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MARY KIRCHER RODDY TO SPEAK

Newspaper Sleuth to Share Her Secrets



Mary Roddy, off to solve the next mystery.

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Letter from the Editor

This issue we are celebrating the history of the GFO itself. It has been going strong for 70 years now, and there have been a lot of changes along the way. We engaged Rachel Hayward at Telltales to help us craft the story. You can find out more about Rachel towards the end of the article. It is amazing to put things like this down on paper and then realize just how much all of the volunteers at the GFO have accomplished over the past 70 years. I was truly impressed reading about all that has gone on before I got involved with the GFO about five years ago. I knew it had been around awhile, but I hadn't realized the extent of the history we have. Now I know, and you will too after you read this article.

We have not neglected our regular columns for this issue. The next installment in our First Families of Multnomah County is about Johannes Bernard Butenschoen. There was some question about exactly when he came to Multnomah County. He was certainly here in time to be considered under our "Lewis and Clark Exposition" level. But there was difficulty locating proof about whether he was early enough to be considered under our "Early Settlers" criteria. You will have to read the piece to find out what happened.

Nanci Remington's Tools column is on map guides to German Parish registers; why they are important, how to use them, and what information they can help you find. Our Spotlight heads back to the Manuscript Collection to highlight one specific set of documents in our collection – the personal papers of Rebecca Jane

Walker. This article is to both update you on how much progress our manuscripts team has made, as well as to highlight one of the favorite pieces found in the collection.



We have three reviews on related books all written by Gail Morin about the Metis and other peoples who received land in Canada from the British government during certain periods of the 1800s. If you have people in this area who were descended from the French and the Native Americans during this time period, these would be valuable resources to review.

Finally, I want everyone to note our Fall Seminar. We have a great speaker coming, D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MIS, and one of the hosts of PBS's Genealogy Roadshow. There is still room at the seminar, so I hope you sign up soon. As always, if you have a story you want to share with others, we would welcome hearing from you. Just send an email to bulletin@gfo.org. We will be glad to discuss your story and assist you in getting it published in the *Bulletin*. We hope you enjoy this issue and we truly welcome your feedback.

Respectfully, Marti Dell

A Storied Past and Vibrant Future

A Celebration of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon's 70 Years

Rachel Hayward

In the library of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon (GFO), a patron at one of the computers searches the web for information on her German ancestors. At the various worktables, members and patrons scan books, files, and journals gathered by volunteers who contribute many hours a week helping visitors find and access records related to their ancestral research. At the reception desk, a volunteer greets newcomers and directs them to the class on Beginning Genealogy in the back. The GFO president works with a volunteer on the next *Bulletin*

before moving back to a workroom to answer emails and review progress on the new website. Volunteers behind the scenes process incoming materials and add information to the Forum's online catalog, and the website volunteer team puts the finishing touches on the new look for 2016. Volunteers move in and out as they unload 138 donated boxes of material to back rooms. Researchers, needing a break from sitting, peruse the surplus book sale shelves at the front of the library. A member of a neighborhood group stops by to look at old maps that may shed light on land donations back in the settlement years for her town. At a microfiche reader, a historian hunts for elusive clues to a family's route into and across the United States. A writer pores over photographs in hopes of identifying a daughter to the family she is portraying in a memoir. A high school student learns how to research his Norwegian ancestry for a school project. Before leaving, some patrons sign up for next month's weekend workshop on how to research Irish and Scottish ancestry.

This is typical of the activities that span many weeks at the GFO today, but it wasn't always this way. What started with three dedicated women and a stack of mag-



The GFO Library on a busy Saturday afternoon.

azines, genealogical books, charts, and coats of arms stored in one of their homes has developed into over 39,000 holdings and an equally dedicated all-volunteer staff of 95 at last count. The GFO has become one of the most important (and largest!) independent genealogical libraries for patrons researching their own storied pasts.

On the GFO's 70th birthday, we honor its humble beginnings. We celebrate where the GFO has been, the miles it has traveled, what it has become, and what's in store for the future.

AN INVITATION TO GATHER

It was January 5, 1946. Dorothy Van Pelt hosted the Willamette Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at her home. While Mrs. Van Pelt chatted with Caroline Higley and Daisy Smith, the topic of family history came up. All three women expressed the desire to belong to a genealogy group. Seventeen days later in the home of Miss Higley, the name of the group was chosen, officers were elected, and the Genealogical Forum was off and running.

With Miss Higley serving as chairman, Mrs. Smith as secretary, and Mrs. Van Pelt as treasurer and librarian, the group of women began recording their bi-monthly

meetings held at the Portland Central Library. By July, dues were set at \$2 per year and were spent on genealogy magazine subscriptions and other materials. Four additional members joined, and the first pamphlet was published in 1949 containing a typed list of genealogical books in the Portland library. From these humble beginnings, the GFO gradually came into its own.

CREATING THE FOUNDATION

Guiding this newly formed group out of infancy was no small task. Getting all the nuts and bolts in place was necessary to honor and uphold the vision: to create a space for people to research their family ancestry, share resources, and share findings. The GFO historians drafted their first bylaws in 1950, and decided to hold meetings twice a month, alternating between members' homes, the Multnomah County Library, and the Hostess House at the Oregonian Building. They maintained their library in member Mary Brewer's home at 1709 S.E. Ladd Avenue, which was open only one day a week. Plans to publish a regular bulletin began in 1951, and by 1952, that little pamphlet from 1949 had grown into a three-page mimeographed booklet: *The Forum Exchange*. The GFO held its first officer elections in 1958 and began to print *The Bulletin* using their own mimeograph machine.

The GFO knew it was important to find different and appealing ways to attract new members. Outreach became a focus in those early years. This was accomplished by creating interactive events for the community as well as taking on volunteer projects in order to be-



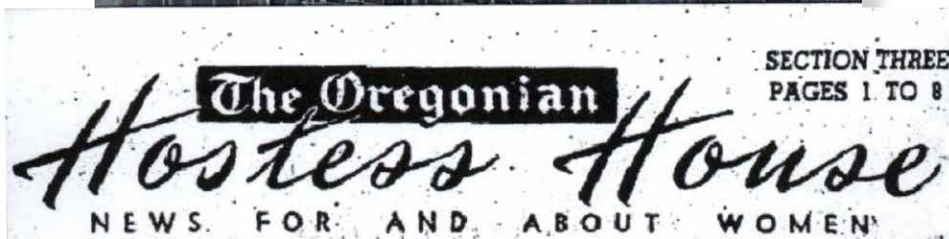
Meier & Frank was the site of early GFO Open House events.

come a well-known name in the field. One of their first projects was the Family Reunion and Association List. It contained a listing of all Oregon family associations and reunions, including information on family groups having annual meetings and picnics.

The tradition of the annual Open House started in May 1952 with the GFO's Family History Fair. Speakers and exhibits focused on genealogy and how to navigate the Latter Day Saints' records, how to use the public library's resources, and how to organize ancestral charts. The Open Houses were meant to attract new members, offer educational classes for current members, and to serve as fundraisers. The Family History Fairs were places genealogists could gather for socializing, sharing, and learning.

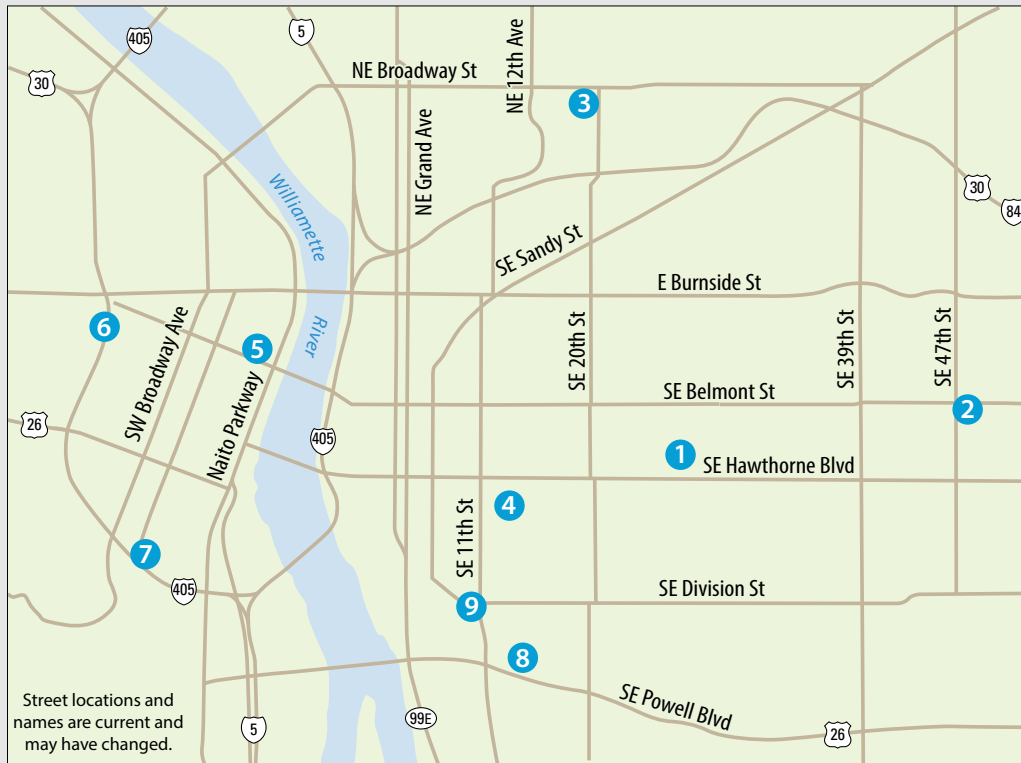
Annual Open Houses throughout the 50s continued to offer patrons classes in all the newest research advances and allowed the GFO to become a visible presence in the community. They became so popular that the GFO expanded the 1959 Open House to three days and moved it to Meier & Frank in downtown Portland. As a result, membership increased to 200 within the next few years, and the GFO was able to take on larger projects and create new offerings for the public.

In March of 1955, the GFO started The Bibliography Project for the Oregon State Library in Salem. A designated committee took genealogical compendiums, indexes, lineage books, periodicals, directories, maps, gazetteers, encyclopedias, the Oregon Collection, family histories, local histories, newspapers, microfilm,



First "Genealogical School" on the West Coast

ALL THE PLACES THE GFO CALLED HOME



The GFO Library has had its own migration of sorts, and has seen the inside of some of Portland's most historic buildings.

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| 1 | 1946 | It all began in the home of Treasurer Dorothy Van Pelt at 2702 S.E. Main Street | 5 | 1968 | Governor Building, 408 S.W. 2nd Avenue |
| 2 | 1955 | (January) Home of Julia Waldram, 4711 S.E. Yamhill Street | 6 | 1974 | Neighbors of Woodcraft Building, 1410 S.W. Morrison Street |
| 3 | 1955 | (September) Home of Mrs. Robert Hacker, 1922 N.E. Weidler Avenue | 7 | 1994 | 2130 S.W. 5th Avenue |
| 4 | 1962 | Home of Mary Brewer, 1709 S.E. Ladd Avenue | 8 | 1999 | Warehouse buildings, 1505 S.E. Gideon Street |
| | | | 9 | 2011 | Historic Ford Building, 2505 S.E. 11th Street |

county records, information on historical societies, libraries, public archives, military records, church and land records, U.S. public documents, histories of foreign countries and general history, heraldry, surnames, and place names—and catalogued them all for public use. This momentous project was the largest of its kind in this part of the country and allowed patrons a new and vast look at the genealogical resources available.

For their May 1955 Open House, the GFO hosted what is believed to be the first “Genealogical School” on the West Coast. Those who helped arrange the school were the Oregon State Archives Department (Salem), the Oregon Historical Society, the Multnomah County Library, and public schools in Portland and Vancouver, Washington. Participants gathered at the Oregonian

Hostess House for a variety of beginning classes and demonstrations on duplicating records, microfilming, lithography, mimeography, and spirit duplicating. The special speaker was Stanley MacDonald, Chief of the Multnomah County Criminal Bureau of Investigation, and he spoke about handwriting, inks and papers, and the restoration of old manuscripts.

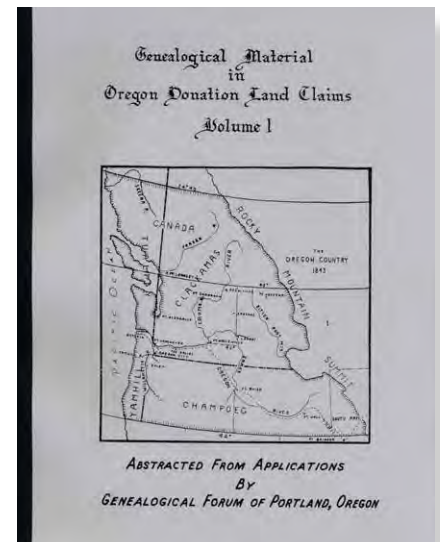
This marked a deepening and broadening of the GFO’s commitment to education . . . not just how to arrange things on paper or how to navigate a database, but to offer knowledgeable speakers and useful classes on a variety of topics for the benefit of their members and visitors. As these educational offerings increased, the GFO also began to attract partnerships in the family history field.

Cemetery research also became a noteworthy endeavor for the GFO. The first major project in this area started in 1956 when President Barbara Elkins curated a committee for the Cemetery Research Project. This group researched and compiled historical backgrounds for all the cemeteries in the state of Oregon. In February 1957, the GFO received permission to use the Oregon Historical Society's records, and in November they received permission to include DAR records. At this point in 1958, President Elkins had amassed knowledge of over 1,000 cemeteries, and wanted to add 800-900 more before she finished the project.

One of the most recognized and awarded GFO projects was published in 1957. Lauded as one of the GFO's trademark contributions, the *Oregon Donation Land Claims, Volume I* was the culmination of an incredible amount of hours and patience. Led by Lottie Gurley as research chairman, Lottie and her volunteers would venture to the Oregon Bureau of Land Management Office once a week where they searched records one at a time and abstracted the information from the land titles. Filled with 2,500 land claims, this volume received some big attention. The Oregon Donation Land Claims com-

mittee received an award from the American Association for State and Local History and was one of only ten organizations in the nation that received recognition for "regional, county, and local societies which are outstanding in the development and understanding of local history."

The Oregon Donation Land Claims committee continued working on their project, and in May of 1959, *Oregon Donation Land Claims, Volume II* was published. This volume finished cataloging the 5,289 total land records originally filed at the Oregon City Land Office. This was quite an accom-



Donation Land Claims, Volume 1 is published

GFO'S PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES*

"This corporation's primary purpose shall be to educate, to record, and to preserve genealogical and historical records and information.

"The objectives of this organization shall be to instruct in research, to create an interest in genealogy, and to share, compile, and publish genealogical and historical materials."



*First stated in 1967 in the GFO Articles of Amendment (to Articles of Incorporation) filed with the State of Oregon Corporation Commissioner and continuing, unchanged, in the restated Articles submitted April 2013.



GFO found a new home in the Governor Building in 1969.

plishment as each abstract showed the settler's name, place of residence, wife's name, date and place of birth, date and place of marriage, date the claim was settled, and other family information. The committee went on to abstract claims that had been filed in Roseburg, The Dalles, and La Grande. They even abstracted

the rejected claims for Idaho. The claim files were micro-filmed by the National Archives, and a set of the films is in the GFO collection. In 1990, Lottie went on to work on obtaining information about the pioneers' wives whose maiden names were listed in the land claims.

GETTING THE DETAILS DOWN AND SETTLING IN

Over the next two decades—the 1960s and 1970s—the GFO continued creating their foundation, establishing flow, identifying goals, and beginning traditions. The hard work from the founders and volunteers was paying off; outreach attracted new members, projects and publications brought more visibility to the GFO, and an increased engagement with the community meant that the Forum was growing and expanding.

In February of 1960, under the leadership of President Barbara Elkins, the society was incorporated as the Genealogical Forum of Portland, Oregon, Inc. Monthly meetings and annual Open Houses kept members informed and up to date on new technologies and information while the library was still housed in [the Brewers' home](#). Publication of Volumes III and IV of the *Oregon Donation Land Claims* occurred in 1962 and 1967 respectively. For their 21st Anniversary, the three founding members of the GFO were

given Life Membership cards. Ties with the Oregon Historical Society strengthened and both organizations worked together to assist the public with genealogical research and family history.

Due to the growth of membership and library resources, along with the Brewers moving into a smaller home, the GFO needed a new space. It was found at the Governor Building at 408 SW 2nd Avenue. The move began at the end of 1968 and was complete by early 1969. For the first time, everything was in one place under one roof. For the first time, they had a headquarters.

On June 18, 1970, the society acquired 501(c)(3) non-profit status under the leadership of Marie Davis.

In October of this same year, the Oregon Trail Project kicked off a series of events and activities which brought new information to light. Oregon Trail historian and GFO member Claire Belsher began to share her knowledge with other members and participants through various activities, such as a day-long walk along the ruts of the trail and sharing stories about the hardships the pioneers experienced. With Oregon Donation Land Claim records and her own research, Mrs. Belcher contributed to the Oregon Trail history with her knowledge about a previously unknown portion of the Trail in Troutdale, Oregon.

The GFO began thinking “move” again in the early 1970s. Space was found in the historic Neighbors of Woodcraft Building at 1410 S.W. Morrison in 1974. Here, the GFO gained an office, committee work areas, and a



GFO's 25th Open House at Meier & Frank in 1971.

seemed that at this time, the GFO was poised to begin a larger cycle of growth and participation with the community, earning new opportunities and recognition. It was also a time when veteran members and volunteers began to pass away, leaving room for new energy and leadership to emerge.

WE'RE ONE OF THE BIGGEST!

As the GFO rolled into the 80s, a powerful realization hit: they had become one of the largest independent genealogical and local history libraries in Oregon, attracting visitors from across the Pacific Northwest. With this awareness, it was natural that the organization would continue to expand and hone their mission and message. The organization shortened their name to the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc. in March of 1986. Community members made contributions of materials and money, and volunteers gave time to projects and library upkeep . . . this dance between the organization and the community enabled the GFO to grow and thrive and remain a respected presence.

The GFO continued to offer print shop services, meeting space, and library use to other genealogical, historical, and lineage societies. The local Daughters of the American Revolution housed their collection in the library, and their members were allowed free access to those materials whenever the library was open. The GFO continued to be a gathering place for like-minded researchers, a place for sharing and expanding knowledge.

One of the most memorable projects, started in 1984, was the 1910 Oregon Census Soundex Index. This might be one of the largest genealogical endeavors completed in Oregon thanks to the participation of many volunteers and various small genealogical societies around the state. "The only [index] available at National Archives branches was a Soundexed version," said Eileen Chamberlin, past President and current member and volunteer. "Oregon was a state which had not been done."

Under the project leadership of Judy Goldmann, all of the information was gathered and distributed to volunteers. Judy obtained the microfilm and paper copies, placing them in folders for each volunteer to work from. There were 672,000 names on the census.



Eileen Chamberlin



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Neighbors of Woodcraft Building

large reading room. The layout for the space was particularly interesting. The reception area was in the hallway, and the majority of the library collection was housed in a vault, which was across the hall from the research room. Also on site was the print shop where Jay and Sue Balfour ran a noisy off-set press which printed much of the material published by GFO, including the quarterly *Bulletin*, meeting notices, and special projects. Various auditoriums were rented to sponsor events, including some of the first seminars featuring national speakers.

Toward the end of the 70s, the cycle of foundation building and detail work was coming to completion. It



Jay and Sue Balfour and the offset press

GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON PRESIDENTS

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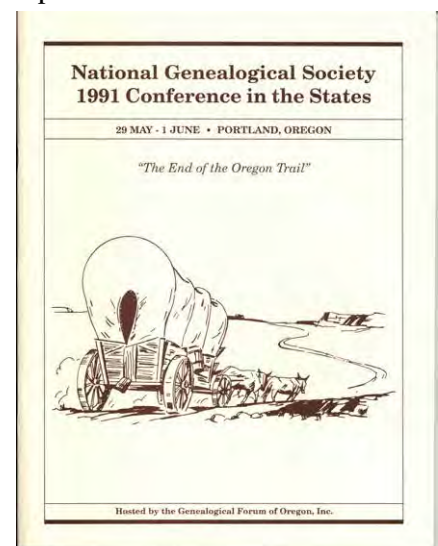
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| Eileen Chamberlin | 1993 | 1995 | |
| Ken Waite | 1995 | 1996 | Resigned |
| Connie Lenzen | 1996 | 1998 | Replaced Ken Waite |
| John Holt | 1998 | 1999 | |
| David Reynolds | 1999 | 2001 | |
| Diana Manning | 2001 | 2002 | Resigned due to illness |
| Eileen Chamberlin | 2002 | 2002 | Replaced Diana Manning, second term as president |
| David Klauck | 2002 | 2003 | Resigned, moved to Texas |
| Anna Leptich | 2003 | 2003 | Replaced David Klauck |
| David Morrison | 2003 | 2004 | |
| Jan Robinson | 2004 | 2007 | |
| Don Holznagel | 2007 | 2009 | |
| Lyleth Winther | 2009 | 2012 | |
| Laurel Smith | 2012 | 2016 | Two terms and elected to a 3 rd term ending June 2018 |

By 1992, when Eileen Chamberlin became president, the project had slowed. With some commitment, good volunteers, and her gentle pushing, the project was up and going again. It was sent to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City when it was finished in July of 1997. It had agreed to put the index on microfilm in return for a copy. Shortly thereafter, the 1910 census index was made available, and Judy was able to sell enough sets of the finished microfilm to make back all expenses. Everyone who was involved received many kudos for completing the project. "It was a true labor of love and was cooperatively done," Eileen said.

With such momentum, the GFO created some stellar events in the 90s. With traditions established and running smoothly in the background (Family History Fairs, Open Houses, national speakers, educational offerings), the GFO had the time and attention to launch into one of the biggest events to cross their doorstep.

From May 29 to June 1, 1991, the GFO hosted the National Genealogical Society Conference. Themed as "Come to the End of the Oregon Trail," this was the first national conference held on the West Coast. The historical and genealogical societies of Oregon and Washington assisted in the Conference, with Stanley Clarke being the local chairman. The four-day event was held at the newly opened Oregon Convention Center and offered 160 lectures and workshops, 120 exhibit booths, and attracted genealogists from all over the United States. Topics included research methodology, westward migration, computers and genealogy, ethnic and foreign research, libraries and archives, and writing and publishing.

The national group wasn't sure how the turnout would be, but with solid advertising and other marketing efforts, they enjoyed the largest attendance at any conference up to that time: over 2,500 people. The GFO facilities were open during the entire Conference and welcomed attendees arriving by bus to the Forum headquarters. Membership



NGS 1991 Conference: End of the Oregon Trail

rosters grew and word continued to circulate about the GFO and all they had to offer.

The 1993 Annual Family History Fair was part of the Oregon Trail Celebration. The GFO co-hosted the event along with the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, the Genealogical Council of Oregon, the Portland Art Museum, and the Oregon Historical Society. It was billed as “the most unique reunion in the history of mankind.” Held on the third floor in the Masonic Temple Grand Ballroom on Southwest Park, pioneer descendants gathered for wagon rides through the Park blocks and a variety of other events. Among the festivities, participants could learn about pioneer history, culture, covered-wagon living, making pressed cider, old fashioned instruments and toys, grinding wheat, storytelling, and clog dancing. Films were shown and 200 quilts were displayed. The GFO offered all Oregon and Washington visitors the chance to start tracing their family roots; they sent interested visitors home with the beginnings of a five-generation pedigree chart and/or a family group sheet.

After some twenty years at the Neighbors of Woodcraft building, the GFO was given the news that the building had a new owner. Due to the changes planned for the space, the GFO again turned their efforts to finding a new home. The real estate research committee, headed by Nedra Brill, discovered 2130 S.W. 5th Avenue, Suite 220, an odd property which was made up of two buildings connected by a common hall and stairs. President, Eileen Chamberlin oversaw the move. Steel storage shelves were purchased, and Ruth Bishop donated commercial carpeting for the space. By end of summer 1994, another move was complete. Volunteers set up the library on the second floor, with resources in the concrete north building, and offices, print shop, and work spaces in the wooden south building. As a bookend to the entire moving process, the GFO received their



Classes at 5th Avenue in 1997

GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON HALL OF FAME



Jeanette Hopkins 2014 Hall of Fame recipient

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| Caroline Isabell Higley | 16 May 1987 |
| Daisy Catharine Shrader Smith | 16 May 1987 |
| Dorothy Rachel Clark Van Pelt | 16 May 1987 |
| Nellie Hiday | 16 May 1987 |
| Harriet E. Strause Hobbs | 16 May 1987 |
| Wilfred Tuttle Frost | 16 May 1987 |
| Lottie Louise LeGett Gurley | 16 May 1987 |
| Esther Irvine Colyn | 14 May 1988 |
| Jay Marvin Balfour | 14 May 1988 |
| Gyneth Susan Balfour | 14 May 1988 |
| Evelyn Dibble Greenstreet | 6 May 1989 |
| Harriette Word Park | 6 May 1989 |
| Mary Glascock Brewer | 19 May 1990 |
| Willis Gregg Corbitt | 29 May 1991 |
| Mary Lou Monson Stroup | 16 May 1992 |
| Betty Marie Ray Davis | 16 May 1992 |
| Wilfred R. Burrell | 13 June 1994 |
| Elizabeth “Betty” Braun Mays | 13 June 1994 |
| Ruth Chauncey Bishop | 12 June 1995 |
| Ellen MacIntosh Collins | 12 June 1995 |
| Verlie Warner Johnston | 12 June 1995 |
| Emily Johnson Reding | 12 June 1995 |
| Maia Gundmundson Walker | 10 June 1996 |
| Bernadine Follis Lee | 9 June 1997 |
| Spencer Leonard | 10 June 1998 |
| Carole Norton Putman | 14 June 2000 |
| Nancy Compton Hacker | 14 June 2000 |
| Mattie Irene Hyde Little | 13 June 2001 |
| Eileen Eckels Chamberlin | 10 June 2006 |
| Gerald S. Lenzen | 10 June 2006 |
| Constance Miller Lenzen | 10 June 2006 |
| Julie Ann Kidd | 9 June 2007 |
| Patricia Seidler Burling | 14 June 2008 |
| Marie Hauff Diers | 13 June 2009 |
| Jim Morrow | 13 June 2010 |
| Donald Holznagel | 11 June 2011 |
| Cathy Lauer | 9 June 2012 |
| Lyleth Winther | 9 June 2012 |
| Sandi Whiteman | 15 June 2013 |
| Larry Sullivan | 21 June 2014 |
| Jeanette Kefsky Hopkins | 21 June 2014 |
| Loretta Welsh | 20 June 2015 |

first microfiche reader/printer from member Wayne Rashdorf and IBM.

That same year, the GFO became an Oregon Historical Society Affiliate. Members of the GFO were able to enjoy certain perks at the OHS including a discount on OHS membership, the quarterly periodical, newsletters and upcoming events announcements, free admission to the OHS research library, discounts in the bookstore, and an invitation to the annual author's signing party.

Now that the GFO was in a new space, volunteer Jim Casto began some technology planning. Two office computers were in full use at this time, and Jim began to research what databases would be good to obtain and how to computerize certain collections. As preservation methods continued to change, the desire to bring things into the "digital age" began to be a focal point.

TECHNOLOGY SURGES

Interest in changing technology sparked many new endeavors and educational opportunities. Not only was the GFO looking to upgrade technology for internal uses, but they greatly desired to enhance the experience of patrons. The year 1994 witnessed a pronounced increase in technology planning. Stated goals at the forefront of this initiative included a) providing computers and equipment for members' usage, b) collecting databases, and c) bringing files into a digital format. Jim Casto led the charge, bringing the surname file into the digital age that year.

In 1995, volunteers converted 12,000 entries from a text file into a database, and this became the computerized shelf list which made it much easier to find books. Three existing book numbering systems were also converted into the one system used by most libraries in English speaking countries. A computer interest group was started with the goal of identifying what technol-



GFO provides computers for patrons.



Microfilm and microfiche readers

ogy could help in the research process. Mentors were available to teach the use of computers for genealogical research and to assist those interested in learning genealogy programs.

The GFO quadrupled their microfilm holdings in 1996 through a purchase from the American Genealogical Lending Library's overstock. After assessing the list and removing duplicates, the GFO ultimately purchased 2,138 separate films and integrated them into their collection in 1997. Most were National Archives films, census information (including mortality records and slave schedules), passenger arrival lists, military records, and Native American records. To support this massive addition, the GFO purchased a Minolta reader and printer and three metal storage file cabinets. All fiche, CD, and periodical collections were added to the digital shelf list then placed on the patron computer that same year, and by August, there were two computers installed for researchers.

In November, the Early Settler Extraction Committee was formed. Their goal was to extract the information from Early Settlers forms filled out by GFO members over the past 25 years. The information was eventually merged into an every-name index by Fall of 1998.

The year of 1997 saw many additions, along with membership growth to over 1,300. In January, the library catalog was updated, and Julie Kidd donated five metal microfilm storage units for the growing collection. Oregon Telephone books were added to the GFO Library shelves in February, and by April, the library saw an up-tick in visitors per month. More potential microfilms

came across the GFO's doorstep in May, offered by the Heritage Quest Genealogical Library in Orting, Washington.

In July 1997, a group of volunteers began extracting the Oregon World War I draft registration cards from microfilm to create an index. By June of 1998, it was two thirds done. The material was proofed and saved onto CDs and was finally put up for sale at the NGS Conference in 2001. One month after the draft registration project began, the Census Film Project started. This project re-organized and cataloged the existing census films of 1830, 1840, and 1870.

A new donation of the PERSI (PERiodical Source Index) CD-ROM came into the GFO in November of 1997, adding hundreds of articles from genealogical and historical periodicals. Most were from the United States, but a good portion of them were from foreign publications. When FileMaker Pro software was installed in early 1998, the GFO revised the catalog and brought all the new collections, microfilms, books, and other documents and resources into that one system. In the following year, four new computers and a high speed printer were networked for patrons.

Among the technology advancements of this decade, cemetery projects continued. In early 1996, the authors, compilers, and editors of the book *Columbia County, Oregon, Cemetery Records* gave GFO the copyright to the title and the right to publish and sell it so the records could be made available to the public. The book contained 17,000 names, and each cemetery had a separate index. There was also a comprehensive index for the entire book. This printing was completed by the end of 1996.

Copyright to GFO publications became an issue. The society had not renewed the copyright on the donation land claim books, and the work went into the public domain. A large Internet-based company became aware of this. They digitized Volume One and placed it on the Internet. President Connie Lenzen rallied professional genealogists to protest, and the book was removed. A GenWeb host copied several of the GFO cemetery books and placed them on his county website—without attribution. This, too, was dealt with and the materials were withdrawn.



Connie Lenzen



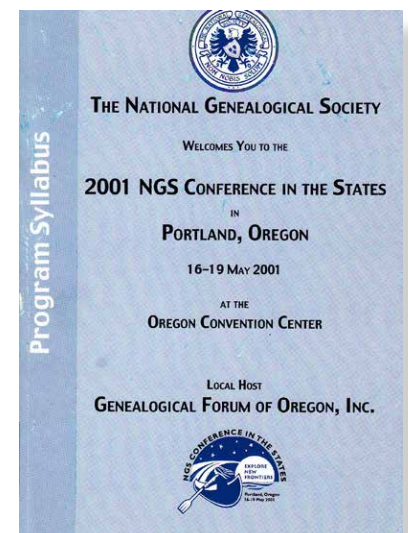
GFO's home from 1999 to 2011 at 1505 S.E. Gideon Street.

ESTABLISHING A SENSE OF PLACE

Amidst this flurry of technology additions and data extraction projects, the GFO was once again faced with their home changing. Due to an imminent rent increase, the board decided to relocate, and the move to an old warehouse on 1505 S.E. Gideon Street was complete by August of 1999.

The new space definitely had its perks. For the first time, there was a parking lot for members. A large, un-rented room served as space for annual meetings and other purposes. And, as luck would have it, a local library was selling used shelving. The GFO purchased 400 feet of it and transferred their growing collection into a stronger and more stable system. This was certainly welcome since the book collection nearly doubled while at the Gideon location. The GFO had their first Heirloom Show there and new interest groups were formed.

If the 1991 NGS Conference wasn't enough to tout the GFO's success and visibility, how about hosting it again? In 2001, the GFO became the only genealogical organization to host the conference for a second time. It was held at the Oregon Convention Center, and once again, the GFO doors were opened to attendees. Connie Lenzen and



NGS 2001 Conference: Explore New Frontiers

Ruth Bishop were the local conference chairs.

In the fall of 2002, a GFO member caught wind that the Oregon Vital Records Office was interested in finding someone who would lead a project to type an index to their marriage licenses from 1925-1945. The State of Oregon had many records indexed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) during the 1930's depression. The WPA was formed by President Roosevelt to put people to work during that time. People worked in archives and libraries doing oral histories with older people, indexing and organizing the records they had, and then recording those lists. However, when the Depression ended, the marriages and divorces had been indexed only up through 1924. The state decided to continue to index, and beginning with current marriages, got back as far as 1946 before running out of funding.

After some internal discussion and investigation into what the project would entail, the GFO stepped forward to help. With the leadership of Marie Diers, the project started January 10, 2003. By 2004, the licenses for 1925-1928 were finished. The extraction group worked seven years to complete this project, and by 2010, the entire marriage license index was done. The GFO gave a copy of the database to the State in 2011.

Today, groups of volunteers continue working on indexing the divorces of 1925-1945 for which no index had been created. The group is now nearing the end of 1945, so the completion of this project is in sight. There are currently four marriage CDs at the GFO that cover the years 1925 to 1945: 1) 1925 to 1929; 2) 1930 to 1934; 3) 1935 to 1939; and 4) 1940 to 1945. Also available are three CDs completed for the divorces: 1) 1925 to 1929, 2) 1930 to 1934, and 3) 1935 to 1939. The 4th CD will be 1940 to 1945 and will be available in spring 2017.

Also in 2002, the Data Extraction Committee worked on reading gravestones in cemeteries in and around the Portland area. The Committee went to the Metro Pioneer Cemetery office and copied all of their files of individuals buried around the city in the cemeteries they managed. Back at the GFO, volunteers entered and indexed all of the information and added it to their collections. A copy of the database was given to the Pioneer Cemetery office, and they placed it on their website. As time has gone on,



Walking the cemeteries John Holt, Eileen Chamberlin, and Jim Rogers

they have added to it as people have passed and were buried in any of their cemeteries.

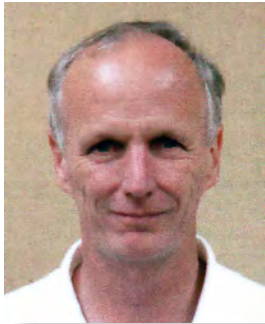
The resources of another WPA project came to the GFO from a member who was in the right place at the right time. The Historical Records Survey was one branch of the WPA, and they were responsible for documenting the inventories of records in the county courthouses. These surveys are snapshots of what documents the county courthouses had at the time the surveyors came through. The surveyors also prepared a history of the county where they were working. Some of these surveys were published, but funding ran out before all of them could be placed into print. These unpublished manuscripts were kept safe in state and university libraries, and many remain there today.

Multnomah County Library had an almost complete set of the published books. In early fall of 2004, some of them showed up at the Library's used bookstore, Title Wave. GFO member Emily Reding discovered them, and the Multnomah County Library agreed to sell them to the GFO for \$5 each. The GFO invited members to sponsor a county, and for each sponsor, GFO would purchase an additional book. The GFO now holds many of these books in their collection.

When most veteran genealogists look back, they can distinguish the time "before Internet" and "after Internet." For the GFO, 2005 marked the "after Internet" milestone when research turned a new corner. Two years later, Ancestry.com, FamilySearch, and the World Wide Web were available on two computers, and many records could now be accessed easily and quickly. A new, vast

array of information and resources became available to patrons almost instantly.

The GFO website also saw a transformation when Larry Sullivan volunteered to take on the Webmaster position around 2007 after the previous webmaster stepped down. His hard work and diligence earned Family Tree Magazine's award for Best State Genealogy Website for the years 2011, 2012, and 2013. The site was recognized as one of the best genealogical sites for Oregon research in the United States. He optimized it for mobile use and provided links to other helpful websites. In 2009, he redesigned the site, which has been the face of the GFO for the last seven years.



Larry Sullivan

their projects, thanks in part to Sandi Whiteman, Library Director. Sandi helped train research assistants and aided in library acquisitions, as well as helped keep internal systems humming. One volunteer group coordinated the collection of burial records in Multnomah County to create the Oregon Statewide Burial Index of Multnomah County. The finished information is housed on the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries website. Volunteers also began organizing and cataloging the Mosher Collection, a 60-box book and manuscript donation from a Virginia research specialist, Merrill Hill Mosher, which was acquired in 2008.



Sandi Whiteman

ROOTS ARE ESTABLISHED, AND IT'S TIME TO BLOOM!

After two years, the new property search led by Don Holznagel and his relocation committee finally came to fruition. The GFO signed a 10-year lease April 11, 2011 for space in the Historic Ford Building on S.E. 11th and



2011 Lease signing for space in the Ford Building Don Holznagel, Jim Morrow, Lyleth Winther, and Jeanette Hopkins

GFO stayed at the Gideon location for many years until a new MAX line was approved to come through where the building stood. So, in 2009, the GFO began the hunt for a new home yet again. Despite this development, the volunteers kept moving forward with

Division. Tri-Met paid for the move as well as most of the costs of adapting the new space for the GFO's use. By August, the GFO was in their brand-new historical space where they still reside today.

Now that the Ford Building had become home, energies turned toward the task at hand: to plan the Grand Opening, which was also that year's Open House. President Laurel Smith wanted to provide a month of free library access plus as many classes and workshops as they could cram into the month-long event. "The important thing was to get people in the doors to see what we have to offer," she said. And get people in she did.

On September 14, 2011, the doors opened and GFO invited genealogists and family historians alike to experience a month packed full of activities . . . all for free. Certain days were devoted to Genealogy Software Programs and DNA for genealogists; a day was set aside for genealogical societies to present information about their organizations; a Scandinavian day was planned; the GFO's Irish Group provided a weekend of activities celebrating Irish heritage; a day was dedicated to writing family stories and creating heritage scrapbooks, as well as scanning photos and digital repair; and there was a DAR workshop. "I am most proud of the 2011 Open House that I orchestrated," Laurel said. "Our goals were certainly achieved!"

Education continued to be a focal point under Nanci Remington as Education Chair. Classes for beginners were still popular, monthly programs showcased presenters, and topical issues were brought forth by



GFO President Lyleth Winther and Trimet Agency Architect Bob Hastings cut the ribbon, officially opening the GFO's new location.

members in order to share and discuss. Interest Groups grew to about ten and filled up most of the hours on Saturdays. Special groups met to discuss current genealogy topics of interest. National Speaker Seminars were now held twice a year in the spring and fall. These seminars were all-day events for the members of the GFO, and all fees charged were to cover the cost of bringing internationally known experts to this neck of the woods.

MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION PROJECT

The GFO took on some ambitious and important projects in 2012 that are still active today. One of those was the Manuscript Collection Project. Why are manuscripts



An elegant photo album from one of the collections.

important? Because some of the most revealing—and personal—stories can be found in diaries, family photographs, first-hand stories, journals, drafted wills, original correspondence, and biographical sketches. These manuscripts

create pictures of personalities, daily life, and the thoughts of our ancestors. It truly is where the historical and personal converge, painting a colorful picture of what it was like for these individuals.

Nanci Remington volunteered to lead the effort with assistance from LauraDenise White as the digital collections consultant. A scanner, laptop computer, and software were obtained. An inventory was made of the manuscripts on hand (obtained as donations by members since the 1950s), which at that time was just over 80 individual collections. Starting tasks were to create sets of finding aides: standardize naming conventions and accession numbers to track the collections, high-level investigation to verify author and donor names, and record file folder and/or box counts. Since then, the project has entailed pulling appropriate information from the manuscripts, then digitizing the records.

In 2013, Nanci and LauraDenise recruited volunteers to organize the collections and begin the scanning process. While Nanci created instruction manuals for the volunteers, LauraDenise worked to develop standardized finding aides and procedures for tracking progress. Many volunteers have been trained to sort, organize, scan, and comb for metadata from each collection.

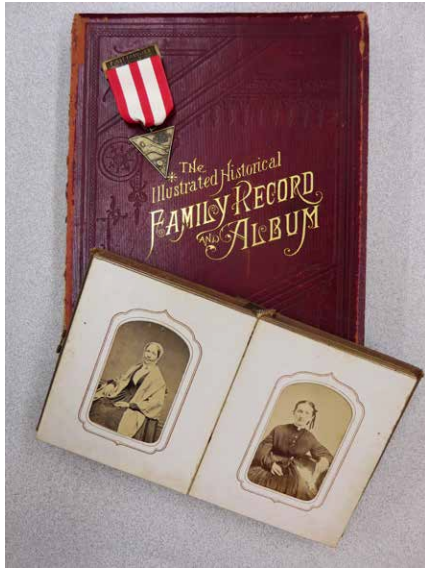


Collections often include original documents.

The *Digital Manuscript Collection* website (www.gfo.org/dmc/index.html) was launched in early 2014, and is continuously being updated with newly digitized content. Researchers can access this site while the committee continues to scan and add content. The Committee also developed special donation guidelines and forms dealing with any potential copyright issues. In 2015, the Committee secured an off-site backup storage vendor to

keep the precious scanned collections—and all the data surrounding them—safe.

A team of volunteers continues to scan, enter descriptions, create finding aids, find ways to deliver the information to researchers, and then do more scanning. There are now over 100 collections in total. As of this



Momentos, diaries, and photos are often part of donated collections.

writing, the Committee has digitized 27 of the current collections, and 13 of them have completed finding aids posted on the *Digital Manuscript Collection* website. The committee is also excited to brag about their finding aids being fully searchable via Google and other search engines. This gives researchers the ability to request copies of the collection material based on search items such as surnames, dates, material types, and locations.

With an estimated 734,700 pages of scanning to go, the committee's greatest need is for scanning volunteers, and those who assist in creating finding aids.

Treasured information has been found relating to European family roots, movements across the United

States during the early nineteenth century settlement years, vital records, and family contributions to the shaping of the early United States. One individual collection—the Jesuale Family Papers—are on loan to the GFO while digitization is being completed. “The collection contains some of my favorite pieces of correspondence,” said LauraDenise. “[The correspondence is] between the collection donor’s mother and father during their courting days from the early 1900s through the First World War while the gentleman was stationed in France and Germany.”

The committee has already responded to several inquiries and requests for online access to the digital manuscript collections. They have also had some in-person requests to view specific photographs contained within the material. “It is our greatest pleasure to be able to provide our researchers with these treasures that were nearly inaccessible before,” said LauraDenise. “It’s a joy to help them connect to their ancestors and heritage.”

RE-CATALOGING PROJECT

In 2013, the GFO began the process to migrate the library holdings records from Filemaker Pro to the Open-Source Automated Library System (OPALS). The massive clean-up and migration was finished in January of 2014. Just last year, the GFO and volunteers started their newest re-cataloging project: upgrading the catalog records that are in OPALS to MARC (Machine-Readable Cataloging) standards under the leadership of Steve Turner.


The re-cataloging project redesigns the call number system itself and sometimes the arrangement of certain collections. It changes the call numbers on records, relocates misplaced items, and allows for more unique call numbers on individual items. The new system also allows cataloging multiple subjects on a holding; for example, a book entitled *The Smith Family*, which also covers the Roth and Shavey families, will now show up in searches for those other names. Records that had been irregular before are now more consistent. The new call number format is easier to follow, catalog records contain more refined information, and the collection is better organized . . . which means members and visitors are able to find resources within the GFO Library much easier. And the entire catalog of now more than 39,000 items is online.



Just a few of the many manuscript collections waiting to be explored, their treasures rediscovered.

GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

An Undoubtedly Uncomprehensive List

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| 1949 | The first bulletin is published; it was made up of typed lists of genealogy books that were in the Multnomah County Library. |
| 1951 | The 1949 publication expands into a three-page mimeographed pamphlet known as <i>The Forum Exchange</i> . |
| 1958 | The GFO began using mimeograph to print <i>The Bulletin</i> . |
| 1975 | A new photocopy machine is installed. |
| 1994 | Two computers are in full use for GFO office volunteers and GFO receives their first microfiche reader/printer. |
| 1996 | The library shelf list is updated and digitized to include all fiche, CD, and periodical collections. August: A second research computer is installed in the reading room and GFO purchases a Minota Reader and Printer. |
| 1997 | The GFO receives five metal microfilm storage units for their growing collection. |
| 1998 | Filemaker Pro software is installed and the library catalog is brought into that database. A new website is created. |
| 1999 | Four new computers and a high speed printer are networked for patrons. The GFO buys shelving from a local library. |
| 2000 | Three new computers purchased for patrons, two replaced older computers. They had easy interface for CD-ROMs. |
| 2001 | A new copier is acquired late this year. |
| 2002 | Electronic delivery for <i>The Insider</i> sign-ups begin. |
| 2004 | Digital imaging begins to replace microfilm. February: A new Microfilm/scanner is purchased. |
| 2005 | Internet! |
| 2006 | February: GFO gets a laptop to use with the projector, and another desktop computer to use with the Internet. October: Trial run for <i>The Insider</i> by email. |
| 2007 | Ancestry.com is made available on two dedicated computers. |
| 2009 | A new website created. |
| 2012 | Electronic delivery for <i>The Bulletin</i> begins. |
| 2015 |  <p>New scanner! Enough funds were collected just after three months that the year-long campaign ended early.</p> <p>Online database subscriptions available to library patrons increases from one to six.</p> <p>September: Wednesday Night E-News becomes a presence in members' inboxes; short and concise reminders of upcoming events and classes, a request for help on projects, and a general update on the genealogical community's happenings.</p> |

Trained volunteers are working to update each record individually. This project is alive and ongoing, and at its end, the GFO will have a better organized collection and a vastly improved catalog to offer researchers.

AND SO, WE CELEBRATE

In crisp January of 2016, the GFO celebrated their 70th year. What a ride it has been! Through the beginnings, growth spurts, and journey of becoming, there are some constant undercurrents that have made the GFO shine no matter the date, time, or place.

RESOURCES: From Regional to Global

The GFO has always held a commitment to obtaining the best resources to aid researchers in their projects. While the GFO certainly is strongest in their Oregon collections and materials, researchers can also find rich resources for all 50 states as well as most countries in North America and Europe. The initial commitment has expanded to include attracting and obtaining *worldwide resources*.

Researchers can find interest groups that meet at the GFO for Italy, Germany, Ireland, and many more.



Part of GFO's collection of books that take researchers beyond North America

Resource and research guides for other countries are available for use at the library. And you may just find yourself sitting next to someone who comes from the very land you're researching, one who will shed light on your own research as you both share stories.

An upgraded GFO website will be published this year and will serve as another resource for members. Some of the new functionality includes easier navigation, the ability to register and pay for events, pay for new or renewed membership, and purchase GFO publications in an online store. Members will have portals to access more content online, and the website will allow GFO's research team to field research requests more efficiently. A new logo, created by a professional designer, was also unveiled this year and alludes to the desire to broaden the GFO's regional reach and expertise into global territory.

"We have a new collection to start processing," said President Laurel Smith. "George T. Brown has donated 135 boxes of French-Canadian books and periodicals, and they are waiting for us." Laurel is committed to making the GFO a full service genealogy library. As other countries become more involved and focused on genealogical research, the GFO will do their best to add to their resources to the collection.

EDUCATION: All Shapes and Sizes

From the start, the goal has been to offer a space for sharing and passing along knowledge. As the GFO added classes and workshops over the years, the goal has grown to provide educational opportunities to help build a sense of community, keep members involved, and attract new members. When people gather for classes, they have the chance to share and discuss their genealogy journeys along with others who are equally



Dedicated to education, the GFO offers many opportunities in their library.

as passionate. It's safe to ask questions, and participants can often find others who know how to research the very areas they are working on.

Those who wish to learn from the "who's who" of the historical research world will find them at the GFO. Some of the early high-caliber speakers who have lectured during open houses include Dr. Dorothy O. Johansen, Professor of History and Humanities at Reed College; David C. Duniway, Oregon State Archivist; Thomas Vaughan, Oregon Historical Society Director; and more recently, Carol Surrency of the Oregon Historical Cemetery Association; Connie Lenzen, Certified Genealogist; Brent Mai, Professor of Library and Information Management and Director of the Center for Volga Studies at Concordia University; and Emily Aulicino, expert in using DNA analysis for genealogical research.



Emily Aulicino

The GFO continues to attract nationally-known and highly-talented speakers for Open Houses, Seminars, and special events. Since 2011, visitors and members enjoy a week of free classes during the annual Open House. Those new to the genealogy arena can use these classes to get off to a solid start, while members can use them as refreshers on topics and to learn what's new and fresh in certain areas. Emerging and changing technology continues to be a popular subject, while other hot topics include strategies to break through genealogical brick walls, techniques to record and preserve family stories and keepsakes, and finding the best ways to pass that information on to the next generation.

Offering workshops, classes, and conferences has been a mainstay at the GFO because guiding patrons in their research also includes providing the knowledge of where to go and how to get there. From writing house histories and learning genealogical research techniques to how best to use equipment, the educational opportunities at the GFO are varied and abundant. President Laurel Smith wants to be sure that things are hopping and lively, and that events really showcase what the GFO is capable of.



Liz Hinds and Cathy Lauer

COMMUNITY: It's Huge!

Mrs. Dorothy Van Pelt, one of the original founding members of the Forum, wanted the name of the group to convey a feeling of round-table discussion of family history. It would be a place where people could come to do genealogical research, share resources, and request help and guidance with their projects. Today, this sense of community is what keeps people coming back and is also what attracts new members.

Since its inception, the GFO has been run by volunteers—those helpful folks who assist with research and navigate the thousands of volumes and special collections housed within its walls. These same volunteers take on special projects, show up for work parties, and still find time to work on their own family stories. They have certainly upheld the founders' intentions and vision. The library is usually full of people who know the place and its contents inside and out, have special skill-sets, and are ready and willing to help with any question. Those volunteers are also responsible for taking on and



George Brown, Gerry and Connie Lenzen

completing GFO projects, moving donated materials, and reorganizing, updating, and maintaining the systems already in place. When not volunteering herself, Volunteer Coordinator Cathy Lauer works diligently to make sure the library is always staffed with two RAs (Research Assistants) so the doors remain open. “The people are the best thing about the GFO,” said Laurel.

The GFO community is the life breath of the organization. Those who volunteer, those who donate materials, those who give money, those organizations who partner for events . . . every one of them is intrinsic to the GFO's success.

The size of the GFO's collection owes a great deal to donations by its members. Large and small, every donation makes a difference. Many genealogical books go out of print due to small runs. As a result, they become harder to find and more expensive to purchase. Some simply vanish. Much of the donated material at GFO is irreplaceable because they could not have acquired such items any other way.



Harold Hinds

In addition to the George T. Brown and Merrill Hill Mosher Collections already mentioned, there are a few others of note. The Spencer Leonard Manuscript Collection is a card file of information primarily on Civil War veterans (from any state) who lived in Oregon. The card file was created from several sources. Cards may also have been created for soldiers who visited the state, perhaps for a Grand Army of the Republic convention. Spencer Leonard's descendants donated his card file and notebooks to the GFO in 1971. Spencer Leonard did not identify the rank and unit of every soldier that he

recorded, so GFO member Jim Rogers used the Internet and GFO library resources to create an Annotated Spencer Leonard File with more complete information.

The Harold Hinds Collection has been donated gradually since 2011, and is still ongoing today. As a professor of History at the University of Minnesota, he offered courses in family history. Harold was often approached by students who wanted to research their families. In order to educate himself so he could guide his students, Harold acquired a significant library of genealogy and history guides for many geographical areas. Most of these books

are now in the GFO library helping others in their research. Harold also donated materials he acquired for his own family research which centered around New York, Kentucky and Appalachia, and Virginia. “The gifts that come to the GFO are priceless,” Harold Hinds shared. “As I downsized and prepared for retirement, I wanted a home for my books. As a volunteer for GFO, I can come see them anytime, and I know there is a long-term place for them.”

A FAVORITE MEMORY: The Current President Recalls the GFO’s Brush with Fame

The GFO was brought into the spotlight in October 2014, and it has since been the most memorable experience President Laurel Smith has had. One fall morning, Laurel started to check her emails. She came across one with the subject, “Popular genealogical program wants to film at the GFO.” The producer of *Who Do You Think You Are?* had hired researcher Peggy Baldwin for a show in the upcoming season. Peggy, a GFO member, came to the Forum and found a record from one of the *Oregon Donation Land*



Sarah Holmes, Karla Nutt, Kelsey Grammer, Laurel Smith, and Judith Leppert

Claims volumes as well as information from another book, then shared these with the producer, mentioning that the GFO might be a good place to film. After the producer saw the records that were found, she said

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We at Telltales are fans of the story: of the telling, and of the listening. When you don’t have the time or know-how, our flexibility and commitment to preservation allows us to make our services available to a wide variety of people and projects.

With 10 years’ experience in the publishing field, I’ve had the chance to help others tell many stories. My skills span project management, video and audio editing, writing, book and ebook production, distribution, and digital media.

Those in my family have always been storytellers. I have a deep passion for this work, and a strong desire to help document and preserve the stories that we all carry with us—big and small. My personal experience with my own family has given me a breadth and depth about all the ways stories reveal themselves, and how to creatively preserve them.

As a member of the Chinook Indian Nation, I have a general understanding of the oral tradition of storytelling. I know how important a culture’s stories are. With this cultural experience, I view stories with a slightly different lens. It could be why I find myself so committed to this work, because I know what can be lost.

Being an ordained interfaith minister, I am familiar with the emotions, thoughts, healing, and importance that many of life’s biggest milestones can bring. I can help you navigate the terrain of your life’s story, or simply walk beside you along the way.

There always seems to be that one person in each family who hears—and answers—the call to find the ancestors. To breathe life into their stories and make them move. To witness and restore memory. I’m that person. I’m the storyteller.



she wanted to scout filming locations, and would let the GFO know when she would like to visit.

After six weeks, the producer and director finally emailed with a visit date. In the meantime, Laurel wondered if some volunteers might be able to find more resources. With only the names on the Donation Land Claim, Joseph and Comfort Dimmick, the team got to work. They started to research the family and found a map with a land claim, gravestone images and cemetery name and location, and about eight books that held information about the family. The team was eager to discover who the celebrity might be. Everyone was sworn to silence. The names of the stars in the celebrity lineup are a closely-held secret until revealed by the network.

On visitation day, the producer arrived two hours early, which gave Laurel plenty of time to show them all the additional material GFO volunteers had found. Before the show's representatives left, Laurel found out which Dimmick child (of twelve) they were researching. She went home determined to find out who the star was before the end of the night.

The following day, the show contacted Laurel and said they wanted to film at the GFO. Dates were set, then changed, then set again. Two days before filming, the producer called and asked if Laurel had figured out who the celebrity was. Laurel said, "Yes! Kelsey Grammer." Indeed it was.

With a small group on hand to help the film crew and answer questions, the day of filming began. In a whirlwind, the crew moved tables, hooked up equipment, added props, brought in an expert, and turned the back workroom into a "green room" for the talent. Then . . . Kelsey came in. Laurel was able to chat with Kelsey, and learned that he had contacted the show since he didn't know much about his grandmother who raised him. The family had come west to get more land because they had too small of a plot to leave anything of substance to their children. The day before, Kelsey had been in California, and had learned that one ancestor had been rather unsavory. The next day he was headed out to the actual Oregon Trail.

The crew was onsite about eight hours to film about five minutes for the show. After filming, the crew was careful to put everything back, and made sure things were in working condition before they left. Everyone



GFO seminars are always well attended.

associated with the show was very professional and it was a wonderful experience. The hardest part for the GFO crew was not saying anything until the show aired. "It was cool to learn about the family, the process, and to gain exposure for the GFO," Laurel said. "It's one of the things I will remember the most."

MOVING FORWARD WITH GUSTO

The GFO hopes to create more outreach and find creative ways to inform the public about the library so people know about their treasure trove of information and research tools. They want to attract young people and to continue being a quality library for veteran researchers.

Preserving history and providing a space to bring people together for family research was, and still is, the main goal of the GFO. Over the years, the organization's approach to achieving that goal has broadened; providing resources, sponsoring activities, providing high-quality education and well-known lecturers, having a large and passionate team of volunteers, effectively using and expanding technology, and nurturing mutually beneficial relationships within the community have all led to an expanded role in serving the public. These are also the ingredients needed to make a recipe for long-term success, and for securing many warm friendships along the way.

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Spotlight

Rebecca Jane Walker Personal Papers Collection¹

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

Nanci Remington

Many of you may remember our Spotlight (<http://www.gfo.org/library/Spotlight-June2014.pdf>) article from June 2014, which highlighted GFO's work on the Manuscript Collection project. We would like to bring our readers up to date on the progress we have made over the last two years.

Throughout 2014 to the present, our Manuscripts Committee, with the ever-generous help of our dedicated volunteers, has continued to organize, scan, and create finding aids for the collections. We have grown from an original count in 2012 of nearly 80 individual collections to just over 100 collections currently. At our Donor Appreciation event in early May this year, we were pleased to showcase not only the success of the scanning and cat-

aloging processes, but also our live Digital Manuscript Collections (<http://www.gfo.org/dmc/index.html>) website that has been delivering digital access to researchers around the country since the website went live in early 2014.

In the midst of our work on the project, many historical and genealogical treasures have been uncovered. These have kept our Manuscript Committee busy with research of their own—in our efforts to present comprehensible backgrounds for the collection materials. The following is one of our favorite found treasures, discovered and further researched by our Manuscript Committee leader, Nanci Remington.

—LauraDenise White

The papers of Rebecca Walker (1927-2007) caught my interest because they contained a large collection of photographs. Even better, most of them were labeled. Rebecca had also tracked down copies of many primary sources back in the days when that meant writing letters and waiting for replies. But as I looked more closely at the papers it became clear that Rebecca was a genealogist who was also interested in the history of the people she was researching.

Rebecca's second great-grandfather, William Everett Walker (1808-1886), was an early Oregon pioneer who settled in Washington County in 1852. Both Walker Road and William Walker Elementary School are named for him. Born in Maryland, William and his wife Hannah Harlan/Harlem came to Oregon by way of Zanesville, Ohio, where they were married May 5, 1833,² and Missouri, where one of their three children was born. Students at William Walker School have created journals that detail the family's journey and their lives once they settled in Oregon. From them I learned of the illnesses suffered on the trail. At one point Hannah, after contracting cholera, "saw the elephant" and feared she

would die. I also learned that their son Archibald died in the Indian Wars in 1878, and that their daughter Maria died in California not long after her marriage.³

William and Hannah's surviving son, Robert Hales Walker, returned to Missouri for a visit and married Rachel Coffey, a woman who later recounted that she remembered the Walker family leaving for Oregon when she was a child. Rachel's parents, Asbury and Mary (Bradford) Coffey, had moved to Missouri from Tennessee in the 1840s. The Coffeys settled first in Pettis County where Rachel and her twin brother Henry were born, and by 1860 they had moved a few miles south to Knob Noster, Johnson County, Missouri.

Robert and his bride returned to Oregon and worked the farm that his parents had homesteaded, known as the Old Meadow Farm. They had five children. The youngest, Robert, died shortly after birth. Of the four remaining children, Mary Louisa died in 1905 at the young age of 29, and William Benjamin died in 1930 after a long illness. Their daughter Lauretta married Samuel Olds, and they lived the rest of their lives at the farm but had



William Walker, the author of the diary.

no children. Son Archibald had five children, including Robert Hales Walker, Rebecca's father.⁴

Because of their long history in Washington County, there are many articles about the family that include reminiscences of the pioneers and their children. Several in the family kept journals and pieces of them are included in the clippings collected by Rebecca. She also has a copy of a diary kept by her granduncle, William Benjamin Walker. William had contracted typhoid as a young man and later developed tuberculosis. He spent most of his adult life at his parents' home. Though physically weak, he was a steady presence in the lives of his family and managed the farm after his father's death.

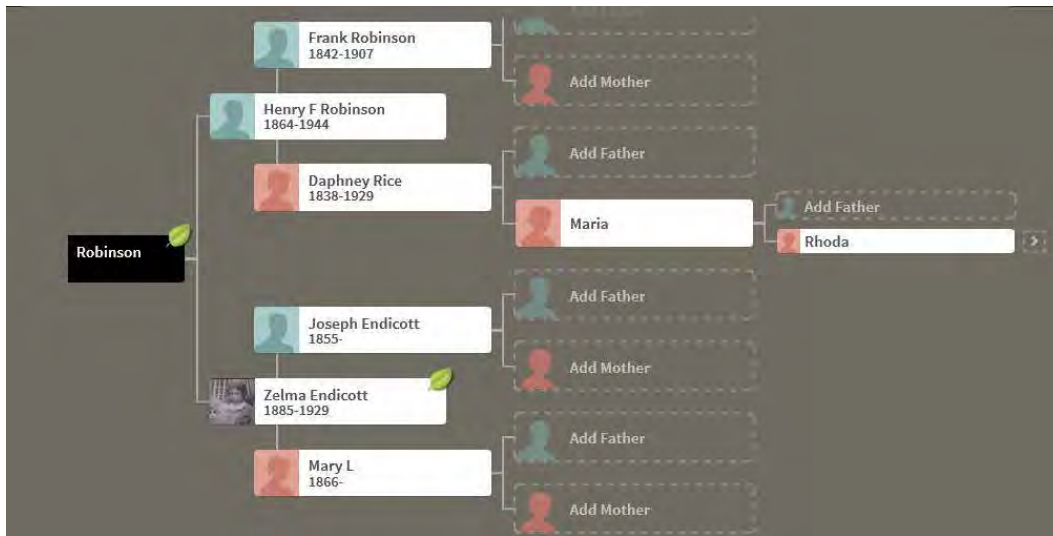
The pages of the diary in Rebecca's collection cover only a few weeks in 1929, from Friday, February 1st to Thursday, February 28th. William would have been 48 years old. He gave details on the weather, the state of health of himself and other family members, the chores performed around the house, visitors and the neighborhood news, business dealings related to the farm and city property, and trips to Portland. Of interest to genealogists are the elaborations William detailed

when notified about the deaths of acquaintances which include anecdotes, appearance, and details about their families. Of particular interest was the information about Daphney Robinson. [Transcribed as written.]

DIED – MRS. DAPHNEY ROBISON (COLORED) at her home in Knob Noster, Missouri, Tuesday Feb. 12, 1929, at the advanced age of nearly 91 years. She was born April 19, 1838, near Athens, Tennessee, on the plantation of my great grandfather and great grandmother, Henry and Rachel Bradford, who purchased Daphney's grand mother, "Aunt Rhoda" in 1802 @ a price of \$300.00. Aunt Rhoda was given to my grand father and grand mother, Col. A.M. Coffey and wife Mary Bradford, daughter of Henry and Rachel Bradford in 1850 together with Daphney, who was then a delicate Mulatto in her 12th year. Daphney's mother was then deceased, having died while at the spinning wheel trying to do a little spinning. She was in poor health at the time.

DAPHNEY's father (white) was named RICE and because Daphney was a mulatto her grandmother, "Aunt Rhoda" was very abusive and harsh with her grand daughter, Daphney. Aunt Rhoda and Daphney were given to grandfather and mother Coffey, to aid in the caring for and raising of the "twins" which were, my Mother, Rachel (named for her grandmother Rachel Bradford) Francis (Coffey) Walker and twin brother Henry Bradford Coffey, named for his grandfather, Henry Bradford.

Daphney Rice's mother's name was MARIA, who died early in life. Great Grandfather, Henry Bradford and Miss Rachel McFarland were married in year 1799 near Athens, Tennessee, and Aunt Rhoda, grandmother of Daphney Rice was the only colored person greatgrandfather Henry Bradford bought. She was then, 1802, nine years of age. She married and had many children, all of whom were reared and lived and worked on the Henry Bradford plantation. "Aunt Rhoda" died in 1868 at the age of 75 years. She was cared for and watched over by the Coffey family for years. Aunt Rhoda became very weak mentally and physically, several years before her death and would wander away from my grandfather Coffey's home and my mother or some of the other Coffey children would have to go about the country side and find



Missouri and for years he was principal of the Negro High School in Warrensburg, Missouri, but at present has been teaching in the colored school at Knob Noster, Mo. Ben and John died 30 years ago. John, Ben and Frank.

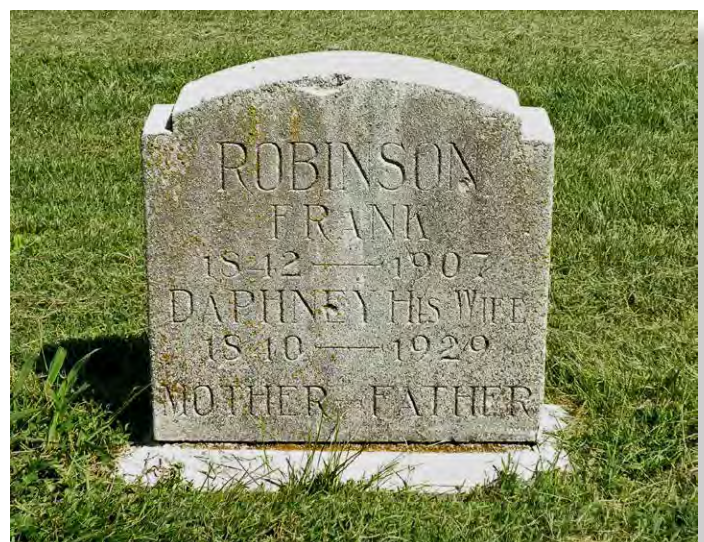
Daphney Robinson, had lived in Knob Noster, Mo. for years and years, on several acres of fruit land and had a

good home and living, and her son, Prof. Frank Robinson, Jr. and his wife also a teacher and their daughter, made their home with Daphney during the past few years. Prof. Frank and his daughter were very seriously ill with the influenza at the time of Daphney's death. So the paper, "Knob Noster Gem" which reached us today stated.

Mother, Aunt Mary and Uncle Henry Coffey, speak in the highest of terms about Daphney, her husband and son, Frank, as being honorable, up-right Christian people and TRUE FRIENDS. WBW

her and bring her home. She would put clods of earth in the stove, thinking they were potatoes that she was roasting, etc. Often have I heard Mother relate how they cared for the old Aunt Rhoda and how she cared for Mother and Uncle Henry and cooked corn bread and hoecakes for them when they were small, at her cabin close by their parents residence. Aunt Rhoda told the Union Soldiers during the Cival War, when the told her at Granfather Coffey's home that she was free and to pick up and leave, Aunt Rhoda backed up against the door of Grandfather Coffey's home with a big butcher knife in her hand and told the Union soldiers to "Go long and leave me alone, I'm freer now than you is" She and her grand-daughter, Daphney Rice were given their freedom during the Civil War, but Aunt Rhoda prefered to live on until death with Mother's people and Daphney only left them because the soldiers were going to do bodily harm to her husband, Frank Robison, so Grandfather Col. A.M. Coffey personally advised Daphney and her husband, Frank Robinson to leave, which they did and went to Warrensbury, Missouri, where Frank conducted a black smith shop. Daphney Rice helped care for Mother and Uncle Henry from the time they were 2 1/2 years and she was about 12 years of age until all were grown. She was married to Frank Robinson at the Col. A.M. Coffey home and given a big wedding supper etc. and made her home there until forced away as mentioned before. Daphney and Frank Robinson both deceased now had three sons, Frank Robinson, Jr. a large 6ft 6In colored man, whom they educated and he was the first negro graduate of the college in

The Walker family led lives that were at the forefront of the western movement. Rebecca's papers reflect the research that goes into documenting that history as well as that of their neighbors, friends, and in this case, slaves.



Frank and Daphney Robinson's grave marker. Photo courtesy of William Craven [WLC (#47397806) on FindAGrave]

There is much more to discover in this collection. The finding aid is available on the GFO website as are others that are waiting to be explored.

Note: If not otherwise cited, the information for this article came from the notes and research of Rebecca Walker. However, an effort was made to document the story about Daphney (Rice) Robinson. In 1850 there is a 12-year-old mulatto listed as the property of Henry Bradford in Polk County, Tennessee. She is one of twelve slaves that could be a family group with a 50-year-old female (Rhoda?) and possibly children and grandchildren.⁵ In 1860 there is a 20-year-old mulatto and 60-year-old black slave listed as the property of A. M. Coffey living in Johnson County, Missouri.⁶

After the Civil War we can trace Daphney's family through census records. These show that Daphney and her husband, Frank, lived in Johnson County but were listed in the censuses using the last name Thompson.⁷ After Frank's death in 1907,⁸ Daphney used the surname Robinson, and it is the surname that son Frank used as an adult. Daphney appears on a land ownership map for Knob Noster in 1914.⁹ She died there in 1929 and is buried in the Knob Noster Cemetery with her husband.¹⁰ Her son was listed as a teacher on the 1910 census but later as a farmer. The 1940 census states that he had finished four years of college.¹¹ He married and had one daughter, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday. The information from the diary has been shared with the family.

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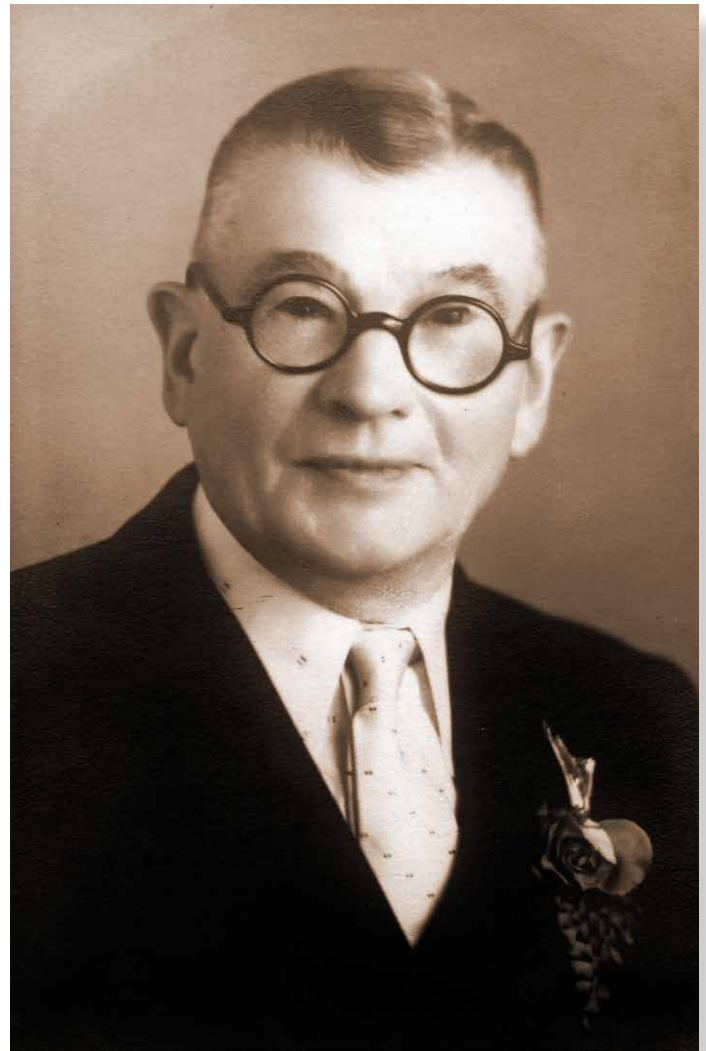
Sometimes the categories GFO selects for certificates do not fit the life events of the people being studied. One such example is the subject of this article. John Bernard Butenschoen was married in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon in 1884—just a few months shy of qualifying for the “Early Settler” designation in our First Families of Multnomah County certificate program. Instead, he will fall into the “Lewis and Clark Exposition” level of our award because the first documentation we have of him is seven months AFTER the continental railroad arrived in Portland.

Glenn Smith Jr. submitted the research on his family. Glenn was born in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, to Glenn Harold Smith Sr. and Elizabeth “Betty” Marie Butenschoen, who were married in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, 21 September 1943. Glenn Smith Sr. served in the military from 1942 through most of 1945. He died 16 June 1997, and Betty died 21 February 2003. We follow Betty’s line to our qualifying ancestor.

Betty Butenschoen was born in Portland on 8 February 1924, the youngest of six children. Her father, Albert John Claude Butenschoen, was born 09 May 1886, also in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, the second of ten children. Albert married Elizabeth Marie Roth in Portland on 26 November 1908. She was born 13 September 1886 in Bay City, Bay County, Michigan, and she died in Portland on 10 September 1966. Albert died 21 December 1972 in Milwaukie, Clackamas County, Oregon, though he had been living in Multnomah County.

Albert listed his occupation as “groceryman” in several documents, which came as no surprise because he and his brother Ernie purchased a grocery store in 1914. Arbor Lodge Grocery was located on the corner of North Portland Boulevard and Greeley Avenue and the operation was run by family until the brothers retired in 1965. In the 1920s, it was considered one of the most modern stores in the area. In 1966 it was torn down “for progress” and a “modern” gas station took its place.

No stranger to the occasional robbery, the family remembers one that occurred when Albert’s brother Ernie was manning the store. He remarked to the gun-toting robber that there wasn’t much money at the grocery, but

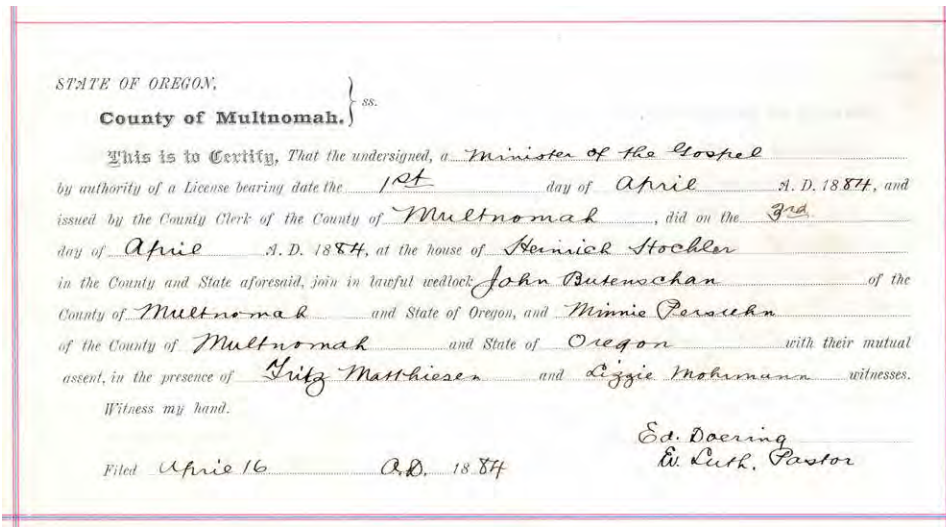


John B. Butenschoen, 1934

the beer tavern next door (which the brothers co-owned) had more cash. Ernie’s thought had been that there were more people in the tavern who could assist him. Stupidly, perhaps, the thief left Ernie alone in the grocery: time to call the police! No follow up story was found, so perhaps the thief got away.

It’s Albert’s father who gets us back to the earliest Multnomah County resident in the family: Johannes Bernard Butenschön who came to go by John B. Butenschoen. He was born 3 April 1862 in Ottensen, Germany, now part of Hamburg. He departed for America on 26 February 1879, arriving in New York on 14 March 1879. In a letter of recollections to one of his sons, Johann says that he sailed from New York to the San Francisco Bay area to visit with a brother before traveling on to Portland in 1882. The family has been unable to prove this date of arrival in the area.

The first record found for Johannes in Oregon is the marriage to his wife Wilhelmina “Minnie” Persuhn/



Marriage return for John Butenschan [sic] and Minnie Persuhn.

Presuhn, who was also born in Germany. They were married in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, on 3 April 1884 at the home of Heinrich Hochler by the Evangelical Lutheran Pastor Ed. Doering. The *Polk City Directory* for Portland in 1886 lists John Butenschon [sic] as a “waiter” whose residence is “w s Water n of Sheridan.” [i.e. on the west side of Water Street in the block north of Sheridan.]

Glenn’s mother, Betty, was always interested in her ancestors’ history. According to family stories she recorded, the Butenschoen family had a fascinating history. Johannes’ father and grandfather shared the same name: Johann Benjamin Butenschön. She wrote that Johann Benjamin (the elder) had been born in Holstein, worked as a silversmith for the king of Poland in Warsaw, but later had to be smuggled out of the country in an empty barrel. He lost everything, but he later began an iron foundry in Ottensen in Holstein on the river Elbe. There was a foundry seal with the initials JB that John Bernard brought with him to America. Unfortunately, he lost the seal down a well on the family property on Peninsula Avenue in Portland.

Research in 2014 found the father and son of the same name in the 1855 census of Ottensen, Bahrenfelder Strasse. The younger was shown to be 22, born in Warsaw, single, then a machinist or mechanic. The elder was listed as being 50 years old, born in Kellinghusen (now in the district of Steinburg in the Bundesland of Schleswig-Holstein), widower, then an ironsmith, and that he became a citizen of Ottensen 11 February 1847. Whether this timing had anything to do with the political unrest of 1846 in Poland is uncertain, but the family was excited to confirm this much of Betty’s writings.

Our early Multnomah County resident John Bernard Butenschoen left Germany for America when he was only 16. He embarked on another long journey to the Pacific Northwest only two years later. When he was 22 he married and his family began to grow; nine children were born between 1885 and 1902, and the family adopted a tenth child in 1911, and Mary H. E. Muller became Marie Butenschoen.

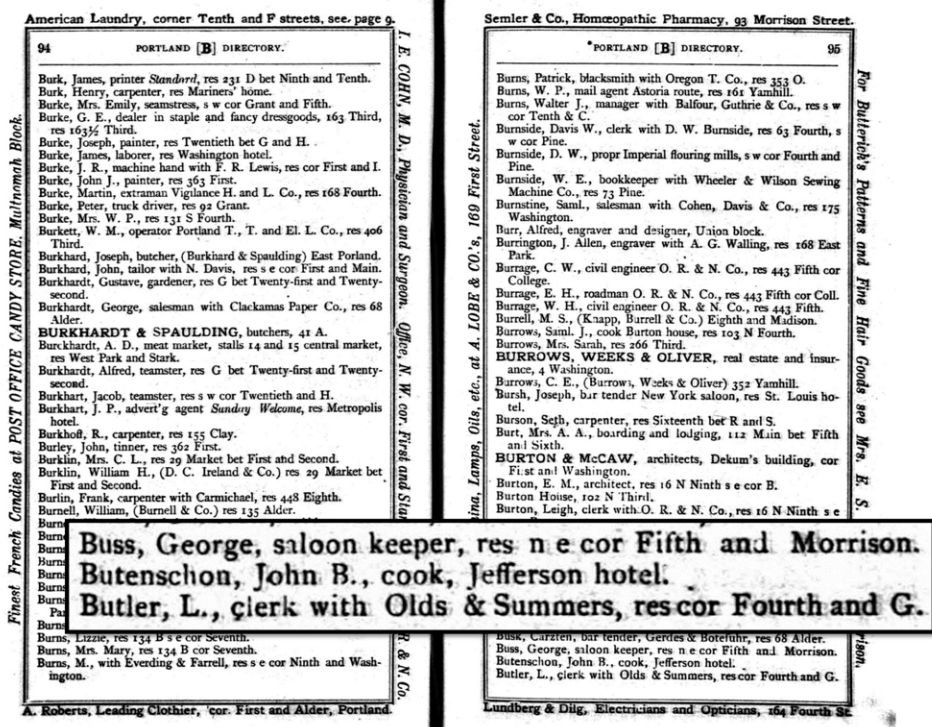
In the 1900 census, his occupation is given as day laborer, and it was a surprise to see that John was the census taker in his district. His handwriting is clear and a joy to

read, probably making later genealogists very happy. In 1901, John was employed by the U.S. Postal Service in their central office located in the Federal Building, now Pioneer Courthouse, across the street from Pioneer Courthouse Square. John continued to work for the Postal Service for 30 years, retiring on his sixty-ninth birthday in 1931.

In 1934, John and wife Minnie celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with what was described in *The Oregonian* as an “elaborate ceremony” and “large reception” at Peninsula Peace Lutheran Church. John and Minnie were charter members of the church, joining in 1891 when it was known as St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran. When John died in 1943, he was reported to be the oldest living member in the congregation.

John left behind six children still living: Albert, Walter, and Ernest Butenschoen, Eda (Butenschoen) Roth, and Rose (Butenschoen) Huebenbecker all of Portland; and Rev. Edward Butenschoen of Pendleton, as well as 20 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Those who predeceased John were son Walter Oscar who died as an infant in 1889, daughter Elizabeth (Butenschoen) Becker who died in 1914, daughter Emma (Butenschoen) Becker, who died in 1918, adopted daughter Marie (Butenschoen) Meeve, who died in 1934, and his wife Minnie, who died in 1938. John and Minnie are buried in Columbian Cemetery.

Those of us who have been doing genealogy for any length of time learn that the research is never done. As I submitted this article to our editors for their contributions, the life of the Butenschoen family story took a turn. So often at GFO, our community of researchers helps one another. Not only did one of the editors find



1883 Portland City Directory showing John B. Butenschoen, cook

new information, he had the skill to read both the entry he found and an advertisement I would have missed. This time, the author became the author. Steve Turner, our GFO Librarian, found a listing in the Ancestry.com version of the Portland City Directory for 1883: "Butenschoen, John B., cook, Jefferson hotel is on page 95 of the 1883 Portland city directory. He should have been

in Portland before 11 September 1883—assuming canvassing for the directory was likely completed well before that. Given that it might take a little while to get settled and find a job, the story he arrived in Portland in 1882 would appear probably accurate. To see if I could resolve any doubt I decided to check our microfilm copy of the same to see if it might indicate the timing in the pages missing in the Ancestry.com copy. It seemed to have no title page other than the one at the beginning of the directory listings, but there was a 'Preface' which mentioned river improvements made in 1882, worded such that the directory could even have been out as early as late 1882; but much better than this, on page 6 there was an ad stating 'Northern Pacific R.R. is rapidly nearing completion,

a distance of two hundred miles . . . Early Fall of 1883 Will without doubt see the line open through Between St. Paul on the East, and Portland and Puget Sound on the West.' This is enough to convince me J.B. beat the railroad and did make the Early Settler deadline!"

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Tools for Genealogy

Map Guides to German Parish Registers

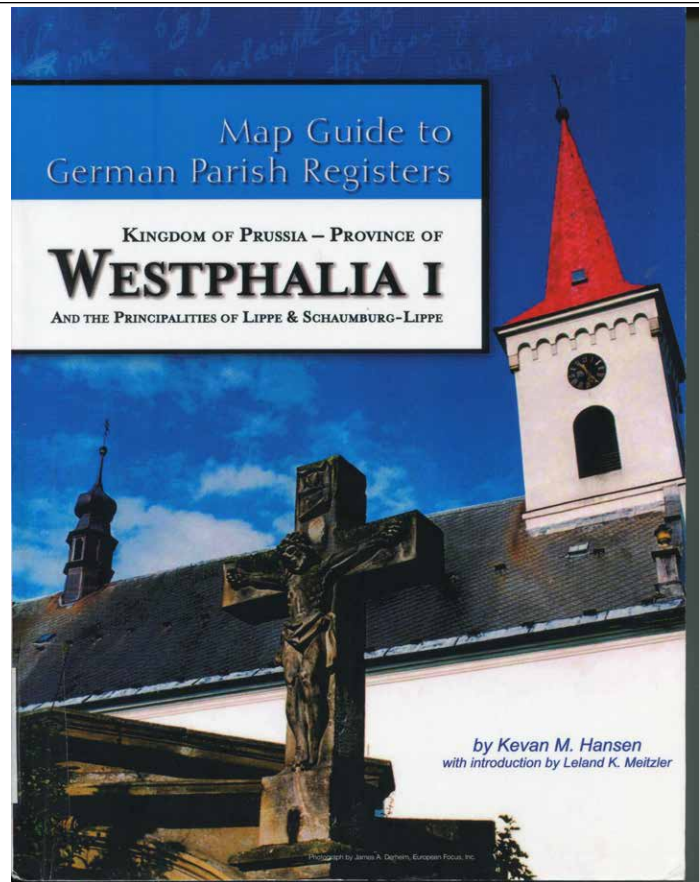
by Kevan M. Hansen

Nanci Remington

Commonly called Hansen's Map Guides, this series of 55 books is invaluable when doing research in German speaking parts of Europe. Based on parishes and towns as they existed before the unification of Germany in 1871, the books cover modern Germany as well as Alsace, now part of France. The latest books in the series include parishes in the province of Silesia, formerly part of Prussia but now mostly in Poland. If you are not familiar with the many boundary and name changes that have taken place in Germany, you can find both period and modern maps with a simple online image search.

Because civil records were not consistently kept in Germany prior to 1871, the main source for genealogical information is the records kept by the churches. The value of the map guides is that they identify the parish where your ancestors likely worshiped, and they tell if the records for that parish have been filmed. Each map guide follows a similar format. There is a brief introduction followed by some historical background of the region and listings of pertinent genealogical resources including civil registrations, emigration, lineage books, periodicals, archives and gazetteers. This is followed by suggestions for using the book and a map of the entire region. The rest of the book is divided by smaller districts and includes maps of the parishes. The focus is on Lutheran and Catholic parishes, but there is also some information about other religions of the area.

The indexes in the books are key to finding your parish. The number of indexes varies as more than one district could be covered in a single book or a book may be part of a larger set as large provinces are covered in more than one volume—for example, there are two volumes for Westphalia. The indexes for volume 39, *Kingdom of*



Prussia, Province of Westphalia I and the Principalities of Lippe & Schaumburg Lippe are:

- Westphalia I Town Index (this volume)—Gives page number for Lutheran and Catholic parishes;
- Lippe and Schaumburg-Lippe Town Index (this volume)—Gives page numbers for Lutheran and Catholic parishes; and
- Province of Westphalia—Kingdom of Prussia—Parts I and II—Master Index—Lists towns in both volumes and indicates which volume.

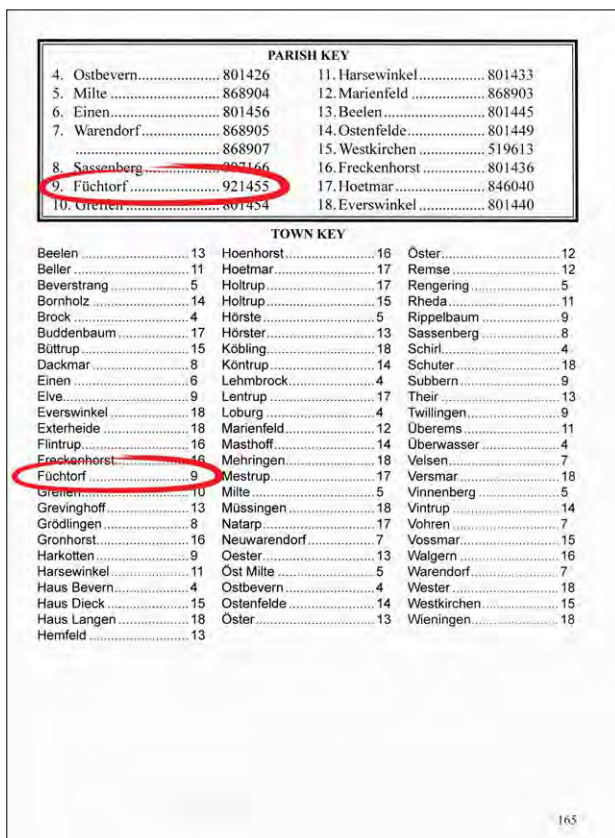
Tip—the publisher of this series, Family Roots Publishing, (<http://www.familyrootspublishing.com/>) includes a list of the town indexes in their descriptions of the books. You can enter the name of the town in the “Product Search” box to (sometimes) find the relevant volume.

The lists of towns are very comprehensive—the publisher notes that “in some cases, even the smallest places are listed . . . if the place existed prior to that date [1870], it will most likely be listed.” You should always begin im-

migrant ancestor research in the U.S. to determine the town or village of origin before trying to research European records. Though many German records are being indexed, most are not and many have never been filmed.

Here is an example of how using the guides has helped my family research:

On 25 August 1836, Anna Catherine Schwartengraber married Bernard Anton Fortmann in Füchtorf, Westfalen, Preußen. I can find Füchtorf in the index of volume 39. It notes that the Catholic parish can be found on page 165. On that page it shows that the town of Füchtorf is in the parish of Füchtorf in the district of Warendorf.



The box at the top of the page shows that the parish records have been filmed and gives the microfilm number at the Family History Library—921455. So the next step is to check their catalog.

Go to <https://familysearch.org/catalog/search>

Search by Film/Fiche Number



There are three results:

- Zivilstandsregister, 1798-1832
- Kirchenbuch, 1650-1876
- Zivilstandsregister, 1810-1814

After I click on Kirchenbuch, I can scroll down to get a list of the types of entries that are on the film. There is also a list of other related films.

An icon of a magnifying glass on the right tells me there is an index for that film. The icon of the film reel is where I would click to order the actual film. Be sure to return to the catalog search page to do a second search—this time a Keyword Search for the name of the parish. It could lead to additional records.

Tip—the descriptions on the results page are in German. If you are like me with a limited ability to read this language, copy and paste the text into an app such as Google Translate.

This search and the related indexes have led me to records of the Schwartengraber family going back several generations. However, there is no mention of Fortmanns in this parish. It is time to return to the Map Guides. The map shows Füchtorf parish as well as the adjoining parishes.

The Joseph H. McClintick – Sinthea/Cynthia Smith Family Bible

Nanci Remington

The McClintick Family Bible came to the GFO from a donor who purchased it at a flea market. It is missing the front cover and the first few pages so the publishing date is unknown. The donor noted that, “Many hands have written this record.” A long lock of hair was found between the pages.

The Bible contains birth, marriage, and death dates for three generations of the McClintick family. The earliest date is the birth of Joseph H. McClintick who was born September 3, 1836. The earliest marriage is that of Joseph to Sinthea Smith on November 18, 1866.

Few locations are mentioned in the family record; however, a search of marriage and census records show that Joseph was born in Indiana. His parents were born in Pennsylvania. Sinthea was also born in Indiana, and her parents were from Virginia and Ohio. The couple was married in Miami County, Indiana, and they were living there in 1870 with their daughter Harriet. The Bible notes that their first child, a son named Hugh, died within a few weeks of his birth in 1867. Daughters Hattie, Viletta, Minnie, and Nora were also born in

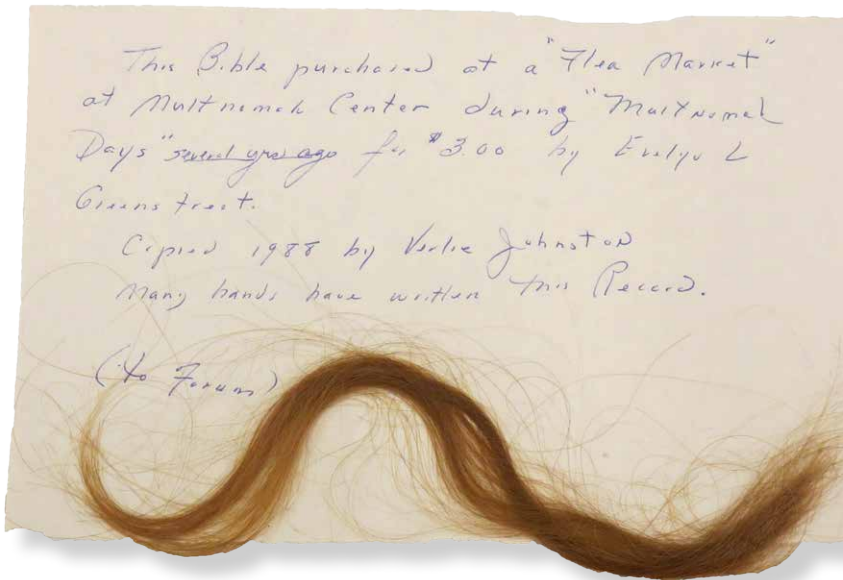


McClintick Bible—all that's left

Indiana. Viletta also died before she was a year old. By 1880 the family was in Kingman County, Kansas, with four children. Daughter Essie was born in 1879 in Kansas, followed by sons Gleen/Glenn and Terence. Terence died when he was three.

Sometime after 1884, the family continued their journey west to Oregon. Joseph was listed as a trackman in the 1891 Portland City Directory and as a laborer in the 1893 directory. His death certificate (1896) states that he had been a resident of the city for seven years. Cynthia McClintick, shown as the widow of Joseph, is in the 1897 and 1898 directories. Her death certificate (1898) states that she had lived in the city for twelve years. Given the conflicting information, the couple probably moved to Portland between 1886 and 1889.

Joseph died in 1896 at the age of 59. Sinthea died two years later at the age of 50. Both are buried in Lone Fir Cemetery in Portland, Oregon. Their death certificates are available on microfilm at the GFO library.



A lock of hair was found in the McClintick Family Bible

What's in a name?

Nanci Remington

All genealogists learn that spelling is sometimes arbitrary when it comes to record keeping. This is especially true when it comes to census records. When I am asked which spelling to use in record keeping, my reply is that I typically use the spelling from a signature or the spelling from the individual's grave marker, as this often indicates which spelling the family considered correct.

For the McClintick Bible article, I used the spellings that were in the Bible. Sinthea's name was spelled many ways throughout the years (as evidenced in the records referenced in the article), most often beginning with "C" as we would likely see it spelled today. It is possible that she changed the spelling with the times, but a signature could not be found to confirm one spelling over another.

The surname McClintick is unusual and often confused with the more common McClintock, so it is surprising that the spelling was pretty consistent on the public records. Only one census switched the final "i" to an "o." All the city directories listings used the "i" form. Joseph's father's grave marker and those I found for his children use the "i." It was also spelled McClintick in Joseph's 1899 probate file. (This probate case came three years after his death because he received a settlement from an Indian depredation claim – a fact I learned because his probate file conveniently appeared on Ancestry.com the day I was working on this story.)

The only major records that spelled the surname McClintock were Joseph's and Sinthea's death certificates and the burial records at Lone Fir Cemetery. There do not appear to be markers on the graves. Most of Joseph and Sinthea's children settled in Oregon and surnames connected to the descendants include Baker, Cornwell, and Culbertson.

McCLINTICK BIBLE

(Abstracted* from the center of the Bible)

FAMILY RECORD MARRIAGES



Joseph H. McClintick and Sinthea Smith McClintick
Was Joined in holy Wedlock in the year of our lord 1866
November the 18th

Charles H. Cornwell and Hattie M. Cornwell was Joind in
holy wedlock in the yer of our lord 1885 november the 8

First column

Nick Geitlinger and Minea Mary McClintick Was Joined in
holy wedlock January 16 1899

Henry B. Woltring and Josie McClintick was Joined in
Holy Wedlock May 4 1904.

Etta May Cornwell and Matthew A. Culbertson was
Joined in Holey wedlock in the year of our lord 1904 Oct 5
Lookout Idaho.

Lottie Cornwell and Samuel A. Malehorn was Joined in
Holey wedlock in the year of lord, Aug 1912, Thompson
Falls Mont.

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Pearl Packer and Gleen F. McClintick was Joined in Holey
wedlock in the year of our lord 1913. Vancouver Wash.

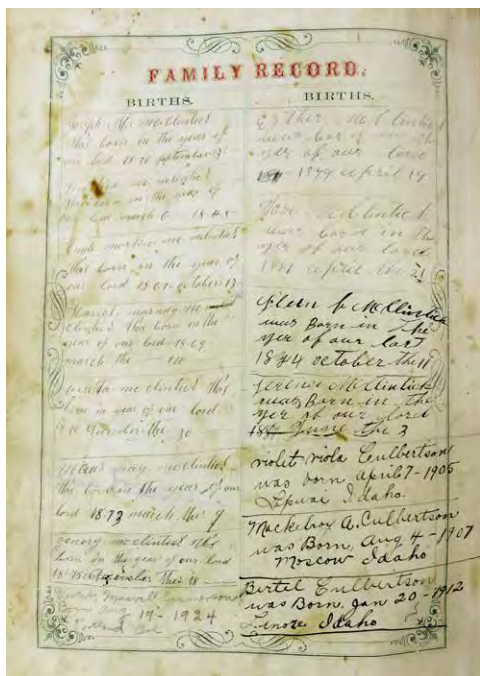
Myrtle Florence Cornwell and Kirk Hoover was Joined in
Holey wedlock June 2nd 1910. Portland Oregon.

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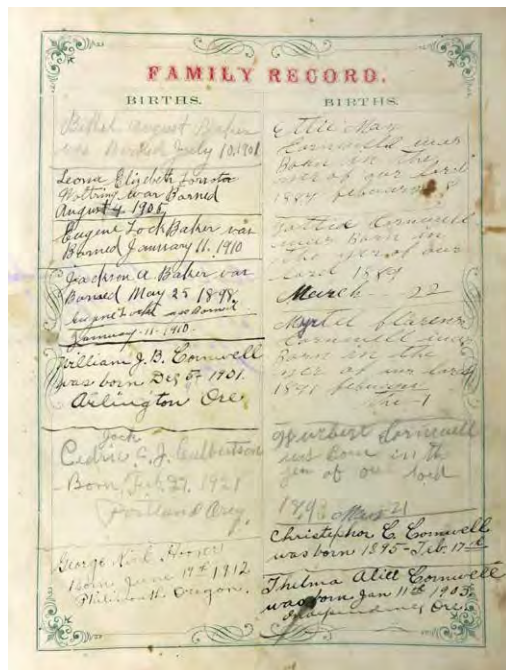
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- Joseph 'H' mcClintick Was born in the year of our lord 1836 September 3
- Sinthea mcclintick Was born in the year of our lord march 6 1848
- Hugh mortin mcclintick Was born in the year of our lord 1867 october 13
- Hariet marndy McClintick Was born in the year of our lord 1869 march the 14
- violeta mcclintick Was born in year of our lord 1870 December the 30
- Minea may mcclintick Was born in the year of our lord 1873 march the 9
- jenory mc-clintick Was born in the year of our lord 1875 December the 18
- Violet Marvell Emmerson Born Aug 19 1924 Portland Ore

Second column

- Esther McClintick was born in the yer of our lord 1879 april 19
- Jose McClintick was born in the yer of our lord 1881 april the 21
- Gleen f McClintick was Born in the yer of our lord 1884 october the 11
- Terence McClintick was Born in the yer of our lord 1887 June the 3
- violet viola Culbertson was born April 7 1905 Lapwai Idaho.
- Mackelroy A. Culbertson was Born Aug 4 1907 Moscow Idaho
- Bertel Culbertson was Born Jan 20 1912 Lenore Idaho

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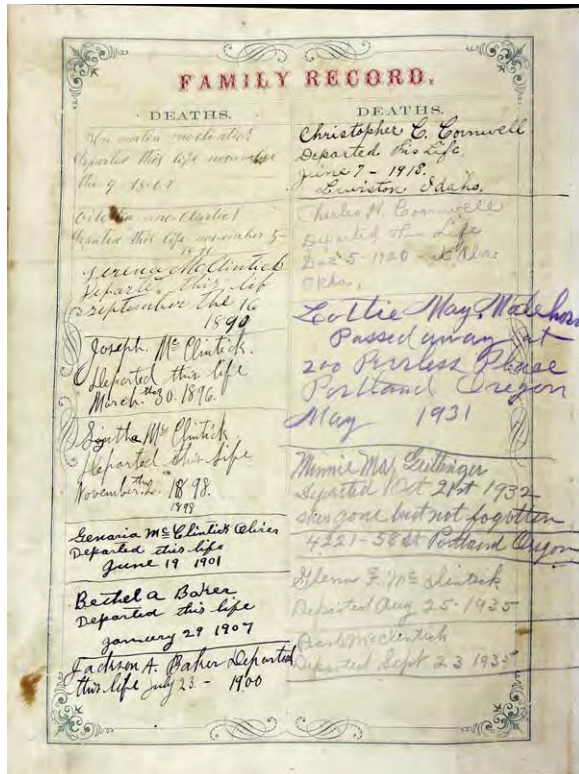
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- Bethel August Baker was Borne July 10 1901
- Leona Elizebeth Lorrota Woltring was Borne August 4 1905
- Eugene Lock Baker was Borne January 11 1910
- Jackson A. Baker was Borne May 25 1898.
- Eugene Locke was Borne January 11 1910.
- William J. B. Cornwell was born Dec 4 1901. Arlington Ore
- Cedrick C. J. Jack Culbertson Born Feb 27 1921 Portland Oreg.
- George Kirk Hoover Born June 19th 1912 Philimouth Oregon.

Second column

- Ettie May Cornwell was Born in the yer of our lord 1887 february 8
- Lottie Cornwell was Born in the yer of our lord 1889 March 22
- Myrtel flarens Cornwell was Born in the yer of our lord 1891 february the 1
- Hurbert Cornwell was Born in the yer of our lord 1893 May 21
- Christephor C. Cornwell was born 1895 Feb. 17th
- Thelma Alice Cornwell was born Jan 11th 1903 Independence Ore

DEATHS

**First column**

- H Mortin mcclintick Departed this life november the 9 1867
- Vilettia mcClintick Deported this life November 5 1871
- Terence McClintick Departed this lif september the 16 1890
- Joseph McClinton Departed this life March the 30 1896
- Syntha McClintick Departed this Life November the 2 1898
- Genaria McClintick Oliver Departed this life June 19 1901
- Bethel A Baker Departed this life January 29 1907
- Jackson A. Baker Departed this life July 23 1900

Second column

- Christopher C. Cornwell Departed this Life. June 7 1918.
Lewiston Idaho.
- Charles H. Cornwell Departed this Life Dec 5 1920 at
Alva Okla.
- Lottie May Malehorn Passed away at 200 Peerless Place
Portland Oregon May 1931
- Minnie May Geitlinger Departed Oct 21st 1932 shes gone
but not fogotten 4221 - 58 St Portland Oregon
- Glenn F. Mcclintick Departed Aug 25 1935
- Pearl A Mcclintick Departed Sept 23 1935

Editor's Note: Research has provided the names used most consistently by the people listed in the Bible. They are given here so that future researchers might find them more easily.

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| Baker, Andrew Jackson | Geitlinger, Nick |
| Baker, Bethel August | Hoover, George Kirk |
| Baker, Eugene Lock | Hoover, Kirk Hershall |
| Cornwell, Charles Harrison | Malehorn, Samuel Atwood |
| Cornwell, Charlotte May "Lottie" | McClintick, Esther |
| Cornwell, Christian Peter | McClintick, Genora "Nora" |
| Cornwell, Henrietta Wilamina "Etta" | McClintick, Glenn Forest |
| Cornwell, Jacob Herbert | McClintick, Harriet M. "Hattie" |
| Cornwell, Myrtle Florence | McClintick, Hugh Mortin |
| Cornwell, Thelma Alice | McClintick, Joseph H. |
| Cornwell, William J. B. | McClintick, Josephine Anna "Josie" |
| Culbertson, Bertel | McClintick, Minnie Mary |
| Culbertson, Cedric C. J. "Jack Dalton" | McClintick, Terence |
| Culbertson, MacKelroy Arden | McClintick, Viletta |
| Culbertson, Matthew Alexander | Packer, Ada Pearl |
| Culbertson, Violet E. | Smith, Sinthea/ Cynthia |
| Emerson, Violet Marvell | Woltring, Bernhard Henry |
| | Woltring, Leona Elizabeth Loretta |

*This abstract includes all the names, dates, and words that appear in the Bible. Spellings are shown as they appear. Special formatting, such as superscript, may not be shown. All extraneous punctuation has been removed and the line breaks do not follow what appears in the original. Italics indicate handwritten entries. Any editorial comments will appear in square brackets.

Anyone wishing to order a copy of the Bible images may send an email message to Research@gfo.org. For \$5.00 you will receive high-resolution, color images of the four Bible pages by return email.

Book Review

First Métis Families of Quebec

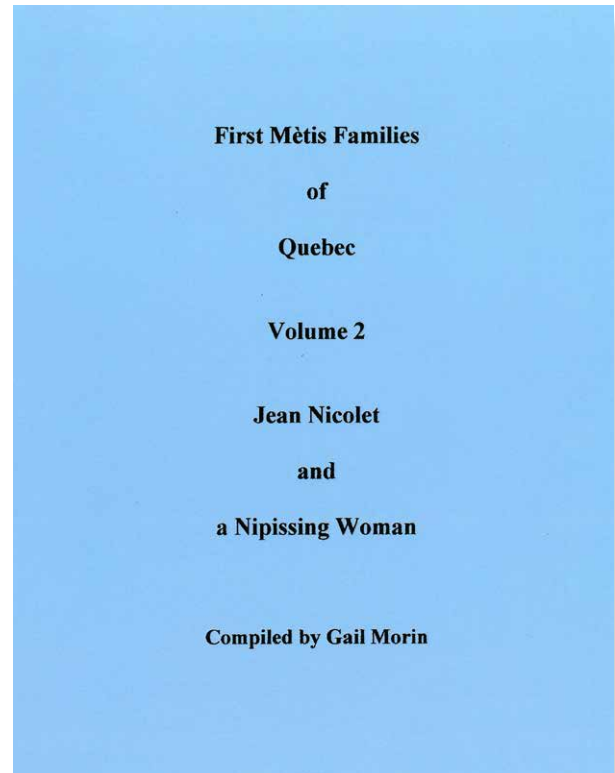
Volume 2: Jean Nicolet and a Nipissing Woman

Reviewed by Joan Galles

Author: Gail Morin
Publisher: Genealogical Publishing Company
Published: 2014
Pages: 363
Price: \$45.00 + \$5.50 shipping
Order from: Genealogical.com

This book will be of interest to anyone descended from Jean Nicolet. The Genealogical.com website introduction states, “the term Métis originally referred to the offspring produced from the intermarriage of early French fur traders with Canadian Native Americans.” Also known as Anglo Métis, those of this culture have completely merged with those of the French culture to form a distinct group recognized as one of the three Aboriginal Peoples of Canada. There are 56 officially recorded Métis marriages in the French records from the 1640s to the 1740s, although there were probably many more that went unrecorded. Morin reports that she is in the process of documenting all 56 families. This volume is dedicated to one line, that of Madeleine or Euphrosine Nicolet’s descendants; the daughter of French fur trader Jean Nicolet and a woman of the Nipissing Tribe of Ontario, Canada.

This volume traces the descendants of Madeleine or Euphrosine Nicolet for ten generations. Madeleine/Euphrosine is the child of Jean Nicolet de Belleborne and a Nipissing woman. Raised in Quebec with Nicolet’s second wife, she married Jean Leblanc in 1643 and Elie Dussault dit Lafleur in 1663. Both marriages resulted in 4,743 descendants which are listed in this book. As is her custom, Morin has included a wonderful bibliography and the volume is well indexed.



This book provides facts—whatever Morin has gleaned from documents and living descendants. She follows birth order, providing a child’s birth, marriage, children, etc. The facts in this book are well documented.

Even a cursory look at this book makes it obvious that Morin spent an enormous amount of time and energy gathering and organizing the information. If you are related to this family group, this book will be an invaluable resource.

GAIL MORIN

Gail Morin is the author of a number of books detailing the genealogy of and genealogical resources for researching Métis (French and Native American) families and Half-Breed (British and Native American) families in U.S. and Canada. She is the author of the series, *First Métis Families of Quebec*, which currently consists of five (of six intended) volumes. Her best known work is *Métis Families: a genealogical compendium* in which she has gathered together information from a variety of primary sources on the Métis including census, church registers, Hudson’s Bay Company papers, archival collections, and scrip applications. The Glenbow Library and Archives in Calgary, Alberta, have a database of 40,000 pedigree charts compiled by Morin.

Book Review

Manitoba Scrip, 2nd Edition Northwest Half-Breed Scrip - 1885

Reviewed by Joan Galles

Author: Gail Morin
Publisher: Genealogical Publishing Company,
 3600 Clipper Miller Road, Suite 260,
 Baltimore, Md. 21211-1953

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Manitoba: 2013
Northwest: Copyright 1997, Reprint 2015

Pages –
Manitoba: 329
Northwest: 287

Price: \$39.95

Order from: Genealogical.com

MANITOBA SCRIP

Many Canadians and Americans are of Métis (French and Native American) or Half-Breed (British and Native American) descent. This book is about the Métis families in Manitoba, and is a companion to the book in the following review regarding those of Half-Breed descent.

Those people whose ancestors may have settled in Manitoba and received land through the Manitoba Scrip regime, as well as historians, genealogists, and students of North American historical and sociological development will appreciate this reference book by Gail Morin.

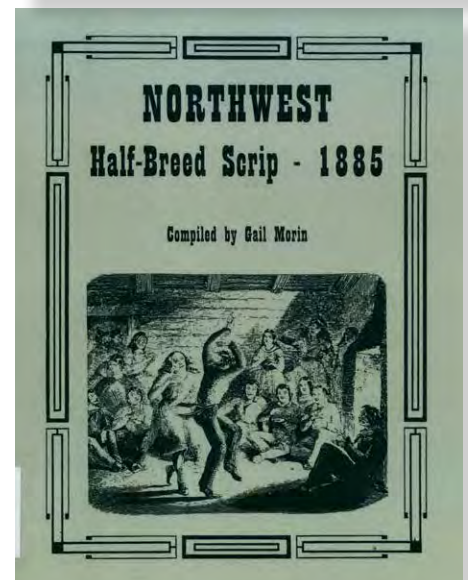
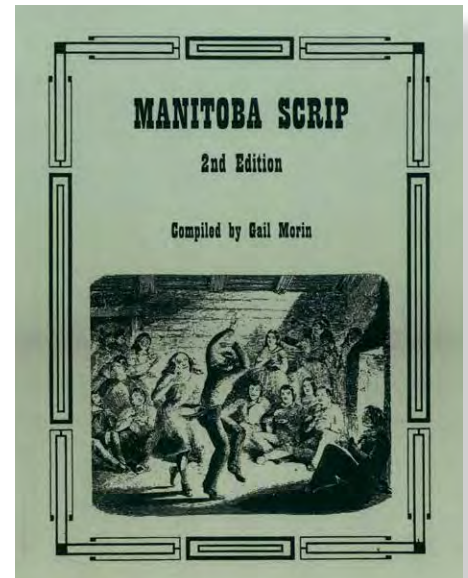
This volume gives details about the certificates awarded to Métis (half-Native American, half-European) and original white inhabitants of Manitoba and their children, as of July 15, 1870. Interestingly, qualifying white settlers needed to have lived in Manitoba between 1813 and 1835 and be in residence in 1870. Generally each applicant needed to state their name, date and place of birth, spouse's name, and race or national origin of parents. Other information is also included. The surnames are listed alphabetically.

Manitoba Script, 2nd Edition is easy to use, as it is a listing of each individual in this group, arranged alphabetically together with their information. All of the facts

listed are recorded from the original applications. Because this volume is an extraction of the information found in the microfilmed copies of documents located in the National Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Canada in Record Group: RG 15, D II 8 (a), it is most likely accurate for the information given. Of course, if you find indexed information, it is always best to

review the source directly. The number located at the end of each entry is the microfilm reel number.

Like all of Mrs. Morin's tome's, this book will be an invaluable tool in genealogical research for the families involved. There is a great deal of information in the listing of each individual. Because this is a listing of individual land ownership, familial relationships need to be developed by the reader. Perhaps most telling is the assumption by the British Government that the land itself was theirs to distribute. This thought occurred to this reviewer. However we must appreciate the context of the times; many activities in the 1800 were unjust. This book makes for an interesting understanding of the "manifest destiny" mentality that existed all over North America.



NORTHWEST HALF-BREED SCRIP – 1885

This book details information about some of these individuals historically referred to as Half-breeds (Native American and British descent).^{*} Historians, genealogists, and students of North American historical and sociological development will also appreciate this continuation of the prodigious work done by Morin.

Northwest Half-Breed Scrip-1885 is an easy-to-use resource. It is a listing of each individual in this group, alphabetically arranged by surname, including the information provided in their claim. Morin transcribed scrip applications on microfilm held by Glenbow Archives and Library in Calgary, Alberta. The original applica-

tions are held at the National Archives of Canada in Ottawa, Ontario.

This is a fact-based book about hundreds of people. Reading the individual applications often gives insight into the life and people at that time. Like most research, any discrepancies should be corroborated by other documentation. All in all, the book is a great resource, and Morin certainly has established herself as being the cataloguer of the First Peoples of Canada and their interactions with the French and English traders and settlers who came their way.

**The term Half-Breed is now considered derogatory or at best insensitive; however, it is the title originally given to the commission and the documents and so is still used when referring to these applications and scrip certificates.*

SCRIP

Scrip was a certificate for land or money issued by the government. Land scrip granted the bearer the right to private ownership of certain portions of public lands. Money scrip was received for the extinguishment of a claim to land and could be used only to purchase other government-held land. This scrip was authorized in the U.S. by Congress, and in Canada by scrip commissions or the Department of the Interior. Some scrip was issued directly, while others were issued only after a trial of the claims before special commissions or the courts. Scrip was used primarily to reward veterans, to give land allotments to children of intermarried Native Americans, to make exchanges of some private land for public land in a different location, and to subsidize agricultural colleges. One of the purported purposes of the Scrip policy (which extended over several decades) was to eliminate whatever potential remaining claims Canadian Native Americans might make to specific land.

Northwest Half-Breed Scrip – 1885 covers awards made in the future provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and a portion of Manitoba. In order to receive a scrip certificate a person had to complete an application which included up to 25 questions, for example, "Was either your mother or your father a Half-Breed?" and "Where were you living each year since you were born?" Claimants were required to

provide such documentation as they could, including baptismal certificates for living children and burial certificates for any deceased children. Not all questions were answered but certainly enough to provide an enormous amount of genealogical information for many people. The North-West Half-Breed Commission took applications from April 10, 1885 to August 28, 1885 from multiple locations and investigated 1815 claims filed by anyone who was of "mixed blood; partly white and partly Indian." Scrip certificates were for 160 acres or \$160 to a head of a household and 240 acres or \$240 to eligible children.

Manitoba Scrip covers scrip issued to Métis and Half-breeds, and all original white settlers or their descendants who had lived in Manitoba between 1813 and 1835, and who were residents of Manitoba in June 1874. Many of these white settlers had come from French Canada, Scotland, and England and many had purchased land from the Hudson's Bay Company. The Métis and Half-breeds were required to have been living in the Province of Manitoba on July 15, 1870 and they could not have received any other Government Indian annuities. To qualify, some had their names struck from earlier Indian rolls or they repaid treaty money (\$3.00) received before 1874.

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