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## Fred Lockley (1871–1958)

### *A Prolific Chronicler of Early Oregon Social and Political History*

Geri Auerbach

The social history surrounding genealogical records not only informs our research but is also interesting in and of itself. Fred Lockley was an author and newspaper man. He wrote the book *History of the Columbia River Valley from the Dalles to the Sea*.

He also published two documents written by others that preserved early Oregon Country history. One is a small pamphlet **"To Oregon by Ox-Team in '47,"** and one is the document **"The Organizational Journal of an Emigrant Train of 1845, Captained by Solomon Tetherow."**

The journal is a fascinating record that details the constitution document that was crafted for the journey of the wagon train. It also lists the wagon train's executive committee, a census of the

“After all is said and done, people are just folks, and if you feel a real and sincere interest in them, and if you are a good asker and a good listener, you will be rewarded by getting good human interest stories.”

—FRED LOCKLEY

emigrants including their stores of food, and much more information. Those who research wagon train pioneers know how rare this surviving information is. The **GFO library** has these publications.

Lockley also contributed articles to the *Oregon Historical Quarterly*. He was noted by the *Quar-*

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## Spotlight on Special Interest Groups

Our ongoing series highlighting the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) offered at the GFO continues with the African American Ancestry Group. All SIG meetings take place on Zoom and are open to the public at no cost.

The African American SIG at GFO is led by Janice Sellers, who does a wonderful job bringing in guest speakers, as well as leading group discussions. The group's **SIG page** is also a repository for some previous meeting handouts, meeting recordings, and other educational content, including the "GFO Bibliography of Black Genealogy Resources," a 23-

page document that Janice compiled with Harold E. Hinds, Jr.

If you have an interest, or know someone who has an interest, in African American genealogy, check out this group. They meet the third Saturday of the month from 12–2 p.m. Pacific Time. The next meeting is October 15. **Registration** is open to the public.



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To inspire and empower every person to *discover* and *engage* with their family history.

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# The Q Review SIG Discusses Strategies for Sharing Information on Enslaved Persons

At the August meeting, the Q Review examined Nicole Gilkinson LaRue's article, "A Woman of Many Names: Henrietta Dixon of Baltimore, Maryland," NGSQ 108 (Sep 2020), p. 183-193. The article was relatable as it covered types of research problems many of us deal with, such as many reported surnames, people with the same name, and the difficulty of researching Black families pre-1870.

As part of the discussion, many participants remarked on how important it is to share any information about enslaved persons you may find in your research.

**Reclaiming Kin** is a great resource for learning more about researching slavery and **what to do with information you uncover**.

**Reparations4Slavery** has a section on **Reparative Genealogy**. The site has lists of Facebook groups, articles, videos, websites, and advice for sharing information about enslaved persons and connecting with their descendants.

Please contribute your findings to these platforms. You could help another researcher find a clue to where an enslaved ancestor lived and who they were.

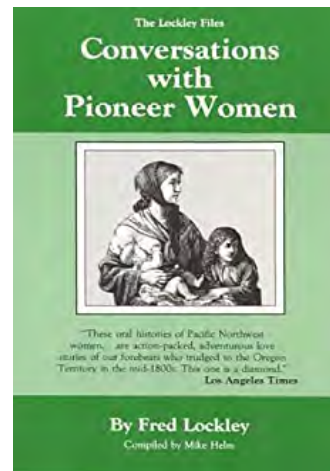
*Fred Lockley: A Prolific Chronicler of Early Oregon Social and Political History, from page 1*

terly for documenting information about formerly enslaved people in Oregon. These articles are available at JSTOR: **Oregon Historical Quarterly on JSTOR**.<sup>2</sup>

An article he authored, published in June 1922, records the remarkable case of Robin Holmes versus Nathaniel Ford. Nathaniel Ford had been the enslaver of the Holmes family in Missouri and brought the family with him to Oregon in 1844. Holmes went to court in 1852 to sue for the freedom of his children (two of whom were born in Oregon). Holmes prevailed, but it required four affidavits and ten witnesses.<sup>3</sup>

What Lockley was best known for was his column, "Impressions and Observations of the Journal Man," which ran in the *Oregon Journal* newspaper. Lockley interviewed more than 10,000 people in his career mostly in Oregon but also in France and England during World War I.<sup>4</sup>

In 1981, three collections of his columns were compiled and edited by Mike Helm and printed in book form. These books all come from **The Fred Lockley Papers** held at the University of Oregon Library. The books are **Conversations with Pioneer Women**, **Conversations with Pioneer Men**, and **Visionaries, Mountain Men and Empire Builders**. There are three older, un-indexed collections of columns, **Oregon Folks** (1927), **Oregon's Yesterdays** (1928), and **Oregon Trail Blazers** (1929). The GFO library has all of



these books, except the last one, which is available at the Multnomah County Library. Most are also available for purchase, used, from various sellers.

Lockley's generous interviewing style really allowed the voices of his subjects to come through. *Conversations with Pioneer Women* is particularly interesting. This oral history collection includes

women's recollections that vary from terse, factual retellings of day-to-day pioneer life to vivid descriptions of the journey, family members, and Oregon.

## Footnotes

1. Fred Lockley, *Conversations with Pioneer Women* (Eugene: Rainy Day Press, 1981), Intro.
2. Many older articles from the *Oregon Historical Quarterly* are freely available. Newer articles can be obtained by becoming a member of the **Oregon Historical Society** or through JSTOR, which is offered by many public libraries.
3. Fred Lockley, "The Case of Robin Holmes vs. Nathaniel Ford," *The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society* 23 (June 1922): 111-137, image copy, JSTOR (<https://www.jstor.org/stable/20610207>) : accessed 1 August 2022).
4. Lockley, *Conversations with Pioneer Women*, Intro.

# HAVE YOU SEARCHED EVERYWHERE?

*Beyond the Basics*

## November 12, 2022

**Leslie Lawson**  
9-10 am PT

**Let's Find Living People:  
Locating People in the Last Century**

**Janice Sellers**  
10:15-11:15 am PT

**Read All About It! Using Online Newspapers  
for Genealogical Research**

**Pam Vestal**  
1-4 pm PT

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**Members**

**\$35 early bird**

**\$40 after Oct 15**

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**\$55 after Oct 15**

GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON  
**Virtual Fall Seminar**

[gfo.org/fall2022](https://gfo.org/fall2022)

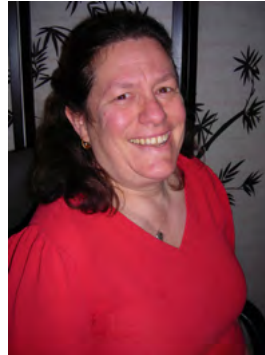


# GFO Board Member Recognized as Editor of IAJGS Outstanding Publication

The **San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Genealogical Society** (SFBAJGS) has been selected as the winner of the Outstanding Publication Award at the 42nd Annual **International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies** (IAJGS) International Conference on Jewish Genealogy, which was held virtually August 21–25.

Edited by Janice M. Sellers, of Gresham, Oregon, formerly of Oakland, CA, this journal features articles based on original research and timely commentaries written by members, as well as a curated calendar of upcoming genealogy events. Janice is also president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Oregon, based in Portland, a Director at Large for the GFO, leader of the **African American Special Interest Group** at the GFO, and a speaker in the GFO's upcoming Fall seminar, **Have You Searched Everywhere? Beyond the Basics**.

The SFBAJGS was recognized for its outstanding



Janice Sellers

efforts to inspire active participation among its members and excitement about Jewish genealogy in the wider community. The award recognizes the quarterly publication, **ZichronNote**.

The IAJGS's vision is of a worldwide network of Jewish genealogical research organizations and partners working together as one coherent, effective and respected community, enabling people to succeed in researching Jewish ancestry and heritage.

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## GFO GENTalk

### Meyers Gazetteer A Power Tool for German Research

Join us in learning to use the online Meyers Gazetteer to find information about places and their associated jurisdictions in the German Empire.

**October 15**  
**2:30 p.m. Pacific**



Presented by Gina Palmer, AG®

**Free Registration**  
[gfo.org/gentalk](http://gfo.org/gentalk)





# New Education Committee Chair Appointed

## Results from Educational Survey Released

During the September GFO Board meeting, Gina Palmer was approved as the new Chair for the GFO Education Committee. Gina Palmer is an American native of Germany, currently residing in Utah. She is a full-time professional genealogist with accreditation from the **International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists** in the Germany South Region. She has conducted onsite research in various archives in Germany.



Gina Palmer

As a young girl she helped her mother read and translate old German church records, which instilled in her a love for family history.

She earned a Bachelor's degree in Zoology and a Master's in Outdoor and Environmental Education. After working as an Interpretive Park Ranger for several seasons, she decided to pursue her interest in genealogy. She received an Associate's degree in Family History Research and recently completed an internship at the Family History Library, working with the team of German Research Specialists.

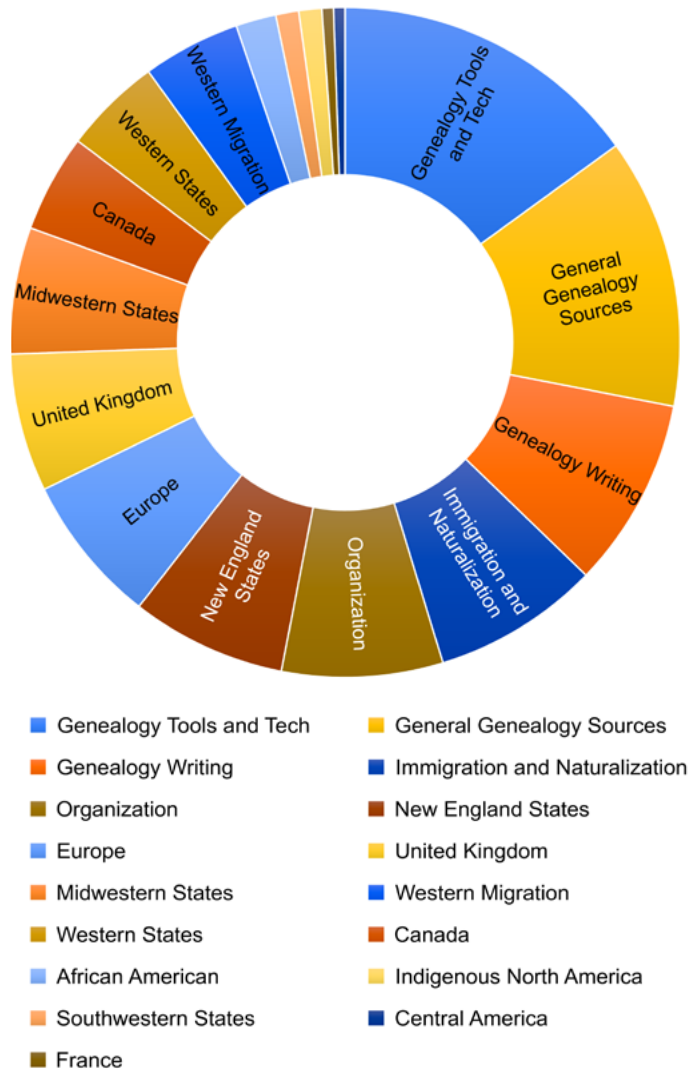
She was a speaker at the GFO Open House in 2022, and she will be presenting the October GenTalk, **Meyers Gazetteer: A Power Tool for German Research**. The free session will address the use of the online Meyers Gazetteer to find information about places and their associated jurisdictions in the German Empire. That knowledge can help you know where to look for records in your German research.

Contact Gina at [education@gfo.org](mailto:education@gfo.org).

### Results from the Educational Survey

At the request of the Education Committee, a month-long survey was generated to learn more about current educational interests, as well as feelings regarding online or in-person education.

### Education Interests for 2023



124 respondents ranked their top three interests for 2023. Responses for "other" were varied with DNA topics leading, migration patterns coming second, and methods for breaking brick walls coming next. The most popular speakers mentioned were Judy Russell and Blaine Bettinger with Chris Paton, Cyndi Engle, and Diana Elder tying for third. Many other speakers were recommended.

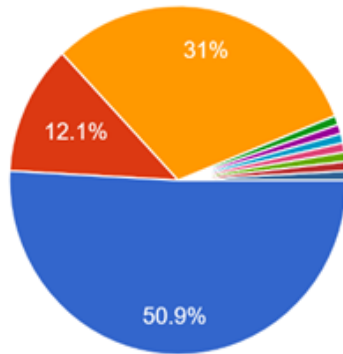
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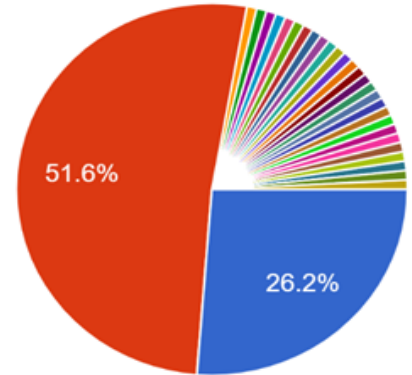
**Paid Seminars—Timing**

When asked preferences regarding the timing of a paid seminar, just over 50% chose a single half- to three-quarter-day event, 31% would like two to four shorter sessions spread over a month, and slightly more than 12% were interested in a weekend event.



responded with “other.” Other responses could be summed up as follows:

- 8% some of each
- 6% it depends (on topic, location, day, etc.)
- 3% I live out of the area
- 2% hybrid



**In-person versus Online**

A survey question asked whether people were interested in returning to in-person seminars in 2023. Of the 122 respondents, more than 50% said “no.” Just over a quarter replied, “yes.” The remaining people

The GFO Education Committee appreciates your input as future events are planned. GFO hosts free GenTalks about ten times a year, one to two paid seminars, and about a week-long Open House, generally in March. Visit the [Learn](#) page for more information on our educational offerings.

# SEARCH AND RESEARCH

Finding the Right Details to Tell Compelling Stories



**DECEMBER 17  
2:30 P.M. PACIFIC**

Free Registration  
[gfo.org/gentalk](http://gfo.org/gentalk)

Genealogical Forum of Oregon

»»»»»»»» **GENTalk** ««««««««



Presented by  
Jeff Wallach,  
author of  
*Mr. Wizard*





# 1950 Census Project Nears Completion

190,000 FamilySearch volunteers reviewed the indexing of the 1950 US Census, and the complete census index of 151 million people will be available to search very soon. Many states (including Oregon) are already complete.

The GFO would like to thank all of our members who volunteered to index the 1950 US Census. Whether you indexed just your family, or a page or two, or a full Enumeration District, your contribution made a difference!

The [1950 Census page](#) on [FamilySearch.org](#) is the place to start to search for your ancestors in the fully indexed states.

**THE BULLETIN  
MANAGING  
EDITOR NEEDED**

**Interested in joining the team working on the GFO's quarterly journal, *The Bulletin*?**

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[info@pmug.org](mailto:info@pmug.org)





# Online Events for October

## Saturday, October 1

### *Virginia Roots and Vines*

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

“The Family History Guide: Using the FamilySearch Website,” will be presented by Bob Taylor of **The Family History Guide Association**, an online center for learning and research. The association is approved by FamilySearch as a training resource and has users in more than 150 countries.

SIGN UP >

### *German Group*

1–3 p.m.

Heidi Anderson will present “Incorporating DNA into your German Research.” She will address the use of DNA into regular documentary research, highlighting some of the differences between Germans and other groups. She will include tips and case studies illustrating those tips.

SIGN UP >

## Monday, October 3

### *RootsMagic*

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

SIGN UP >

## Wednesday, October 5

### *Learn & Chat*

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

SIGN UP >

## Saturday, October 8

### *Access to GFO Resources*

10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Join Laurel Smith via Zoom to learn about the resources GFO provides for everyone and about the special benefits to GFO members. Learn how to use GFO’s website, library catalog, and MemberSpace to access resources.

SIGN UP >

### *Bulletin Editorial Group*

3:30–5 p.m.

Anyone interested in helping out on the Bulletin, including prospective authors, is welcome to attend. Contact [bulletin@gfo.org](mailto:bulletin@gfo.org) for a link to attend the meeting.

## Tuesday, October 11

### *Board Meeting*

6:30–8:30 p.m.

To receive a link to this online meeting, send an email at least 24 hours in advance to [president@gfo.org](mailto:president@gfo.org).

## Wednesday, October 12

### *Great Lakes Group*

1:30–3:00 p.m.

SIGN UP >

## Thursday, October 13

### *The Q Review*

6–7 p.m.

SIGN UP >

## Saturday, October 15

### *Genealogy Problem Solvers*

9:30–11:30 a.m.

SIGN UP >

### *African American Ancestry*

12–2 p.m.

SIGN UP >

### *GenTalk: Meyers Gazetteer – a Power Tool for German Research*

2:30–3:30 p.m.

SIGN UP >

Join us in learning how to use the online Meyers Gazetteer to find information about places and their associated jurisdictions in the German Empire. This tool can help you know where to look for records in your German research.

## Sunday, October 16

### *Family Tree Maker*

1–3 p.m.

SIGN UP >



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### Wednesday, October 19

*Learn & Chat*  
10 a.m.–12 p.m.

SIGN UP >

*DNA Q&A: The Basics*  
1–3 p.m.

SIGN UP >

*Irish Group*  
6–8 p.m.

SIGN UP >

Dan Poffenberger, the Senior British & Irish Research Specialist from FamilySearch, will present “Mournful Exodus: Finding Your Irish Ancestor’s Home.” Many of us are part of the massive Irish diaspora. Many also struggle to figure out where our Irish ancestors are from in Ireland. This class will describe five strategies for attempting to locate the ancestral home of your Irish ancestors.

### Saturday, October 22

*DNA Advanced*  
9 a.m.–12 p.m.

SIGN UP >

# Drop-ins Return to OHS Reading Room

As of September 27, the Oregon Historical Society library reading room is open to the public without an appointment.

The library was recently renovated and modernized. With COVID restrictions the new library was closed and then opened only to individuals with appointments.

Now you can drop in at any time during open hours, Tuesdays from 1–5 p.m. and Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The OHS research library has significant collections for historical and genealogical research. Learn more from library research guides, and access their catalog at the [Research Guides](#) page.

Note that some materials are stored off-site and may need a week or longer to be brought to the downtown location for use. **Plan your visit** with information provided by the OHS librarians or contact a librarian at [libreference@ohs.org](mailto:libreference@ohs.org).



The entrance to the Oregon Historical Society’s headquarters and museum, on Park Avenue in downtown Portland. Photograph taken by Steve Morgan, shared via CC BY-SA 4.0.

# RVGS Special Interest Groups

Register for Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Interest Groups.

- October 10, 2022 2–3:30 p.m. PT
- October 11, 2022 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. PT  
1:30–3 p.m. PT
- October 12, 2022 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. PT  
1:30–3 p.m. PT
- October 13, 2022 6–7:30 p.m. PT
- October 14, 2022 1:30–3 p.m. PT
- October 18, 2022 1:30–3 p.m. PT
- October 19, 2022 1:30–3 p.m. PT
- October 27, 2022 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. PT

- Colonial America Interest Group
- German Interest Group
- Family TreeMaker Interest Group
- Genetic Genealogy Interest Group
- Great Lakes Interest Group
- Genealogy Newbies Interest Group
- Irish Interest Group
- Free Program: A Marker for Moses
- Round Table: Let's Talk Genealogy
- Mapping Your Ancestors \$10 member/\$20 nonmembers





# GFO Stars

## August

### *Katie Daly*

Katie Daly is a skilled researcher on the Genealogy Problem Solvers team. She recently helped one woman find new information about a ghost ancestor and became her “go to” researcher in the process. Katie stayed connected with this group member and challenged her research skills along the way. Katie even lost sleep over the search!

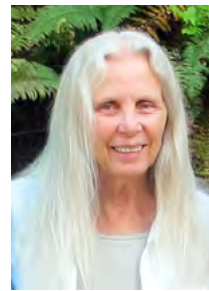
Thank you, Katie, for all your expertise and hours of research on behalf of others.



## September

### *Nanci Remington*

Nanci Remington has helped GFO patrons for years. Recently, one individual nominated Nanci for her life-altering aid: “For many, many years, I have been searching for any information possible about my mom. Even though I contacted what family I have left, and joined Ancestry, I continued to hit dead ends. That was until I reached out to the GFO and was connected to Nanci Remington.



Nanci found about 99% of my mom’s journey though life. ... It was like she was given a box of a 100,000 piece puzzle— and she put it all together.” Thank you, Nanci, for your dedication.

## GFO Special Interest Groups

Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings occur virtually in Pacific Time. They are open to the public. Learn more about our SIGs at our [SIG page](#).

### **AFRICAN AMERICAN GROUP**

Led by Janice Sellers  
[African\\_American@gfo.org](mailto:African_American@gfo.org)

### **BRITISH GROUP**

Led by Duane Funk  
[UK@gfo.org](mailto:UK@gfo.org)

### **DNA – Advanced**

Led by Tim Janzen  
[DNA@gfo.org](mailto:DNA@gfo.org)

### **DNA Q & A – The Basics**

Led by Lisa McCullough  
[DNA\\_QA@gfo.org](mailto:DNA_QA@gfo.org)

### **FAMILY TREE MAKER**

Led by Agnes Zueger and Joyce Grant-Worley  
[FTM@gfo.org](mailto:FTM@gfo.org)

### **GENEALOGY PROBLEM SOLVERS**

Led by Katie Daly  
[GPS@gfo.org](mailto:GPS@gfo.org)

### **GERMAN GROUP**

Led by Tia Cobb  
[German@gfo.org](mailto:German@gfo.org)

### **GREAT LAKES**

Led by Kim Thurman  
[greatlakes@gfo.org](mailto:greatlakes@gfo.org)

### **IRISH GROUP**

Led by Karen Hubbard, Peg Kenaga, and Erinn Sears  
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### **ITALIAN GROUP**

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### **LEARN & CHAT**

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### **THE Q REVIEW**

Led by Alexa Waddle  
[qreview@gfo.org](mailto:qreview@gfo.org)

### **ROOTSMAGIC**

Led by Barry Wolff  
[RootsMagic@gfo.org](mailto:RootsMagic@gfo.org)

### **VIRGINIA ROOTS AND VINES**

Led by Judi Scott and Carol Surrency  
[Virginia@gfo.org](mailto:Virginia@gfo.org)

Don't see your interest? Consider starting a SIG! You must be a GFO member. Zoom training provided. Learn more from [president@gfo.org](mailto:president@gfo.org).



# Treasurer's Report

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## JULY 2022 INCOME

Contributions	\$ 416.99
Memberships	\$ 3,084.00
Annual Appeal	\$ 0.00
Library & Research	\$ 99.05
Book Sales & Misc. Income	\$ 1,946.51
Interest & Dividends	\$ 444.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,990.65</b>

## JULY 2022 EXPENSE

Administration	\$ 681.07
Publications	\$ 29.99
Education Fees	\$ 125.00
Facilities & Equipment	\$ 5,309.77
Library & Research	\$ 438.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,583.93</b>

Net Income for the month	\$ -593.28
Year-to-Date Net Income	\$ -593.28

Donor Restricted Donations	\$ 4,585.00
Unrealized Gains	\$ 31,862.91
Endowment Donation	\$ 0.00
<b>Total adjustments</b>	<b>\$ 36,447.91</b>

## AUGUST 2022 INCOME

Contributions	\$ 497.48
Memberships	\$ 3,247.05
Annual Appeal	\$ 100.00
Library & Research	\$ 140.25
Book Sales & Misc. Income	\$ 4,076.96
Interest & Dividends	\$ 478.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,540.36</b>

## AUGUST 2022 EXPENSE

Administration	\$ 780.60
Publications	\$ 29.99
Seminar fees	\$ 125.00
Facilities & Equipment	\$ 5,071.18
Library & Research	\$ 1,517.37
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,524.14</b>

Net Income for the month	\$ 1,016.22
Year-to-Date Net Income	\$ 422.94

Donor Restricted Donations	\$ 3,278.00
Unrealized gains	\$ 18,114.42
Endowment Donation	\$ 0.00
<b>Total adjustments</b>	<b>\$ 21,392.42</b>