GFO Going Green!

The GFO has always sent membership renewal letters out by mail. This takes lots of paper, printing, envelopes, folding, sealing, and postage. In an effort to save some money and be more environmentally conscious, membership renewals will now go out via email to as many members as possible. There will always be a few that require a postal mailing, but most can be sent electronically.

This will help us preserve resources for genealogy too. And soon you will be able to renew your membership online. A new website is coming where memberships and seminar registrations can be done through the website, further reducing the need for paper, printing, and postage.

GFO’s Most Recent Digital Manuscript

The GFO’s Manuscripts Committee is proud to announce that the Walker Personal Papers (Accession 2012-32) is now fully scanned and can be searched via the recently completed finding Aid online! Read our newest Spotlight* article for tidbits on the history of this particular collection, or request a digital copy of the original papers by emailing manuscripts@gfo.org.

*Rebecca Jane Walker Personal Papers Collection: Including an account of the life of Daphney (Rice) Robinson, a former slave who cared for Rebecca’s great-grandmother Rachel Coffey in Knob Noster, Johnson County, Missouri


Both Sessions SOLD OUT

Genealogical Forum Fall Seminar & Workshop

D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS

Saturday Seminar
15 October 2016, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Sunday Workshop
16 October 2016, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Church Of Ireland – List Of Parish Registers

A Colour-coded Resource Accounting for What Survives; Where it is; and with Additional Information of Copies, Transcripts and Online Indexes

The Church of Ireland has members in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The church’s RCB Library has relaunched the register in August - updated, reformatted, and including links to online sources of the parish registers. This project is a collaboration with the Irish Genealogical Research Society. The list, originally at the Public Record Office of Ireland (PROI) which is now the National Archives of Ireland (NAI).

The list shows the parish, church/chapel, diocese, county, with a range of years for baptisms, marriages, and burials.


List: https://www.ireland.anglican.org/cmsfiles/pdf/AboutUs/library/registers/ParishRegisters/PARISHREGISTERS.pdf
GFO Fall Seminar
D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS

**October 15 Saturday all day**
The Web, the World and YOU!
Evaluating and Documenting
Online Sources
Bridging the Gap: Finding
Ancestors in the US between

SOLD OUT!

**October 16 Sunday morning**
Online Resources for Colonial
America
Trial by Community: Colonial
American
Legal Traditions
Check out his blog at:
https://www.djoshuataylor.com/
blog/

Genealogy Group Happy Valley Library

Monday, October 24, 2–4 p.m.
3793 SE Sieben Park Way,
Happy Valley
https://www.happyvalleygov/services/happy-valley-library/adult-programs/

Genealogy Group Lake Oswego Library

Second Wednesday every month
9:30–11 a.m.
706 4th St., Lake Oswego
http://www.ci.oswego.or.us/library/
genealogy-interest-group

Genealogy Group Wilsonville Library

Third Monday every month, 1–2:30 p.m.
8200 SW Wilsonville Rd.,
Wilsonville
http://www.wilsonville.lib.or.us/186/
genealogy-club

The Skyline Arch at Arches National
Park, Utah, USA, by Sanjay Acharya

Oregon Genealogical Society
Classes

Held at Oregon Genealogical Society Research Library, 955 Oak Alley in Eugene. Fee: $8 members, $10 nonmembers. For more information call 541-517-0984 or email info@oregons.org.

**Saturday, October 1,**
10 a.m.–12 p.m.
Using Timelines To Break Down
Brick Walls

Timelines help organize your family
research, figure out where or why
your ancestors lived where they did
or why they moved, and make it easier
to flesh out their lives. Instructor:
Linda Aubrey

Finding records for the immigrant
ancestor that leads to the homeland
overseas

**Saturday, November 12,**
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Instructor: Ardys Vaughn

How to Research at the Family
History Library in Salt Lake City

**December 3**
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Instructor: Linda Aubrey

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Free Gen Talk
Third Saturday of most months at
2 p.m. with an interesting speaker.

Library Hours
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday
9:30 to 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday
12 noon to 5 p.m.

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Submissions to the Insider: Send comments, corrections, news, short success stories, and announcements to Jackie Olson, editor, at insider@gfo.org 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.
Introduction To Genealogy Class

http://www.gswco.org/

Wednesdays, September 21 to October 1, 6–7:45 p.m.

Presented by: Janice B. Heckethorne

Course units in the four-week class include:

September 21 – Unit 1: Getting Started; Charts and Forms.

September 28 – Unit 2: Keeping Track, Organization and Research Outline and In Person.

October 5 – Unit 3: Documentation; Source Citation.

October 12 – Unit 4: Hiring a Professional, Lineage Societies, Common Courtesies and Mistakes.

The Introduction to Genealogy class will give students a strong foundation in the tools and conventions for researching, recording and organizing genealogy information. In addition, the student will be given extensive information about online resources and local archive repositories, as well as how to cite sources and share information. At the completion of this course, the student will be well prepared to move on to higher levels of genealogy research with confidence and knowledge of the processes involved.

All classes will be in the Hillsboro Main Library, Community Room, 2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy, Hillsboro, OR. Please contact the library to register for the classes 503-615-6500

Notes From the September 17th Hunting and Gathering Meeting at GFO

A few things you would have learned at the meeting, above and beyond the discussion of what is needed to satisfy the Genealogical Proof Standard for a particular case. Thanks to Nanci Remington, Harold Hinds, Tom O’Brien, Duane Funk, Lisa McCullough, and the rest of the group. The next meeting is Saturday, October 22, 9:30–11:30 a.m. You don’t want to miss it.

When searching for a name on many search menus, try putting their name in the keywords entry box instead of the usual surname/firstname boxes. On one example shown, the keywords listing returned 192 possibles, instead of 142 by name alone.

Legacy Family Tree has webinars on the Genealogical Proof Standard. You can watch for free live or in the following few days; or, subscribe for $10/month or $49/year and watch as many as you like.

Ancestry also has webinars on the Standard. They’re online at Ancestry.com or you can catch them on YouTube for free.

FamilySearch has a new(ish) microfilm browsing button that lets you see a gallery of pages at once. This makes it easier to navigate through a whole microfilm. It’s located with other navigation buttons.

When you find a microfilm listing on FamilySearch, look for the link to WorldCat – your film might be at a local library.

If a microfilm volume seems to be missing, scroll along the whole length of the roll you do have. There might be two (or more) volumes on one roll.

Ask county genealogical societies if they have a correspondence file – other researchers may be looking for your ancestors.

The Multnomah County Library has the Omni Gazetteer, a book listing current and historical place names in the United States; your local library may also have it.

And check this list for other resources for historical place names: https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Gazetteers

If you know how record indexing is done, by whom, with what goals and standards, you’ll understand what you may find and, as critically, what you won’t find.

Historical Oregonian

Thursday, Oct 06, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Multnomah County Library

Central Library Computer Learning Center

Registration required. Only 8 seats left.

The Historical Oregonian is an amazing resource for finding obituaries, death and funeral notices, and even researching your house history. Learn skills and techniques for searching this archive of local newspaper articles.

https://multcolib.org/events/historical-oregonian/62449
GFO’s Wednesday Evening E-News
Are you getting it or are you missing out?

Every Wednesday evening an email is sent out to keep you informed about GFO’s events and other genealogical happenings that may be of interest. We also send out information and links to new databases and interesting articles you may find helpful.

You’re not getting it you say? Well, there could be a few reasons.

1. Do we have your correct email address?
2. Have you checked your spam and junk mail folders?
3. Did you ever click on that little “unsubscribe” link at the bottom of one of our messages?
4. Is it an evil conspiracy?
5. Gremlins?

Seriously, if you are not getting the news and you’d like to, please send a note to enews@gfo.org and we’ll make sure to send it.

Donations for the Treasures Raffle
As we take registrations for our upcoming Fall Seminar, we would like to ask you to search your home for a new or gently used item that we can raffle at the seminar.

Suggestions include genealogically related books, household decorations, carry bags, and computer items. Please bring the item(s) to the library reception desk with a note that it’s a seminar treasures donation.

Tickets are sold for $1 each or 6 for $5, and are placed in separate paper sacks for each prize so you win only something you want. Thank you.

News to share?
If you have an event, story, research tip, or information you’d like others to know about, please send it to news@gfo.org. It will go to our GFO team for the E-News, the Insider, and Facebook!

Genealogy Sites on Facebook
Facebook is a hugely popular venue for interaction of people with similar interests. Genealogists have embraced its potential for connecting researchers by family name, place, photographs, travel, archives, and many other topics.

Katherine R. Willson, a professional genealogist, public speaker, and educator, has compiled a list of Facebook sites, organized by topic. There are more than 10,000 sites listed in the PDF document – a click links you directly to each one. The list is available at https://socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook-list/. You can sign up to be notified of updates.

Looking for connections to French-speaking Canadian groups? Here’s a list by Gail Dever, a Canadian family historian, genealogy news blogger, webmaster, and more. Gail also has an extensive site on Canadian genealogy. The list is at http://genealogyalacarte.ca/?p=6200.

And don’t forget GFO’s own site: events, resources, links to great articles, and contributions by members. https://www.facebook.com/gfo.org

Acadia National Park, Maine, USA, Otter Cove, by Brian W. Schaller
Jim Morrow Retires

Jim Morrow recently retired from volunteering with the GFO. He became a GFO member in March 1993, and was named both to the GFO Hall of Fame and to an Honorary Life Membership on June 13, 2010.

Jim co-edited, with Patricia Craig-Waldrip, the “Civil War Veterans Who Were Residents of Oregon” taken from the Spencer Leonard card file which was donated to the GFO in 1971. (Bulletin, v 44, page 36)

Among his many contributions are: printing manager for the Bulletin and Insider, and other publications. He was a member of the relocation committee that resulted in the Ford building move, and even helped paint the inside. A start-to-finish kind of guy.

Several members reminisced about Jim Morrow’s contributions to GFO:

Eileen Chamberlain recalled helping Jim lay the linoleum flooring at the Neighbors of Woodcraft building. He headed up the print shop, worked with numerous volunteers, and always left them with a pleasant memory of cooperation and a job well done.

In 2010, Marj Enneking recounted memories of Jim not only as the printer who got the Bulletin and Insider mailed to all the members but also as the GFO’s Facility Manager. “He was the key contact person with the building owners and managers; he kept all the facilities in good working order, and took care of all the ‘stuff’ in our space.” She went on to explain his work on our move to the Ford Building: he chaired the relocation committee, determined the layout of the library, cleaned and painted all the spaces, negotiated and coordinated with the Ford building owners and managers, worked with the movers and installers of the shelves (anchored for earthquakes), and prepped the furniture for the move.

Immediately after the move to the Ford building, Jim Morrow assumed the long-vacant role of GFO historian.

Gerry Lenzen added that Jim never faltered, even when events threw him a curve. Jim’s quiet demeanor sometimes left people thinking he wasn’t the strong person he really is. “Most members don’t realize that Jim is an excellent researcher. Have him show you some of his family history.”

Laurel Smith seconded others’ observations about Jim Morrow and added that he had recently begun to sort materials for the scanning committee. He would also assist with research requests and keep GFO stocked with those publications we print.

Jim also maintains the GFO’s vertical files and worked as a Research Assistant for years, most recently with Marj Enneking and Rhonda Stone. Last year, he made a donation to enable GFO’s logo to be redesigned.

The riches of any group are those who pitch in wherever the need lies. Jim exemplifies that spirit – his contributions have literally made the GFO the place it is today. Thank you Jim.

Oregon Migrations Symposium

Wednesday, November 16, 6–8 p.m.

The Oregon Migrations symposium in Eugene, Oregon, will bring together scholars and holders of community history to investigate the various ways that Oregon inhabitants and newcomers have shaped each other through time. Organized by the Oregon Historical Quarterly in partnership with Dr. Bob Bussel and Dr. Dan Tichenor, both of the University of Oregon. Free and open to the public. Address: UO – Knight Law Center, 1515 Agate St. Eugene, OR. http://www.ohs.org/events/oregon-migrations.cfm

I Won What?

From the Minneapolis Morning Tribune of January 23, 1919:

Ton of Hard Coal Prize at Card Party

A ton of hard coal will be given as a prize at a card party which the Men’s club of the Church of the Incarnation will give tomorrow evening in the auditorium[]. In addition, four prizes will be given to winners in games of “Five Hundred.” [Five Hundred is a card game derived from Euchre.]
GFO Stars

We’re a tad behind on our Stars, so there are three this month. All are stellar GFO members.

Janis Robertson

Janis has been coming in every Wednesday for several years to process incoming book and monetary donations received by the GFO. She maintains a log of all items received and prepares thank you letters to the donors. She has recently taken on the job of confirming seminar and workshop registrations, and she is always happy to help with special projects when asked.

Thank you, Janis!

Laurie Eckman

Laurie has been a fabulous addition to the Book Sales Team. She brings new energy and new ideas to our efforts and has been the key to keeping us going. Her willingness to take on any task is invaluable and is so much appreciated, as has her quick response to online book orders which has kept our rating at 5 stars!

Thank you Laurie!

April Ober

April is a knowledgeable, helpful GFO member who sees and instinctively knows what needs to be done…and makes it happen! April has served on the Seminar Committee for many years, picking up speakers EARLY the morning of the seminar and driving them to the seminar location. April also works at the seminar registration table and attendees are welcomed with a smile and a warm greeting as they arrive to receive name tags and materials.

April volunteers as a Research Assistant on Monday mornings. The person who nominated April noted that it is a challenge for her to come to the Forum due to parking issues, so a few weeks ago, April offered to pick her up so she could enjoy a few hours researching at the Library – and both had a great time! April is a true team player with excellent ideas.

Thank you, April!

Ron Doctor receives Lifetime Achievement Award

I am so happy to share the news that Ron Doctor received the prestigious IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award at the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies conference in Seattle on 11 August 2016.

The text of the certificate reads: In recognition of his lifetime of service to Jewish genealogy through his leadership as president of the JGS of Oregon and the Kremenets District Group, Ukraine SIG leader and service on IA-JGS committees. He has worked tirelessly to elevate and enhance the Ukraine SIG; energizing volunteers, nurturing the formation of numerous town research groups, made hundreds of thousands of vital records accessible and provided online availability of Ukrainian information available through an agreement with the Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People (CAHJP) in Jerusalem. So many individuals are indebted to Ron for his help in discovering their ancestors.

More at: http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orjgs/

Barbara Hershey, JGSO President/Program Chair
History on the Road

Along the road and in towns are many cultural features that enrich any trip. The well-known, high profile sites need little advertising but for small, hidden treasures, there’s SpottingHistory.com. Spotting History is a website that shows the way to both small and large sites throughout Europe. There’s something for every interest: buildings, cultural sites, museums and galleries, and monuments – ancient and modern.

On a recent trip to Sweden, the website led us to three sites. Two were nearly invisible along the road, with minimal or no signage; we might never have spotted them without the website. Stopping for a break on a six-hour trip between towns, we found a medieval church with amazing interior frescoes. The church family were welcoming and did their best to tell the stories of the paintings and the church. The second was a better-known park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with extensive bronze-age petroglyphs, a recreated village of the era, and complete museum and gift shop. Number three was a field of burial mounds in a quiet neighborhood where a friendly cat greeted us. A sign at the entrance explained the significance of the site which to an untrained eye looked like an ordinary, if bumpy, field.

The easy-to-navigate website begins with a text search or a map with icons of the various types of features. Each location is described in detail and pictures. There are links to official sites where you can find visiting hours and more information. Most of the sites are sourced by visitors, so new locations are added frequently. Now, if we could just direct their efforts to North America.

http://www.spottinghistory.com/

Lend a Hand at the GFO

Cathy Lauer – Volunteer Coordinator

Summer is over, vacations have been taken, and kids are back in school. Now is the time to start thinking about volunteering a few hours of your time at the genealogy library. In order to keep the library open, we need your help. Whatever fits your schedule will work for us.

We are in the process of renumbering our complete collection of over 40,000 items. Changes need to be made to items that are already in our OPALS catalog and this requires a few simple key strokes on the computer – either our computer or your laptop. After the changes are made, new labels are prepared and attached to the item.

New books need to be processed and labeled in order to get them on the shelves in a timely manner so they are available to researchers.

Much of our Manuscript collection is still in file drawers or boxes waiting to be processed. These need to be sorted and digitally scanned.

There are several collections of newspaper clippings that need to have pertinent information extracted and entered onto a spreadsheet. And the back issues of our quarterly Bulletin are being indexed and saved on a spreadsheet. These are things that can be done from your home on your own computer. All that is required is Excel or a similar program.

If you like helping other people with their research, there is always a need for RAs (Research Assistants). Hands-on training is available.

This is only a sampling of what you can do to help your organization. Please consider giving a small portion of your time to the GFO. Contact Cathy at volunteer@gfo.org or call the reception desk at 503-963-1932.
40,000!
GFO’s Library Collection Reaches 40,000 Items

That’s books, atlases, audiotapes, CDs, DVDs, city directories, microfilm, geographical vertical files, microfiche, maps, Northwest schools yearbooks, pamphlets, newsletters, and so much more.

It’s been said so many times and is so true, that not all of genealogy and family history can be found online. This library is a wonderful repository of many of the stories, records, and references we need to fulfill our research. Check out the catalog online or, even better, come in and browse. You’re sure to find something in that 40,000.

http://gfo.ind.opalsinfo.net/bin/home

50% of the Cemeteries in Israel Have Now Been Digitized by MyHeritage

Dick Eastman September 19, 2016
https://blog.eogn.com/2016/09/19/50-of-the-cemeteries-in-israel-have-now-been-digitized-by-myheritage/#more-15220

I’d love to see this happen in other countries, especially in the U.S. The MyHeritage Blog reports:

“We’re happy to announce that we’ve completed 50% of our goal to digitize every cemetery in Israel — aiming to make it the first country in the world to have all of its gravestones preserved online and searchable, and we’re making all of this data available on MyHeritage for free.

“In 2014, we launched a global initiative with BillionGraves to digitally preserve the world’s cemeteries. The MyHeritage team even went out and digitized an entire cemetery, taking more than 50,000 photos in a single day.”

Obviously, the MyHeritage employees did not stop after a single day. The Blog continues:

“When photographing and documenting gravestones using the excellent BillionGraves mobile application, the precise GPS coordinates of every gravestone are preserved. This makes it easy for others to locate and visit graves of family members and also allows volunteers to see which areas of a cemetery have already been photographed, avoiding duplication and maximizing productivity.

“We have extended that original initiative, pledging to photograph all cemeteries and gravestones in Israel and to transcribe all the information on each and every gravestone.

“We are creating a database of millions of indexed gravestone records, ensuring the preservation of this vital information. The database is available for family historians and genealogists and searchable online for free.”

The article ends with the following challenge: “Preserving cemeteries online is a tremendously important project which we are committed to carrying out worldwide. We invite you to join our initiative and help us digitize the cemeteries of the world, together. Everyone can help, by photographing some cemeteries in his/her area, or by transcribing gravestone photos that others have taken. Together, we can do it! We warmly invite you to participate.”

You can read a lot more details at https://goo.gl/gxO3r8.

NOTE: MyHeritage is the sponsor of this newsletter.

Audio Presentations
A best-kept secret: Did you know the GFO has audiotapes of presentations on genealogic topics? You can hear nationally known speakers (many at national conferences) and others on dozens of topics.

Do you need some listening material for your next road trip? Check out the list in the GFO Library catalog: select Audiotape Cabinet under Location. There are hundreds to choose from. Don’t have a tape player? We have audiotape players you can check out, too. Ask at the front desk.
Multnomah County Library
Research Picks – Sephardic Roots

An array of books about Sephardic history: practical advice for Sephardic genealogists, stories from researchers who have delved into Sephardic family history, general books about Sephardic history, and histories of Spain in the period *before* the expulsion of the Jews 1492. —Emily-Jane D.

Learn more about genealogy and family history research with these resources presented by Multnomah County librarians. [https://multcolib.org/genealogy](https://multcolib.org/genealogy).

- *Discovering your Sephardic Ancestors and Their World* by Jeffrey S. Malka.
- *Guidebook for Sephardic and Oriental Genealogical Sources in Israel* by Mathilde A. Tagger.
- *The House of Jacob* by Sylvie Courtine-Denamy
- *The Return to Judaism: Descendants From the Inquisition Discovering Their Jewish Roots* by Sandra Cumings Malamed
- *The Road From Babylon: The Story of Sephardi and Oriental Jews* by Chaim Raphael
- *Farewell España: The World of the Sephardim Remembered* by Howard Morley Sachar
- *The Ornament of the World: How Muslims, Jews, and Christians Created A Culture of Tolerance in Medieval Spain* by Maria Rosa Menocal
- *A Vanished World: Medieval Spain’s Golden Age of Enlightenment* by Chris Lowney

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s report for the period ending August 30, 2016. Richard Crockett

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[Administration expenses were $922.43 (Director and Officer insurance $461.00, banking fees $61.32, Marketing and Publicity (Mad Mimi) $16.00, renewal of Non-Profit Association of Oregon $75.00, supplies $180.11, and Website $129.00), Facilities were $7,971.31 (Internet access $109.90, Rent $7,800.00 (two months), Telephone $61.41). Program Expenses were $370.38, Education was $150.00, Printing was $514.25 ($494.38 was copier lease) and Book sales expenses were $177.08. The Got Germans? Dedicated Funds purchase was made for $1,440.09. The Deep Freeze software was upgraded to the Enterprise version so all computers can be controlled from a single PC. This will allow anti-virus and other important updates to be run regularly on all of the patron machines. Other library expenses include the $91.60 for OCLC, $95.00 for the binder lease and $1,084.08 for book purchases.]

Net loss for the month $4,127.54
Year net loss to date $3,630.64
Checking account balance $34,166.35

Torres del Paine from Lake Pehoe, Torres del Paine National Park, Chile by Miguel Vieira
Visiting the Library

Driving: Parking is available in three lots and on the street. The two permit lots (at 10th and Division Streets, and 11th Street across from the Ford building) allow 4-hour parking, but you must get a permit at the GFO front desk and place it in your car. The lot in back of the Ford building allows two hours of parking, no permit needed.

All three parking lots are open for use evenings and weekends - no limits and no permit needed.

On-street parking is available around the building and on neighboring streets. Do please check the posted hours. These may change without notice.

Bus: Lines 4-Division/Fessenden and 70-12th/NE 33rd both stop within a block of the building. Check Trimet.org for times.

MAX Light Rail—Orange Line: The Clinton St/SE 12th Ave station is three blocks from the building. Trimet.org has schedules of train service.

Please be aware of trains and signals when crossing the tracks and check both directions. MAX trains will sound horns, but the railroad trains do not sound their horns; all street gates will flash and ring bells for approaching trains.
Special Interest Group Meetings and More

Gen Talk
Saturday, November 19, 2–4 p.m.
Native American Research Using Census Records
Kate Eakman

Oregon Archives Crawl
Saturday, October 8, 11 am–3 pm
Explore research resources and learn more about 28 of Oregon’s local archives, special collections, and heritage organizations. This free event, open to the public, is an opportunity to see behind the doors at three archives and meet representatives of the others. The archives offer history, documents, artifacts, exhibits, and experts in their respective subject matter.

You can choose one of three locations to start your journey: City of Portland Archives and Records Center, the Oregon Historical Society, or the Multnomah County Library.

https://portlandarchives.wordpress.com/crawl/

A Blue Starfish (Linckia laevigata) resting on hard Acropora coral.
Lighthouse, Ribbon Reefs, Great Barrier Reef by Richard Ling

Special Interest Groups http://gfo.org/intgrp/index.htm

Beginners DNA
3rd or 4th Saturday in February, May, August, and November; 9–11 a.m. — Emily Aulicino, aulicino@hevanet.com, Tim Janzen, and Lisa McCullough

British
4th Saturdays in odd months; 1–3 p.m. — Duane Funk duanefunk@comcast.net

DNA
See GFO calendar for date and time (http://gfo.org/intgrp/index.htm); — Emily Aulicino aulicino@hevanet.com

Family Tree Maker
3rd Sundays; 1–3 p.m. — Laurel Smith bearpair@comcast.net

Genealogy Books
No meetings, future of group to be reviewed in October–November — Bonnie Randolph bbrandolph@clear.net

German
1st Saturdays monthly; This group will resume in November.

Illinois and Its Neighbors
2nd Saturdays monthly; 9:30–11:30 a.m. — Kristy Gravlin hannah@teleport.com Harlene Patterson harlene5@yahoo.com

Italian
The 4th Saturday of each month from May through October Check calendar for times. — Keith Pyeatt k_pyeatt@yahoo.com

Photoshop Elements
2nd Wednesdays monthly; 1:30–2:30 p.m. — Sarah Holmes slh@sarahholmes.com

Virginia
1st Saturdays monthly, Sep–Jun; 10 a.m.–12 p.m. — Judi Scott judiscot@gmail.com Carol Surrency lcsurr@gmail.com

Writers’ Forum
2nd Saturdays monthly, Sep–May; 1–3 p.m. — Peggy Baldwin peggy@familypassages.com Carol Surrency lcsurr@gmail.com

Irish
Last meeting Saturday, September 17; 12–2 p.m. — Suzanne Lemon slemon46@yahoo.com

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Library Work Parties ~ every month, all welcome

Sundays 9 a.m.–12 p.m.: Map project on 2nd Sunday, other projects on remaining Sundays

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