

Genealogical Forum of Oregon presents ...



# Hot Topics in Genealogy

## Half-day Seminar with Hannah Allen

**Topics:**

***Facebook for the Genealogist***

Have you wanted to use Facebook for more than just “likes” and “comments”? Expand your social media use to include sharing and furthering your family history!

***Bury the Dead, Not the Living: Organizing Your Records***

Do you have binders, boxes, or filing cabinets full of papers and research notes handed down from great-grandma? Or perhaps you’ve spent hours looking through microfilm only to realize that you have already looked there before! Organization is the key to productive and successful family history research. Learn how to stay on top of (instead of underneath) those piles of pedigrees, censuses, pension files, and probates by organizing and preserving your records electronically. Lay to rest that ancestor without digging through catacombs of records to find him.

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**Saturday**  
**22 February 2014**  
**10 am - 2 pm**  
**GFO Library**

**Limited to 50 attendees**

**No lunch provided**  
Brown bags welcome. Cafés nearby.

Coffee, tea, and snacks included.

The library will be open for  
research after the seminar.

*Event Schedule*

9:45 - 10:00	Registration
10:00 - 11:45	1st session
11:45 - 12:30	Lunch
12:30 - 2:00	2nd session

**Hannah Allen Half-day Seminar Sign-Up Form**

**22 February 2014**

Members      \_\_\_ \$20 received by 2/15/14      \_\_\_ \$25 received after 2/15/14      \_\_\_ \$30 at the door

Non-Members      \_\_\_ \$25 received by 2/15/14      \_\_\_ \$30 received after 2/15/14      \_\_\_ \$35 at the door

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## February 9 - 15 Open House and Book Sale!



The library and classes will be open and free to all. Classes will be held in the back of the library, and researchers will still be able to use the reading room.

### Events

- Sunday: Ask an Expert with Leslie Lawson, Connie Lenzen, Gerry Lenzen, and possibly others.
- Monday: DNA Day with presentations about DNA for genealogy, analyzing results and navigating the most popular sites.
- Tuesday: Classes on courthouse, census, immigration, and cemetery research taught by Keith and Darlene Pyeatt.
- Wednesday: Websites at the GFO Day – Ancestry, Fold3, Newspapers.com, and FamilySearch. What they offer and how best to use them.
- Family Tree Software Day.
- Saturday:
  - 9:30-11:30: Introduction to Genealogy with Keith Pyeatt
  - 2:00-4:00 Bounders, Bigamists and Grass Widows – Using Divorce Records in Genealogical Research with Karen Wallace Steely.This is a not-to-miss presentation!



### Surplus Book Sale

- Over 1500 books and publications for sale
- Genealogy – history – and more!
- Special discounts offered at random times during the week

***New benefit for members** beginning during the open house and continuing after: members who buy books in the library and who show their current membership card will receive a **10% discount** off the marked price.*

Sunday to Saturday  
February 9 - 15  
GFO Library

2505 SE 11th Ave, Ste B18  
Portland OR 97202

See [gfo.org](http://gfo.org) for hours.



# The Forum Insider

## Visitor Parking Improves

There have been several changes to the parking situation around the GFO library that should make your visit a little easier to manage. The local construction related to the light rail seems to be finished, so a few spots have opened up on the street. There is less congestion and rarely is a lane blocked.

If you are coming by for a class or a short visit, use the new two hour parking directly south of the building on SE 11th. Since the limits were implemented a few weeks ago there always seem to be spots available. Be aware that building management is enforcing this limit until 6:00 pm on weekdays, so plan accordingly to avoid a tow.

There have also been changes to the time limits on adjacent streets. A few blocks have new limits (usually 2-4 hours), which increases turnover. Be sure to check the signs on the street. Also see the disabled parking article on page 6.

For longer visits, you will need to arrive early in the day or expect to walk a few blocks. There are still

two parking lots with no time limits, but they usually fill up by 8:30 am weekdays. Because the library doesn't open until 9:30, this would be a chance to get a cup of coffee or breakfast at one of the nearby cafes. If you have a laptop, you can get our wi-fi in the lobby outside of the library, and some RA's do get there early and would most likely let you in.

Another option for all day visits is to follow the lead of our volunteers. Many have found that street parking is available east of 11th and north of Division. It is free and there are no time limits. I usually plan on walking two to three blocks and have always found a spot on SE 12th or within a half-block on a side street. The walk is level and there is enough pedestrian use that I have always felt safe. If walking in the dark is a concern, you could move your car to the back lot around 4:00 pm.



One final option...the streets to the south and west of our location are part of the Central Eastside Industrial District. Street parking is designated Zone G and will have varying time limits. The GFO has a limited number of one day passes that allow all day parking within this zone. These are available for sale at \$1 each at the reception desk.

- Nanci Remington

**Parking Brochure**

Download a copy of [Visitor Parking Information](#) or pick one up at the GFO.

## Genealogical Forum of Oregon

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*Free Monthly Program*

Third Saturday of each month at  
2 pm 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 am to 3 pm

Sunday

12 noon to 5 pm

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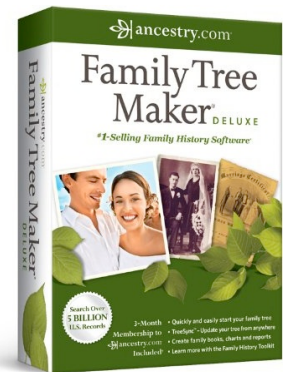
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## Family Tree Maker Interest Group

It's a whole new year, and Steve and Laurel have a whole new way of approaching our Family Tree Maker (FTM) meetings. In the past you were discouraged from bringing your computer to the meeting. Now, if you have FTM on a laptop or tablet, you are encouraged to bring it with you. Upcoming activities will be much more hands-on.

We are always faced with the difficulty of preparing a class that will help both the newbies and the old hands, and this meeting is no exception. For our first session we will cover some very basic material – but if you are an experienced user we implore you to attend. We need your input, and we need your help in the hands-on sessions. If you are like Laurel, experienced but with cleanup to do on your tree, use this meeting as a session to do a little bit of it and help reinforce the training for those who cannot bring their computer.

**Brand new members** – do you have your family tree in Family Tree Maker? If not, please do your best to come early to the meeting any time after noon. We will help you upload or start your tree so you can work along with us and the class will be meaningful to you.



Here is some of what we have in store this month:

- I. Steve will summarize our survey results.
- II. Explore FTM options – setting FTM up the way you want it.
- III. Hands-on time so you may set your options.
- IV. Basics in tree maintenance – doing it correctly the first time or cleaning it up later. We will take a brief break after each demonstration so you may try it on your computer or look over the shoulder of someone else.

For more details, go to the FTM Group website <http://tinyurl.com/lezyw95> or contact Laurel, [bearpair@comcast.net](mailto:bearpair@comcast.net), or Steve, [ceanothus1@comcast.net](mailto:ceanothus1@comcast.net), with any questions.

### Submissions to the Insider

Send comments, corrections, news, short success stories, and announcements to Becky Clark, editor, at [insider@gfo.org](mailto: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.

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

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## Fall Seminar Report

The fall seminar on October 19th was a great learning and networking opportunity for those who attended. Dr. David McDonald was an entertaining speaker who emphasized the need to understand history, time, and place in order to track ancestors. We learned that knowing the churches and migration routes that were common in their day can lead to greater understanding as well as possible records of your ancestors. We also learned how criminal and civil records can fill in pieces not found in vital record searches, as well as the difference between transcription, abstraction and extraction.

Equally important was the opportunity to talk with others who share a passion for genealogy. Whether it was sitting at a table, mingling around the book sales and snacks, or comparing tickets

at the raffle, conversations were full of suggestions about the best book, the best strategies or the most knowledgeable people to talk to (many in the same room). There was always an understanding audience for your latest struggle or success.

Our next full day seminar will be May 17th. It will feature Warren Bittner and focus on researching German ancestors. Meanwhile, come to one of our monthly programs or half-day seminars for more learning and chances to talk to others about your search.

—Nanci Remington—



## Best State Websites 2013

The GFO's website has been named to Family Tree Magazine's list of Best State Websites for Genealogy for 2013, published in the December 2013 issue and online at <http://familytreemagazine.com/article/75-best-state-sites-2013>.

"This list honors the best websites that specialize in genealogy research for one of the 50 US states. The 75 stellar sites on the list represent the go-to bookmarks for browsing America's past, state by state."

Congratulations and thanks to webmaster Larry Sullivan who created and maintains our website and to Loretta Welsh and her extractions group who have provided much of the site content mentioned in the magazine.



## Reflections from Ireland

by Sue Nelson

### Céad Míle Fáilte (A Hundred Thousand Welcomes)

In September 2013 my cousin and fellow genealogist JoAnn Michetti and I visited the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland on the Twelve Day Brendan Ireland Tour. After the tour ended, we rented a car in Dublin and headed out on our own to research Berryhill and Laughlin genealogy in Northern Ireland: Aughnacloy, Ballymoney, and Crumlin.

We started with Aughnacloy (2 hours north of Dublin), where we found our first Bed & Breakfast—Glenevar Guest House. Our research began at a nearby Catholic cemetery, where a local genealogist had told JoAnn that the Laughlins could have been buried. Due to a lack of records on this line of the Laughlins we had hoped to discover tombstones with further information, but were unsuccessful. Discouraged, we returned to the B & B that night for some more internet research.

Our next stop was in Ballymoney to visit with Kathleen, a local genealogist who had responded to



Formerly Berryhill Farm in 1800

JoAnn's newspaper ad concerning the Laughlin ancestors. Kathleen was excited to see us and shared many websites for research. She drove us

outside of town to a dilapidated cemetery where she thought we could find some headstones. Unfortunately some of the headstones had been vandalized; others were eroded and moss-covered.

Traveling on north to Portrush, we arrived at sunset and immediately found the Beaulah Guest House, a charming house with an inviting breakfast room facing the street. The next day we took the Causeway Coastal Route from Portrush to Glenarm, enjoying the beautiful weather and spectacular ocean scenery. From Glenarm we headed inland to our final destination of

Crumlin, where we stayed at Caldham House B & B, a working farm with 100 head of cattle and 200 sheep.

The next day we visited Kilead, suggested by a genealogist from

[www.eneclann.ie](http://www.eneclann.ie) who had provided JoAnn with a map of a local cemetery, Carmavey. A pair of local ladies were immediately interested in helping us find the gravestones for the Berryhills. Right when one lady was calling her uncle for a map of the cemetery, JoAnn called out that she had found the Berryhill gravestones in the NE corner stacked against a fence. It was a breakthrough! Although the headstones had been moved from their original place, we found that John Berryhill had died in 1830 and was buried there along with his wife and son.

The next day we drove into Antrim to the library, where I found the old land use maps using Griffith's Valuation and was able to find the exact location of the Berryhill farm. Later that day we drove out to the property. There was a beautiful home on the site with a For Sale sign!

We had succeeded in one of our goals for the trip, finding the Berryhill ancestors. We were not so fortunate finding the Laughlins. We also realized what kind of preliminary groundwork would help make another genealogy trip more successful—a combination of stateside research and hiring Irish genealogists.

While in Derry on the Brendan tour, we talked with Brian Mitchell (Derry Genealogy Center, [Brian.Mitchell@derrycity.gov.uk](mailto:Brian.Mitchell@derrycity.gov.uk)) concerning our Scot-Irish ancestors, the McCrackens. He told us that it is difficult to trace ancestors in Ireland from the 17th and 18th centuries due to the lack of surviving records. He recommended [www.proni.gov.uk](http://www.proni.gov.uk) for searching for indexes pre-1858, as well as 1740 Protestant Household Lists and the Religious Census of 1766. At [www.ancestryireland.com](http://www.ancestryireland.com) you can search by surname the Flax Growers List of 1896, the Protestant Household Lists of 1740, the Hearth Money Rolls of



Berryhill Tombstones, Carmavey Cemetery

the 1660s, and early 17th century Muster Rolls for Ulster. Passenger lists from Ireland to America only exist after 1890. As a general rule you are most likely to



identify passengers at the port of arrival as opposed to the port of departure.

We're looking forward to a future trip to Scotland to the home of our Scot-Irish

ancestors, the McCrackens. We hope to answer the questions of why they left Galloway, Scotland, and came to Northern Ireland, and how they finally ended up in South Carolina.

We found the Irish people to be warm, engaging, and willing to help us in any way they could. We formed new friendships and made contacts who gave us generous invitations to return to Ireland and stay in their homes. Please contact me at [daschound2@comcast.net](mailto:daschound2@comcast.net) if you have questions or comments concerning our trip.

*Irish Research Links – Available Online in the Catalog at [gfo.ind.opalsinfo.net/bin/pf/pfList](http://gfo.ind.opalsinfo.net/bin/pf/pfList)*

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CDROM Researching Derry &amp; Londonderry Ancestors: a practical guide for the family and local historian, also contains much useful information of general relevance to other counties - available for purchase, £12.00  <a href="http://www.billmacafee.com/">www.billmacafee.com/</a>                  Northern Ireland Place Name Project  <a href="http://www.placenamesni.org">www.placenamesni.org</a>                  Northern Ireland Libraries  <a href="http://www.librariesni.org.uk">www.librariesni.org.uk</a>  <b>Republic of Ireland</b>                  General Register Office - civil registration of births, deaths and marriages  <a href="http://www.groireland.ie">www.groireland.ie</a>                  Church of Ireland Records  <a href="http://www.ireland.anglican.org/library@ireland.anglican.org">www.ireland.anglican.org/library@ireland.anglican.org</a> (email)                  National Archives of Ireland - includes Ireland-Australia transportation database (1791-1853), searchable index of Irish convicts transported to Australia 1780-1868  <a href="http://www.nationalarchives.ie">www.nationalarchives.ie</a>  <a href="mailto:mail@nationalarchives.ie">mail@nationalarchives.ie</a> (email)                  National Library of Ireland  <a href="http://www.nli.ie/en/homepage.aspx">www.nli.ie/en/homepage.aspx</a>  <a href="mailto:info@nli.ie">info@nli.ie</a> (email)                  Irish Genealogy  <a href="http://www.irishgenealogy.ie">www.irishgenealogy.ie</a>                  Irish Valuation Office  <a href="http://www.valoff.ie">www.valoff.ie</a>                  Land Registry and Registry of Deeds - may need to enter link by hand  <a href="http://www.landregistry.ie/eng/">www.landregistry.ie/eng/</a>                  Griffith's Valuation - property office, housing, farm land  <a href="http://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/index.xml">www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/index.xml</a>                  1901/1911 Census</p>	<p><a href="http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/">www.census.nationalarchives.ie/</a>  <b>Additional Useful Websites</b>                  BBC History's guide to discovering family history  <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/familyhistory">www.bbc.co.uk/familyhistory</a>                  Find My Past - free searching, charge for viewing records  <a href="http://www.findmypast.co.uk">www.findmypast.co.uk</a>                  Ancestry.com - U.K. or Worldwide membership access, also available at the GFO library and through many public libraries.  <a href="http://www.ancestry.com">www.ancestry.com</a>                  DIPPAM (Documenting Ireland: Parliament, People and Migration) - includes Mellon Centre for Migration Studies' Irish Emigration Database, excluding ship passenger lists  <a href="http://www.dippam.ac.uk">www.dippam.ac.uk</a>                  North of Ireland Family History Society (NIFHS)  <a href="http://www.nifhs.org/">www.nifhs.org/</a>                  Coleraine Branch (NIFHS)  <a href="http://colerainefhs.org.uk/">http://colerainefhs.org.uk/</a>                  British Military Genealogy  <a href="http://www.armymuseums.org.uk/ancestor.htm">www.armymuseums.org.uk/ancestor.htm</a>                  Family Names of the British Isles - software resources for purchase  <a href="http://www.archersoftware.co.uk/">www.archersoftware.co.uk/</a>                  ScotlandsPeople - fee  <a href="http://scotlandspeople.gov.uk">scotlandspeople.gov.uk</a>                  Scots in Ulster  <a href="http://www.ancestryireland.com/scotsinulster">www.ancestryireland.com/scotsinulster</a>                  1718 Migration  <a href="http://www.1718migration.org.uk">www.1718migration.org.uk</a>                  Ulster Historical Foundation (Co. Down and Co. Antrim) - fee site, with reduction for members  <a href="http://www.ancestryireland.com/">www.ancestryireland.com/</a></p>
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*Classes & Programs*

Classes are free of charge to GFO members. Nonmembers who wish to attend must pay the day use fee of \$7, but they may research in the library all day in addition to attending the class or may opt to receive a one day pass to use at a later time. Monthly programs are free to all.

**Reflections on Researching a Personal Family History** – *Harold Hinds, Jr.*

Saturday, January 18, 2 pm – *Free* Monthly Program

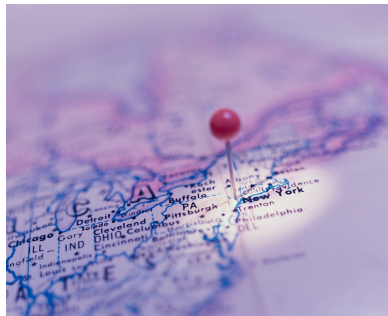
Harold will discuss the research and writing that went into his book, ***Crafting a Personal Family History: A Guide Plus a Case Study: Three Generations of the Hinds Family in New York's Adirondack Mountains.*** This presentation should appeal to those thinking of writing their own family history as well as those with family in the Adirondack region of New York.

**Map Your Genealogy**

– *Nanci Remington*

Sunday, January 12, 1 pm, and  
Wednesday, January 15, 10 am

Learn how to create and save maps using Google maps. There will be examples of using the program to plot migration routes, to plan a research trip, to locate cemeteries or land, and to determine county boundaries. Something new – using Google maps and a simple photo editing program to create a custom map. Bring a laptop or use one of ours.



**Introduction to Successful Genealogy**

– *Keith Pyeatt*

Saturday, February 15, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

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 jump-start your genealogy! All supplies are furnished.

This class is free. For information, call the GFO at 503-963-1932 or email [info@gfo.org](mailto:info@gfo.org).

**Bounders, Bigamists and Grass Widows – Using Divorce Records in Genealogical Research**

– *Karen Wallace Steely*

Saturday, February 15, 2014, 2pm – *Free* Monthly Program

Marital problems, including divorce, adultery, and bigamy, were more common in the 19th and early 20th century than we may realize. When one member of a married couple seems to suddenly disappear from the records, we need to remember that separation or divorce may be the cause, rather than assuming the missing spouse must have died. We will discuss the kinds of records that can be created when divorce occurs and we will also review techniques for uncovering evidence of divorce and other marital mishaps. Three short case studies will then be presented to demonstrate the techniques discussed.

**Disabled Person Parking Permit**

Do you need to park closer to the GFO during your visits due to physical limitations? If so, you can obtain a Disabled Person parking permit from the Oregon DMV (Form 735-265) <http://www.odot.state.or.us/forms/dmv/265fill.pdf> and park in any on-street parking space for as long as you need with a few limitations. You can't use your permit to park in a space with less than a 30 minute time limit, and it doesn't allow you to park after 4 pm on the north side of the building on Division Street. Please see the instructions for complete details.

All you need to do is take a valid driver's license or identification card along with the completed application to your physician to sign and then submit it to the DMV to obtain your permit. You can take the form to a DMV office or mail it to: DMV Driver Issuance Unit, 1905 Lana Ave. NE, Salem, OR 97314.

– *Jeanette Hopkins*

**Weather Reminder**

On days when the weather is snowy or icy, it's a good policy to call GFO first to be sure the library is open before going in. 503-963-1932



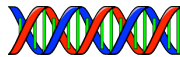
*Interest Group News*

**DNA Interest Group**

Saturday, January 25th, 10 am - 12 pm

*Back to the Basics!*

Whether you are new or need a review, discover how the major DNA tests can help you with your genealogy. Bring your questions and a friend. Learn what is new and what is on the horizon.



**Genealogy Book Group**

Saturday, January 11, 11:45 am - 12:45 pm

The book group has chosen *The Quack's Daughter, A True Story about the Private Life of a Victorian College Girl*, by Greta Nettleton, continuing an open discussion of nonfiction by authors who investigate the history of their families.



**Illinois and Their Indiana Cousins**

Saturday, January 11, 9:30 - 11:30 am

*Meeting our Indiana Cousins*

Many of those who settled in Illinois (at least for a while) spent some time either passing through Indiana or living there for some time. What was it like? What



was going on there? Who was making the news? The discussion will be about such things and how they influenced those who stayed, as well as those who went further west. We hope those with an interest in the Midwest, its people, and its history will join us. Just come to the library, take a seat, and share in the discussion. Kristy Gravlin will be the group leader on the 11th, and she is looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

**Irish Interest Group**

Saturday, January 18, 12 - 2 pm

GFO Members Art & Pat Henderson will talk about their November trip to Ireland.



**British Interest Group**

Saturday, January 25, 1 - 3 pm

*Online Resources for British Research*

Doris Cruickshank will share new online resources she learned about in Salt Lake City at the British Institute class this fall. For information contact Lyleth Winther, [lylethw@gmail.com](mailto:lylethw@gmail.com).



*Interest Group Meeting Times and Contacts*

**British**

4th Saturdays of  
Sep, Jan, Mar, May  
1 - 3 pm  
Lyleth Winther  
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**Computer**

3rd Saturdays of  
Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct  
10 am - 12 pm  
Daphne Garrison  
[degarrison@gmail.com](mailto:degarrison@gmail.com)

**DNA**

4th Saturdays of  
Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct  
10 am - 12 pm  
Emily Aulicino  
[aulicino@hevanet.com](mailto:aulicino@hevanet.com)

**Family Tree Maker**

3rd Sundays except Dec  
1 - 3 pm  
Laurel Smith

[bearpair@comcast.net](mailto:bearpair@comcast.net)

Stephen Morgan  
[ceanothus1@comcast.net](mailto:ceanothus1@comcast.net)

**Genealogy Books**

2nd Saturdays monthly  
11:45 am - 12:45 pm  
Bonnie Randolph  
[bbrandolph@clear.net](mailto:bbrandolph@clear.net)

**German**

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

**Illinois and Its Neighbors**

2nd Saturdays of  
Jan - May, Sep - Nov  
9:30 - 11:30 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  
12 - 2 pm  
Suzanne Lemon  
[slemon46@yahoo.com](mailto:slemon46@yahoo.com)

**Virginia**

1st Saturdays monthly  
Sep through Jun  
10 am - 12 pm  
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  
1 - 3 pm  
Peggy Baldwin  
[peggy@familypassages.com](mailto:peggy@familypassages.com)

**No January Meeting**

## Volunteer Opportunities

If you can help with any of these openings, please contact Cathy Lauer, Volunteer Coordinator, at [volunteer@gfo.org](mailto:volunteer@gfo.org) or leave a message for her at 503-963-1932.

### Editors for the *Bulletin*

Editors are needed for the quarterly *Bulletin*, on a rotating basis. Each issue is assigned to one person as editor for that issue. Editorial responsibilities include developing the theme and content for a given issue and delivering the finished content to the layout team. For more information contact Cathy Lauer at [volunteer@gfo.org](mailto:volunteer@gfo.org).

### Advertising Manager

We need someone to seek advertising for the *Bulletin*, the *Insider*, and the website and to coordinate between advertisers and editorial or layout teams, making sure that ads which have been paid for are run and that ads not paid for are pulled. Contact Karla Nutt at [marketing@gfo.org](mailto:marketing@gfo.org).

### *Bulletin* Production Manager

We need a traffic cop for the *Bulletin*, to keep track of deadlines, monitor that tasks are within prescribed time lines, and provide continuity among the editors, proofreaders, layout team, and ad manager. Contact Cathy Lauer at [volunteer@gfo.org](mailto:volunteer@gfo.org).

### Book Cataloging

We need people who are willing to enter newly donated books into the new catalog. We will train you. The books are already classified, so all we do is get the information into the catalog. The perk is that you get to be one of the first to see all the interesting books that are coming into the library. You can set your own hours; as little or as much time as you are able to give is a wonderful contribution to the library. You can use the computer in the work room, or if you have your own laptop, we can set you up on that so you can work anywhere in the library. Contact Sarah Holmes: [cataloging@gfo.org](mailto:cataloging@gfo.org).



### Book Sales

Book sales are taking off, and it's great because we can use the money and we certainly need the space these books now occupy. Our team of two needs your help. This is an ongoing project, so it calls for volunteers that can help on some sort of regular basis,

whether once a week or once a month, but the day and time is up to you. Training will be provided and procedural "cheat sheets" are available. Scanning and data entry need to be done for eBay sales. Book pricing is another area where you could make a big difference. Basic computer skills are all that is needed for the interested volunteer. Please contact Helen Smith at [booksales@gfo.org](mailto:booksales@gfo.org) or leave a message at 503-963-1932.

### Print shop

An additional person is needed for backup in the print shop to help by printing brochures, letters, the *Bulletin*, the *Insider*, etc., when Loretta Welsh and Jim Morrow are not available. [publisher@gfo.org](mailto:publisher@gfo.org)

### Manuscripts

Volunteers are needed for a new project to organize, create finding aids, and scan the personal papers and manuscripts that have been donated over the years. The goal is to make these collections available to researchers. Once trained, volunteers can work independently to process an entire collection or choose just one step, such as organizing or scanning. For more information contact Nanci Remington at [manuscripts@gfo.org](mailto:manuscripts@gfo.org).

### Research Assistants

Research Assistants are needed to fill some of the vacant afternoon spots. Hours are 1 pm to 5 pm. Some of the duties of an RA are welcoming patrons into the library, answering the phone, helping patrons with their research, and shelving books. For a complete description of the duties, go to our website, [www.gfo.org](http://www.gfo.org), and click on Research Assistant. We need to have at least two volunteers on duty for each shift to keep the library open. Please consider volunteering one day per week, one day every two weeks, or one day per month.

### Research Requests

An additional person(s) is needed for answering research requests. Research requests come in mainly from people seeing our online indexes, but from those requesting copies of pages in our family history also books, telephone and city directories, or any other book in our collection. A backup person is needed to scan microfilms of the Donation Land Claims and print or create a CD from the scans. [publisher@gfo.org](mailto:publisher@gfo.org).

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*Around the GFO*

**October Financial Report**

In October we received \$257 in donations for the general fund, \$31.97 in dividends on investments, \$4,086 in membership fees, gross Fall seminar income of \$3,622, \$172.71 in reading room income, \$25 in advertising income for the *Bulletin*, \$18.78 in Amazon commissions, \$65 in research income, and \$945.07 in used book sales for total income of \$9,224.03. We had the normal monthly expenses and \$3,326.93 in Fall seminar expenses for total expenses of \$7,767.46. Net income for the month was \$1,456.57. The



total loss for the fiscal year stood at \$6,183.97.

**November Financial Report**

In November we transferred \$469.18 from prior year Annual Appeal funds and received \$9.00 in donations for the general fund, \$10.99 in dividends on investments, \$1,150 in membership fees, Fall seminar income of \$53, \$253.40 in reading room income, \$25.38 in Amazon commissions, \$52 in research income, and \$182 in used book sales for total income of \$1,735.77. We had the normal monthly expenses, purchased 100 daily parking passes, purchased a computer for book sales, and had \$126.70 in Fall seminar expenses for total expenses of \$5,420.35. Net loss for the month was \$3,684.58. The total loss for the fiscal year now stands at \$10,721.55.

*– Respectfully submitted, Richard Crockett.*

*Volunteer Opportunities (cont.)*

**Data Extraction**

If you would like to help with data extraction projects, please contact Loretta Welsh, the print shop manager. She is usually at the library on Wednesdays, or you can leave a message with reception at 503-963-1932 or email her at [dataextraction@gfo.org](mailto:dataextraction@gfo.org).

*Historic Columbian Cemetery Extraction Project.* The GFO has been asked to help with extracting the records of the Historic Columbian Cemetery. Several card files filled with 3x5 cards have been scanned and indexed. The data now need to be proofed before the index is put on our website.

Also, help alphabetizing the 3x5 cards at the GFO would be much appreciated. This task needs to be done before proofreading starts on the extracted records.



*Ongoing Data Extraction Projects.* A number of projects can use help. These require use of Excel or Open Office for the worksheets. Projects to be done at the GFO include Multnomah County Marriages, books of newspaper clippings, and books of Oregon biographies. Projects which could be done at home from scanned images include the Portland birth ledger, scrapbooks with articles and obituaries, loose obituaries, church cards, and newspaper clippings from old newspapers that have been donated.

*Scanning at the GFO.* Additional loose obituaries and newspaper clippings have been donated and need to be scanned, as well as four bankers boxes of death certificates, church cards, and other miscellaneous items. The scanning needs to be done before the items are indexed.

**Map Quest Project**

Sunday, January 5  
9 am - 12 noon  
(weather permitting)

We will work on the map collection. All are welcome. Contact Doris Cruickshank at [dcruickshank@spessart.com](mailto:dcruickshank@spessart.com) with questions.

**Sue LeBlanc Wins Scholarship**

The Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy announced Susan LeBlanc as the winner of the Jimmy B. Parker Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy scholarship.

An accredited genealogist, Sue is an active member of the GFO and an editor of the *Bulletin*.

She will be attending the course entitled "American Research and Records: Focus on Families."

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## January 2014

### GFO Calendar

<i>January</i>		<i>February</i>		<i>March</i>	
Wed 1/1	<b>New Year's Day Library Closed</b>	Sat 2/1	10 am Virginia Group	Sat 3/1	10 am Virginia Group
Sat 1/4	10 am Virginia Group		1 pm German Group		1 pm German Group
Mon 1/6	<b>Free Monday</b>	Mon 2/3	<b>Free Monday</b>	Mon 3/3	<b>Free Monday</b>
Sat 1/11	9:30 am Illinois & ... Group	Sat 2/8	9:30 am Illinois & ... Group	Sat 3/8	9:30 am Illinois & ... Group
	11:45 am Gen. Book Group		1 pm Writers' Forum		11:45 am Gen. Book Group
	1 pm Writers' Forum		<b>GFO Open House 2/9 - 2/15</b>		1 pm Writers' Forum
Sun 1/12	1 pm <i>Map Your Gen. Cls.</i>	Tue 2/11	6 pm Board Meeting	Tue 3/11	6 pm Board Meeting
Tue 1/14	6 pm Board Meeting	Sat 2/15	10 am	Sat 3/15	12 pm Irish Group
Wed 1/15	1 pm <i>Map Your Gen. Cls.</i>		<b>Intro. to Successful Genealogy</b>		2 pm <b>Free Program</b>
Sat 1/18	12 pm Irish Group		2 pm <b>Free Program</b>	Sun 3/16	1 pm FTM Group
	2 pm <b>Free Program</b>		<b>Bounders, Bigamists and Grass Widows</b>	Sat 3/22	1 pm British Group
	<b>Reflections on Researching a Personal Family History</b>	Sun 2/16	1 pm FTM Group	Sat 3/29	10 am DNA Group
Sun 1/19	1 pm FTM Group	Sat 2/22	<b>Half-day Seminar Hannah Allen</b>		
Sat 1/25	10 am DNA Group		<b>Hot Topics in Genealogy</b>		
	1 pm British Group				

See the GFO calendar at [gfo.org](http://gfo.org)  
 for Sunday work parties.