom  
[wrostrom@gmail.com](mailto:wrostrom@gmail.com)  
 Daphne Garrison  
[degarrison@gmail.com](mailto:degarrison@gmail.com)

**Virginia**

1st Saturdays monthly  
 Sep through Jun  
 10 am - 12 noon  
 Judi Scott [judiscot@gmail.com](mailto:judiscot@gmail.com)  
 Carol Surrency [lcsurr@gmail.com](mailto:lcsurr@gmail.com)

**Writers' Forum**

2nd Saturdays monthly  
 Sep through May  
 11:45 am  
 Peggy Baldwin  
[peggy.baldwin@family-passages.com](mailto:peggy.baldwin@family-passages.com)

## 100 Most Popular Genealogy Websites

*GenealogyInTime Magazine* online has listed their 100 most popular genealogy websites at <http://www.genealogyintime.com/NewsStories/2012/Q1/top%20100%20most%20popular%20genealogy%20websites%20page3.html>. The list includes both free and pay sites and contains many links to international resources. Commentary can be found on the pages linked below the list.

## Mocavo.com – A New Genealogy Search Engine with Free Access to the SSDI

At a time when access to the SSDI is threatened, Mocavo has announced free access with expanded search capabilities at [www.mocavo.com/records/ssdi](http://www.mocavo.com/records/ssdi).

Dick Eastman discusses the advantages of this new genealogy search engine in an extensive article in his online newsletter. [http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2011/12/mocavo-plus-the-next-generation-of-genealogy-search-engine.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2011/12/mocavo-plus-the-next-generation-of-genealogy-search-engine.html)

## Early Massachusetts Vital Records Images Available on Ancestry

A new database on Ancestry.com provides access to early Massachusetts town vital records images. Records include births, marriages, and deaths from 315 cities and towns over 330 years. The time span covered is often from the founding of the town until about 1850.

These records are from the Holbrook collection, believed to be the most complete collection of early Massachusetts records. More information can be found in a *Boston Globe* article at <http://goo.gl/r2FHQ>.

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### Classes

#### Introduction to Genealogy \$

Saturday, June 23, 10 am – 12 noon

– Keith Pyeatt.

Are you unsure where to begin the process, or do you just want to get started again? Do you need some guidance about what to do next? We can help you jumpstart your genealogy! An optional follow-up tour of the GFO Library is offered to attendees.

This class costs \$15, and preregistration is required. Call the GFO Library 503-963-1932, email [gfoinfo@hotmail.com](mailto:gfoinfo@hotmail.com), or download the registration form at <http://gfo.org/edu/classes.htm>.

#### Land Records Half-Day Seminar \$

Saturday, June 23, 2 pm – 6 pm

– Keith Pyeatt.

Land records, both state and public. There will be a fee for this class. More details will be posted on the GFO website.

## State Websites

Death indexes by state

[www.deathindexes.com](http://www.deathindexes.com)

Vital records by state - National Center Health Statistics

[www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm)

Vital records by state and county

<http://vitalrec.com/>

Arizona State Records

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

Idaho State Death Index

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

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

Illinois State Archives

[www.cyberdriveillinois.com/](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases)

[departments/archives/databases](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases)

Indiana State Library

[www.in.gov/library/](http://www.in.gov/library/genealogy.htm)

[genealogy.htm](http://www.in.gov/library/genealogy.htm)

Kansas Historical Society

[www.kshs.org](http://www.kshs.org)

Minnesota Historical Society - vital records

[www.mnhs.org](http://www.mnhs.org)

Missouri State Archives

[www.sos.mo.gov/archives](http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives)

Ohio Historical Society Archives

[http://www.ohiohistory.org/](http://www.ohiohistory.org/resource/statearc/)

[resource/statearc/](http://www.ohiohistory.org/resource/statearc/)

Oregon Historical Society

[www.ohs.org](http://www.ohs.org)

Oregon State Archives

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

South Dakota State Historical Society Archives

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

Washington State Digital Archives

[www.digitalarchives.wa.gov](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov)

Western States Marriages to 1928

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

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

If you have favorite websites to share, please email them to [gfoNews@gmail.com](mailto:gfoNews@gmail.com).

*Around the GFO*

**Financial Report - March**

Our checking account balance on 31 Mar 2012 was \$31,544.84. Income totaled \$5,360.49 including seminar registrations, membership dues, \$132.00 for research requests, and \$51.77 in Amazon commissions for January 2012. Expenses totaled \$1,601.79 not including April rent which was paid in April. A new reception desk computer was purchased and installed during March for \$299.99.

The quarterly account balances for the Vanguard fund accounts had market values of \$147,353.94 for the Endowment Fund and \$38,193.28 for the GFO. The Endowment Fund money market account had a balance of \$6,304.00, and the GFO money market account had a balance of \$8,843.09

**Refrigerator May Be Allowed**

If the common area outside the front door is kept spotless, there is a possibility building management will permit us to have a refrigerator. It could be used for lunches and snacks and would be emptied at the end of each day.

**New Members**

Please come in for a free tour and help getting started with your genealogy. Free classes will resume in the fall. Check the GFO website for the schedule: [gfo.org](http://gfo.org).

**First Fridays at the Ford**

Friday, May 4, 6 - 9 pm

Friday, June 1, 5 - 9 pm

Free open house at the GFO and activities at many other businesses in the Ford building.

*2011 - 2012 Annual Appeal Report*

Our donations for the year to date total **\$15,905.00**, a record!

Thank you to all of you who have made a donation and a difference.

*Thank you!*

*Donors*

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## The Unforgettable Dr. George F. Dow

The *Insider*, Vol. 23, No 8 of April 1, 2012, on page eleven contains a list of New Library Books. I felt the thrill of recognition when I read that one of the authors of *Nobleboro, Maine: A History* is George F. Dow.

George F. Dow was an unforgettable character. I met him at the Nobleboro Historical Society and Center on July 23, 1995. I was visiting the Center with my husband, Norm Dyer, his cousin Frank Dyer, and Frank's wife Carol. Frank and Carol are from Connecticut. The four of us walked into the building which had been a one-room school house. From across the room George hollered out to us, "You're late! You should have been here yesterday, it was my 90th birthday!" It was a most surprising greeting from a total stranger.

My husband had traced his roots to that section of Maine. There are a number of land features with the name of Dyer, such as Dyer Long Pond and Little Dyers Pond. Norm explained to George what we were doing there, and George showed us a history book of that section of Maine with some interesting bits about the Dyer progenitor, William Dyer, who had settled in Maine and was killed there by Indians in 1675. There being no copier at the Center, George insisted that we go to his home with him so he could photocopy the pertinent pages from *History of Ancient Sheepscot and Newcastle*, published in 1882. Later we went to Nobleboro and were able to purchase a copy of this old history book.

Soon after that George Dow sent a clipping of an article he had written and published in the *Lincoln County News*, August 3, 1995, which included several paragraphs on the visit by the Dyers in his regular Nobleboro History column. This was a very gracious gesture on his part.

—Toni Dyer

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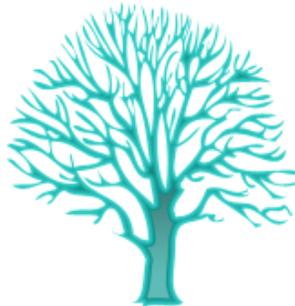
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**May 2012**

*GFO Calendar*

<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>June (cont.)</i>
Fri 5/4 6 - 9 pm <b>Free</b> <b>First Friday Open House</b>	Fri 6/1 5 - 9 pm <b>Free</b> <b>First Friday Open House</b>	Sat 6/16 9:30 am Computer Group 12 pm TMG SUG
Sat 5/5 10 am Virginia Group 1 pm German Group	Sat 6/2 10 am Virginia Group 1 pm German Group	Sat 6/23 10 am Keith Pyeatt, <b>Introduction to Genealogy \$15</b>
Sun 5/6 1 pm Heritage Scrapbooking	Sun 6/3 1 pm Heritage Scrapbooking	2 pm Keith Pyeatt, <b>Land Records Half-day Seminar \$</b>
Mon 5/7 <b>Free Monday</b>	Mon 6/4 <b>Free Monday</b>	
Tue 5/8 6 pm Board Meeting	Sat 6/9 9:30 am Illinois Group 2 pm Annual Meeting, Installation of Officers, <b>Free Monthly Program: Panel,</b> <b>If I Had Only Known or Asked</b>	<i>July</i>
Sat 5/12 9:30 am Illinois Group 11:45 am Writers' Forum 2 pm <b>Free Monthly</b> Program: Keith Pyeatt, <b>Court Records: Genealogical</b> <b>Value in Dusty Old Books &amp; Files</b>	Tue 6/12 6 pm Board Meeting	Sun 7/1 1 pm Heritage Scrapbooking
Sat 5/19 1 pm Irish Group	Wed 6/15 5 - 8 pm <b>Extended Open Hours</b>	Mon 7/2 <b>Free Monday</b>
Sat 5/26 1 pm British Group	Fri 6/15 3 - 8 pm <b>Extended Open Hours</b> <i>(continued)</i>	Wed 7/4 <b>Library Closed</b>
		Tue 7/10 1 pm DNA Group 6 pm Board Meeting
		Sat 7/14 2 pm <b>Free</b> Monthly Program
		Sat 7/21 1 pm Irish Group
		Sat 7/28 1 pm British Group