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→ Until Further Notice ←

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and concern for the health and well-being of everyone in the Bend community, **all in-person classes and programs are canceled and the library is closed.**

We are available via phone or email: Info@BendGenealogy.org.

Who is Your Family's Historian?

By Judith Whitehead

Let me put it another way—Who's the genealogist? the curator of the family's history? the keeper of family relics or memorabilia? the one who makes photo scrapbooks of memories?

Are you the one who, pretty much, does all of those things? Oh yeah, folks, you guessed my response to the title question. I am THE ONE WHO SAVES EVERYTHING.

Recently to my delight, several magazines targeting younger generations contained articles about "sorting through family relics" as well as becoming "the family historian by default." Not surprisingly the gist of these articles was about the dilemmas the present-day "declutterers" grapple with choosing to treasure something or let it go. I choose to advocate what one magazine calls "Granny Chic" where decorating my home is concerned.

I BELIEVE GENEALOGY IS ABOUT KEEPING
ALL KINDS OF MEMORABILIA.

I create scrapbooks, but only recently—thanks to the Internet—I've learned some other ideas and new techniques for preserving and protecting many different kinds of relics.

I recommend thinking outside of the traditional box. I create 8" by 8" digital books of my grandsons, Their Boomer Generation mom absolutely only wants and loves (!!) small, light-weight, skinny books nowadays. Check out the picture I took to "prove" my progress towards developing next-generation genealogists or family historians!



*Judith's grandchildren
studying a family scrapbook*

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Three Generations of Logan Women

Concerned about what to do with all those photographs inside a box? Have you considered framing and displaying the best ones? I have three generations of Logan women (me, my mother, her mother) still by my side.

I recommend the article, "End of an Heirloom," which is in the August 2021 print-version of Real Simple Magazine. The Deschutes Public Library subscribes to Real Simple, so you should be able to find the issue there. *(Judith subscribes to Real Simple and is willing to share her copy of the article, too, if you don't find it at the library).*

If you're willing to go where you've never gone before, ask yourself—

"Have you ever heard of creating a JUNK JOURNAL?" It's all explained online in pictures and directions by a self-described Tech Geek at: <https://tmariehilton.com/paper-craft/junk-journals-explained/>.

Whatever extent you have chosen to pursue in discovering and preserving your family's history, I found comfort in these words (again, from Real Simple magazine):

"If you can't keep the things, keep the friends who keep the things."

Happy Honoring Our Past! —Judith

A Note from your BGS Newsletter editor: This month's featured article is by a BGS member who volunteered to contribute to the newsletter—something we need to happen more often. We like to hear from our members—about family histories, genealogical searching experiences, or personal remembrances stories. We welcome anything you would like to share. Email: Info@BendGenealogy.org

**Things at BGS are changin'
—Notice the new email address!**



Our bgs@bendbroadband.com email address has been replaced with an easier to remember address: Info@BendGenealogy.org
Please begin to use the new email address today and delete the old email address from your records.

Tame Your Paper Piles!

Tips for Organizing Genealogical Documents

Third Tuesday – September 21 – 10:00 am (PDT) – BGS Zoom Meeting (free)

Presentation by Gary Putnam and Catherine Dulzo



Does your genealogy space look like this?

Piles of paper all over the place?

Can you even find the computer in this picture?

Genealogists deal with documents all the time. Catherine and Gary's presentation is designed to help us all learn how to tame the piles of paper we seem to naturally accumulate. On Third Tuesday, September 21, they will be sharing several tips for organizing genealogical documents with us on Zoom.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: [Click here to register for the Sept. 21 meeting](#)

Message from the BGS Leadership Council

It was wonderful to see some of you in-person at the outdoor picnic in Compass Park in July. It's been such a long time of not being able to be together due to the pandemic.

In July, we were thinking that BGS would be able to start "hybrid" meetings in September. Hybrid means in-person in Williamson Hall AND virtually on Zoom. But the current surge in Covid-19 cases has changed our plans. While we believe most, if not all, of us are vaccinated, breakthrough cases are occurring. We are not comfortable taking any chances with anyone's health.

The Council will evaluate the situation every month and if we can meet safely in-person in future months, we will add that option and let everyone know.

To prepare for hybrid meetings, we will need helpers to set-up chairs and equipment in the Hall and clean-up. If you would like to volunteer to be part of the "Hall Meeting Team," please email Info@BendGenealogy.org.

BGS LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Right now, all BGS meetings & workshops are virtual using **zoom**. All you need to do is install the **FREE** Zoom account on a device connected to the internet. Sign up at: <https://zoom.us/>. Use the “Sign Up, It’s Free” button.

As noted on p. 3, the Leadership Council will evaluate the level of Covid cases regularly, and is planning to switch to hybrid meetings (Wiliamson Hall in-person AND Zoom), when it is safe for all of us.

Planned 3rd Tuesday Programs for October thru December

All BGS meetings are **FREE** to members and non-members

Oct. 19 at 10:00 am	I Have a Civil War Ancestor... Now What? Brian Rhinehart, National Archives Researcher (he was terrific last January)
Nov. 16 at 10:00 am	Push and Pull: The Reasons for Migration George G. Morgan, one of the Genealogy Guys
Dec. 21 at 10:00 am	Sharing Genealogy Stories or Heirlooms – Everyone!

Workshops and Interest Groups

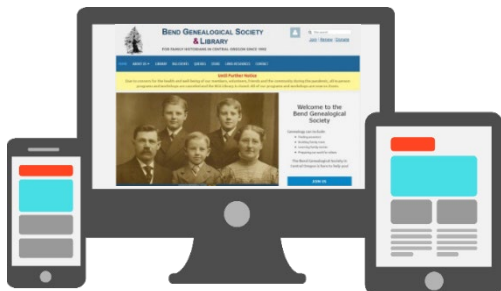
BGS is currently planning the Workshops and Interest Groups to offer this year. If you have a suggestion for a special group, or would like to facilitate one, which meets only one time or several times, please email Info@BendGenealogy.org. Certainly, DNA workshops are high on our list to continue. More to come about the start of BGS Workshops and Interest Groups next month.

Did you know that September is Webtember? It is at Legacy Family Tree Webinars. Every Friday in September features FREE webinars, for a total of 30, on a wide variety of subjects. You must register for the new *Live* webinars to attend one of them on a Friday. The others are pre-recorded and you can view them at your convenience, since all will be FREE to view through the end of September. Since BGS only has one meeting this month, it’s a good time to enjoy lots of FREE webinars. [Click here to see what’s being offered during Webtember!](#)

BGS Library

Linda and Sandy are planning to open the Library by appointment later in September or the first of October. We want to limit the number of people in the building to ensure distancing and keep us all safe. Watch for an announcement once the logistics are worked out.

New BGS Website



The new BGS Website is almost ready to launch, but a date cannot be announced yet. **Watch for the launch date this month.**

The new website includes online payments for donations and membership dues, etc., and an event calendar with the ability to register for events, too. When the library reorganization is finished, the collection’s catalog will be on the website, as well.

If you would like to help with website tasks, all of which can be done at home, please email: Info@BendGenealogy.org.

TIDBITS FROM THE WEB



National Genealogical Society 2022 Conference.

The NGS Conference is a world-class family history conference and it will happen on the west coast in May 2022. It's never too early to start planning. [Click here](#) to open the Conference brochure.



Genealogical Forum of Oregon's next FREE ZOOM **GenTalk** is Saturday, September 18 at 2:30 pm (PDT) and features Connie Shipley, who will share tips about **"How to Approach Your Relatives for Their Stories."** Register at: [GFO GenTalks](#).

Family Tree Maker Virtual Road Show! Thursday, Sept. 16, 10 am to noon, FREE. Join Mark Olsen for a discussion of the latest version, updates, features and to get answers to all your questions about Family Tree Maker. Discounts will be offered to attend. Link to more information and to register: <https://gfo.org/learn/ftm-road-show.html>

A Trip Through New York City in 1911 is an 8-minute film, which was taken by the Swedish company Svenska Biografteatern on a trip to America. The film has been around for a few years, but this version has enhanced image resolution, and is colorized by DeOldify (company which licensed its technology to MyHeritage for photo enhancement and colorization). Plus, the speed was boosted to 60 frames per second. It is a lot of fun to watch on YouTube: [Click here](#). The streets are filled with horses, streetcars, early automobiles, and lots of people walking wherever they want to on the streets.

An article written in 2018 has some pictures from today to compare to scenes in the film. Many of the buildings are the same, but there aren't any horses competing with cars and streetcars in the modern pictures. There are far fewer people walking on the streets in today's pictures, too. The article has a link to the same film in black and white that you can compare to the colorized version. [Click here for the article](#).

In the film, did you notice the family riding in a car with a chauffeur and wonder who the family was? The Brownstone Detectives wondered, too. You can read about their research to identify who the family was. Guess what? They succeeded. [Click here to read about the clues and research](#).



Family Locket® **Tracing Your 19th Century German Ancestors, a 6-part series**, by Heidi Mathis for the Family Locket (*website of Researching Like a Pro*).

If you are one of the 44+ million Americans with German ancestors, this series may give you some new tips. Each part includes historical context and highlights many resources to use. There are podcasts, as well.

[Part 1](#) – When did your German arrive? What do we mean by German?

[Part 2](#) – Start in America: How to search for your German's church records

[Part 3](#) – Tips for getting your German's surname right

[Part 4](#) – Comprehend enough German to read records

[Part 5](#) – German Archives and Genealogical Societies

[Part 6](#) – Tips for using DNA with Germans

Final Jeopardy Answer:
German settlers in Texas called this animal "panzerschwein"

What was the Question?

Answer hidden in the newsletter

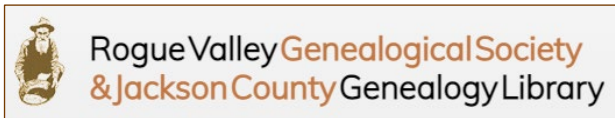
4 Podcasts go with the series: [RLP 156](#) – [RLP 157](#) – [RLP 162](#) – [RLP 163](#)

MORE TIDBITS FROM THE WEB



Places to Find Royalty-Free Images for Your Family History Projects.

Sometimes you just don't have enough family pictures to include in your stories. Devon Lee (FHF) posted a [12-minute Facebook video](#) (FREE) to help us find images to enhance family history projects. She explains the difference between copyright free (public domain) and royalty free images. She also gives us a simple citation template to use, if a citation is needed. She demonstrates [Pixabay](#) (royalty free) and [Wikimedia Commons](#) (copyright free), but the show notes list more websites to use than the two in the video. [Click here](#) to read the show notes post on the FHF website, where you can copy the citation template, if needed, and find the longer list of image websites to try.



Week of FREE Genealogy Classes, Sept 18 to 24 on

Zoom, presented by the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. [Click here](#) to see all the classes and register for each class separately. **Genealogy Week** ends on Sat, Sept 25 with a 10 am to 4 pm Zoom Seminar titled, "American Migration: In, Out, and Across" with Tricia Oberndorf. Cost \$55. [Click here](#) for info & to register.

26 Tips for Searching Census Records on Genealogy Websites

The US Federal Census is a wonderful resource. Family Tree Magazine has a long list of tips to help us locate our ancestors. Perhaps you haven't thought of a few of the 26 tips. [Click here to read the FREE article.](#)



The Family History Library in Salt Lake City is open, from 9 am to

5 pm, Mon-Fri. [Click here](#) for the notice. Vaunell Temple, BGS FamilySearch speaker, reported that the local portal for local Family History Centers has been activated, but local permission is required to safely open the centers in Bend and Redmond. Vaunell will keep BGS posted.



FamilySearch Continues to Offer Many FREE Webinars: [Click here to find dozens of online classes from FamilySearch](#) that are available on Zoom for September through November 2021. Even after webinars have aired, many move to the [Learning Center](#), where you can view thousands of recordings.



Newspapers.com has been redesigning its site for some time, but since there isn't a "beta/classic" view option any longer, perhaps the main changes

have ended.

► Explore the filter drop-downs below

Keyword: "L.M. Bell" × Date (optional): 1870 - 1940 × Location (optional): Arkansas; ×

Result Type Newspaper Sort More Filters Clear All

the search fields. After a search you'll be able to hide Obits or Marriage results (if there are any), if desired.

► Notice on the results list, US State locations can be refined by County Name. If you are searching in Canada, the results are refined by province, in Australia, by cities, in Ireland by county, and in the United Kingdom by country.

Pulaski County, Arkansas	63
Sebastian County, Arkansas	12
Washington County, Arkansas	3
Jefferson County, Arkansas	2
Clark County, Arkansas	1

Also note, Newspapers.com has two subscription

levels now: 1. Basic (201M+ pages of mostly historical papers) and 2. Publisher Extra (Basic plus 473M+ additional pages, which includes more recent papers licensed from publishers than the Basic level.

BGS FUNDRAISERS

Help support your Bend Genealogical Society when you shop!

Last fiscal year, 1 Jun 2020 to 31 May 2021, BGS earned **\$206.61** from these fundraisers.
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GoodShop offers online shopping coupons and special discounts for 1,000s of retailers on the web. Your favorite store is likely apart of **GoodShop**. Every time you shop at a store of your choice using **GoodShop**, you get a special deal and BGS receives a donation. **GoodSearch** makes a donation for every internet search (Yahoo). Register at: [GoodShop](#) & adopt Bend Genealogical Society as your cause.

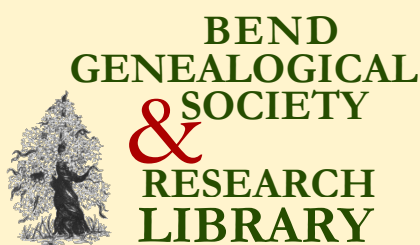
Bend Genealogical Society Financial Status Year-to-date 20-21 FY (12 months)

Total Cash Assets, 31 May 2021	\$ 25,418.28
Dues Income (82 paid members)	\$ 1,560.00
Other Income	\$ 1,317.23
YTD Total Income	\$ 2,877.23
YTD Total Expenses	\$ 3,476.02

BGS Leadership Council

President: Gary Putnam	VP: Vacant
Secretary: Brad Lemmon	
Treasurer: Sandy Thompson	<u>Members-at-large:</u>
Director: Sherry Hamilton	Linda Martin
Director: Judith Whitehead	Sharon Freeman
Past VP: Catherine Dulzo	Sue Dolezal

Would you like to help BGS, too?



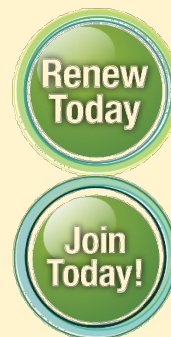
We want to help you

JOIN THE FUN TODAY!

Your membership year now runs for one year from the time you join or renew and is no longer tied to the BGS fiscal year.

[Click here to open the membership application.](#)

Mail to BGS with your payment. Thank you so much for supporting genealogy in Bend.



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