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➔ **Until Further Notice** ➔

Due to COVID-19 and our concern for the health and well-being of everyone in the Bend community, BGS is NOT scheduling in-person meetings or classes right now. All meetings are on Zoom.

We assessed our capability to offer integrated meetings (in-person/online) and decided to rely on Zoom through May. When we resume programs in September, we plan to offer integrated programs. Stay tuned. **The BGS Library is open by appointment only (see p. 4)**

The BGS Find a Grave Project

Facilitated by Brad Lemmon and Sue Dolezal

Pilot Butte and Greenwood Cemeteries are side by side at the base of Pilot Butte in Bend. Pilot Butte is an historic cemetery as it was established in 1913. Greenwood Cemetery was opened over 75 years ago. Both of these cemeteries are open to burials today and are on Find a Grave.



A look-up request BGS received a few weeks ago asked us if we could determine if a name entry in a Find a Grave memorial in Pilot Butte could be wrong, because the date of death looked accurate for someone else. After research, we were able to prove the entry was a mistake and initiated a correction. The young wife buried in 1922 is now remembered by cousins, who had been hunting for her for some time. Since then, BGS has discovered that several memorials in both cemeteries do not have an active manager. We have setup a BGS Find a Grave account and adopted the orphan memorials, so they will have a manager.

We are starting a Find a Grave project to correct any other entries and take pictures of headstones as needed. We live here and can walk the cemetery, matching burials and headstones to Find a Grave entries. Accuracy is what makes Find a Grave helpful to genealogists worldwide, otherwise mistakes are multiplied in trees worldwide, or an ancestor's

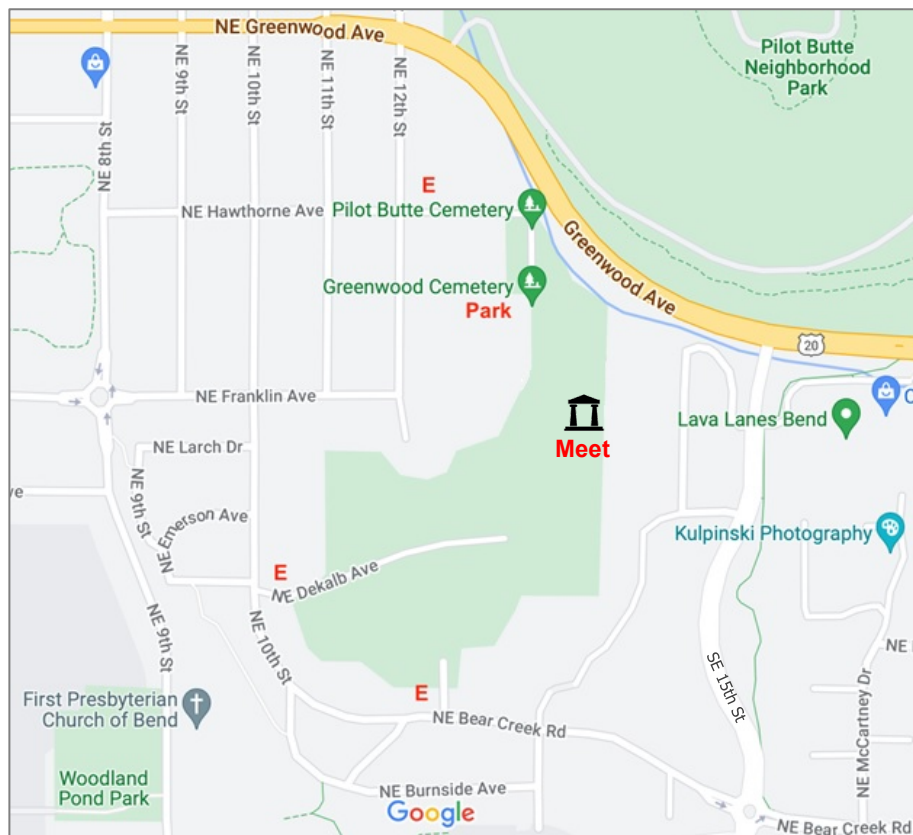
resting place is never found and their story is not complete for their descendants.

ANNOUNCING THE 1st BGS CEMETERY FIELD TRIP SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH – 1:30 PM

Join Brad Lemmon and Sue Dolezal at the Pilot Butte/Greenwood complex and enjoy exploring the cemeteries. Walking in a cemetery can be a special experience imaging the stories of those who have passed.

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The co-located cemeteries are found just south of Pilot Butte (see map below). Brad and Sue will provide a page of objectives and instructions. All you need to do is show up wearing good walking shoes. If you have a favorite camera, clipboard, pen, grass clippers or soft brush, it might be helpful to bring those, too. How long you can stay is up to you.



The main purpose of the project is to improve information in Find a Grave, which could include taking missing gravestone photos, verifying/correcting memorial entries and possibly adding new memorials. We may do very minor clean-up, especially to improve a picture of the stone.

There are three entrances to the cemeteries marked with **E**.

1. 12th and Hawthorne
2. 10th and DeKalb
3. Bear Creek Road

Even though this map doesn't show it, all three entrance roads connect to a network of narrow roads inside the cemeteries. There is some parking where it says **Park**, but it is also possible to park on 10th or 12th Street and walk into the cemeteries. We will meet at the large mausoleum building (**Meet** on the map).

If you have questions or want to let Brad and Sue know you are coming on **Saturday, April 9**, email BGS at info@bendgenealogy.org **Attn: Find a Grave**, and your message will be forwarded to them for a response.



DNA Workshop Presented by Gary Putnam Thursday, April 14 at 10:00 AM on Zoom (free)

GEDmatch is not a DNA testing company like *AncestryDNA* or *MyHeritageDNA*. It is an online service that analyzes user-submitted autosomal DNA data from different testing companies, such as *Ancestry*, *MyHeritage*, and *23andMe*, etc.

Gary has been utilizing *GEDmatch* to analyze DNA matches. In this workshop, he will demonstrate the various tools on the site that he uses regularly to make advances in his family history.

Gary is the BGS President and has researched his family for over 60 years. He's published his research and stories in eight books. His father's lines go back to colonial times, including the Mayflower. His mother's family has taken him to Greece and Crete to research in village archives.

Registration is Required! [Click this link to go to the BGS Website and Register](#)

Requesting a Library Appointment

APPOINTMENT-ONLY DATES/TIMES

We are asking you to suggest a couple of dates/times that are convenient for you. We will see if we can have a volunteer at the Library on one of the dates.

Please email BGS or use the Appointment form on the BGS website to communicate with us.

Website: bendgenealogy.org

Appointment Form on the website: bendgenealogy.org/Library-Appointments

We are hoping you can be flexible about the appointment time. We may have to negotiate with you.

BGS Members can to check out books for 3 weeks at a time.

PROTOCOLS FOR OPENING THE LIBRARY: [Click here to open the Protocols document](#)

Please read the Protocols document. BGS is concerned about the health of everyone. The protocols are intended to allow one or two patrons and the librarian to be in the library and adjoining rec room in a safe manner.

**FYI—We will be reviewing the protocols now that the pandemic is easing.
We hope to have regularly open schedule by Summer.**

Recorded Videos in the Members-only Section of the BGS website



If you are a paid member of BGS, log-into our website, bendgenealogy.org with your email and password, and Members Only will appear on the Toolbar. Select Videos from the Members Only dropdown. Then, select the link to the video you want to view. It plays on YouTube.

If there is a Handout or a Chat Log, there are links to them, too.

The time period for viewing the video by members is determined by each presenter.

These are the recordings available now:

- ***Tame Your Paper Piles: Tips for Organizing Genealogical Documents*** with Gary Putnam and Catherine Dulzo, recorded on 21 Sep 2021. Linda Martin describes her binder system, too.
- ***Push and Pull: The Reasons for Migration*** with George G. Morgan, recorded 16 Nov 2021. **Viewing availability ends 16 Nov 2022.**
- ***Sharing Genealogy Stories and Heirlooms*** with BGS members, recorded 21 Dec 2021.
- ***Bridging the Gap: Finding Ancestors in the United States between 1780 and 1840*** with D. Joshua Taylor, recorded 15 Mar 2022. **Viewing availability ends 15 May 2022.**

Tips on Digitally Restoring and Organizing Old Photographs and Negatives



Third Tuesday – April 19 – 10:00 am (Pacific) – BGS Zoom Meeting (free)

Presentation by Robert Agli

The presentation will include an explanation and demonstration of how to organize and file digital images, a demonstration of how to copy old prints and negatives to your digital files and simple steps to restore certain damage to photos. I will have samples of before and after photos. Because I will be presenting from home, I can even demonstrate a couple of amazing computer programs for those that want to further venture into the world of digital imaging.

Photography has been Robert's passion since he was 13 years old. He's finally been able to pursue his passion as a professional photographer after he and Susan moved to Bend several years ago. He's taught digital photography and image editing at COCC, and conducted many photography workshops. He shares his keen eye in stunning images from around the world, which have been published in numerous books and magazines, and his fine art photographs have been included in many exhibitions.

Registration is Required! [Click this link to go to the BGS Website and Register](#)

After registering, the Zoom link will be emailed to you.

→ *Don't panic when the Zoom link is not visible immediately when you open the email. Scroll down—the Zoom link is at the bottom of the email. See you on April 19.*

Wednesday, April 27 at 4:00 PM on Zoom (free)



German Interest Group – Sandy Thompson, facilitator

Get together for an hour or so with others who are researching German ancestors. Locate German villages, learn about helpful websites, and share your successes and your problems. Maybe another researcher will have a great idea that helps you.

Registration will open soon

3rd Tuesday, May 17 at 10:00 AM on Zoom (free)

Stories from Rancho de Santa Manuela, Arroyo Grande, California

By Susan Agli, Past BGS President, member of the DAR & the Society of California Pioneers

Rancho de Santa Manuela was established near San Luis Obispo, CA, on thousands of acres of undeveloped Mexican-granted land by Susan's 3x great-grandparents. It was quite an adventure for the young family who reached their new land on horseback in the 1800s.

In this presentation, you'll hear stories that Susan has collected in her research of the time of large ranchos in the Spanish-Mexican era in California's history. The stories include celebrations that lasted for days to a time of drought. Susan has traced her family all the way back to her 7x great-grandfather Lt. Juan Jose Carrillo de Albornoz born in 1689 in Baja, CA, a leatherback soldier who traveled with the Gaspar de Portola expedition, which included Father Junipero Serra, too.

Presentation is in May. March newsletter had an error.

Registration will open soon

TIDBITS FROM THE WEB



New York City Historical Vital Records. The New York City Municipal Archives released 9.3 million birth, death and marriage records. The high-quality scans of the records can be downloaded and are FREE. Date ranges are: birth (1866-1909), death (1862-1948) and marriage (1866-1949). The goal is 13.3M records, so there are more to come. [Click here for the NYC Vital Records website](#). You can browse the records, or search them by type, number, NYC borough, or year on the home page. To search by name, click **Search** beta at the top of the home page. Scroll down to find the “By Name” search. I quickly found the scanned marriage record of my Aunt Bernie’s parents in 1912. Reviewing original records is much better than only seeing an index record on Ancestry.

The New York City Municipal Archives has more digital record sets than the above Historical Vital Records collection. The site is worth exploring. Perhaps browsing the [Almshouse Ledger collection](#) could be interesting to you. [Here’s a finding guide for the Almshouse Ledgers](#).

Genealogical Forum of Oregon (GFO) FREE GenTalks. There are two GenTalks coming up in April and June that you might be interested in.

Apr. 16 – 2:30 PM – What Happens to Your Research after You’re Gone? Learn how to preserve and pass on your legacy from Patricia Burrow, presenter.

Jun. 18 – 2:30 PM – Before You Go: End of Life Planning. Everything from creating an “End of Life” book to making sure your family knows where to look for your last messages. Leslie Brinkley Lawson, presenter.

Registration is required for each FREE presentation. [Click here for the GenTalk page with more details](#).

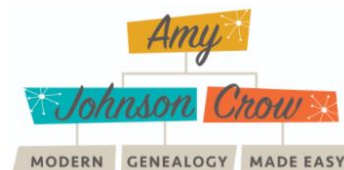


Congregational Church Records Online. “The Congregational Library & Archives launches free digital archives containing a treasure trove of important New England historical records” is the headline of a [post on their website on 24 Mar 2022](#) describing the new digital archives. There are records from over 100 New England churches in 90 different communities in this new archive and most date from between 1634 and 1850. There are over 170 collections that contain sermons, vital church records, church disciplinary records, minister diaries, and more. [Click here for the new Congregational digital archive](#). There are guides for new users. Handwritten records are transcribed for you, too. If you are researching in New England, maybe a record in this archive will be just the one you need.



How Do You Search a Name? GenealogyBank, as well the other newspaper sites, offer lots of help for successfully searching newspapers. [Gena Philibert-Ortega’s article](#) on 4 Feb 2022 focuses on searching for names and steps you through several different ways, especially for searching for women’s names.

A Simple Trick to Find Misspelled Names. Sometimes misspelled entries prevent us from finding records in online databases. Using wildcards in your searches might help. [In a 5-minute video by Amy Johnson Crow](#), you’ll learn what wildcards are and how to use them to uncover misspelled or misindexed entries on Ancestry.com.



Check the Help section for wildcard rules on other sites you like using. Wildcards are a common feature for searching genealogy databases, and when using internet browsers, including for Google, Firefox and others.

CENSUS TIDBITS FROM THE WEB

Are you searching the 1950 Census already? If you have found a records your ancestors, drop us an email and tell us about it—info@bendgenealogy.org. We'll print 1950 stories in the May newsletter.

- Find the 1950 census at the National Archives with OCR index at: <https://1950census.archives.gov/>
- It will take a month or two before seeing indexed census records on the big genealogy sites. Until then, the enumeration district (ED) for an address is needed to determine which record set to browse.
- [1950 Census Enumerator Instructions](#) – Always helpful to know the instructions enumerators were given.
- [Stephen Morse's One-Step site](#) for obtaining applicable ED numbers.
- [Ancestry has a 1950 Census Map finder](#) (beta) to use for finding ED numbers.
- [YouTube tutorial by Amy Johnson Crow](#) for the Ancestry's 1950 Census Map Finder.
- [Ancestry has 1950 census images](#) available now for browsing.
- [MyHeritage has 1950 census images](#) available now for browsing.
- This list of which site has what is changing daily, so check your favorite genealogy site for updates.

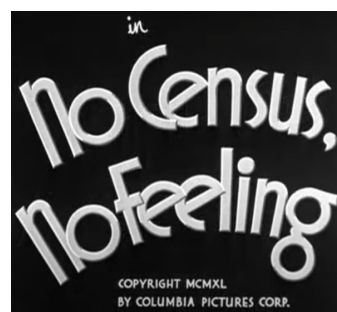
FamilySearch 1950 Census Community Project. The indexing project is underway now. Volunteers are ensuring that information indexed by computers is complete and accurate. You can volunteer to help. [Click here to learn about volunteering to be an indexer](#). There is a genealogical society indexing project, too. For BGS to sponsor indexing some of the 1950 census, we would need a volunteer, who wants to spearhead the effort. [Link to the project for societies and organizations](#).



AXIOS **Census Bureau: COVID drove largest spike in U.S. deaths in a century**, post by Axios news 23 Mar 2022. [This news report](#) summarizes Census Bureau data about the impact of the pandemic in the United States. It drove the largest spike of deaths in a century with 535,000 more deaths in 2020 than in 2019. In addition to the sad fact of so many deaths, movement in our population was detected. Mega, pricey population areas, such as New York-Newark or LA-Long Beach, experienced a net domestic migration decrease. People fled expensive cities for the sanctuary of less populous (and cheaper) areas. The Census Bureau does more than just conduct the decennial census. See: [U.S. Census Bureau at a Glance](#) for info about all the Bureau's programs.



Can You Imagine the Three Stooges as Census Takers? Curly, Larry and Moe get jobs as census takers at 4 cents per name in this 1940 film. There are no genealogical lessons in this 16-minute film. It's all nonstop slapstick Stooze antics. You'll either laugh or groan. [Click here](#) to watch the craziness free on YouTube and I hope the Curly, Larry and Moe didn't knock on your ancestor's door in 1940.



Bend Genealogical Society (BGS) Leadership Council

President: Gary Putnam, retiring	We need help	Director: Sherry Hamilton, <i>not active</i>
Vice President: <i>Vacant</i>	managing	Director: <i>Vacant</i>
Secretary: Brad Lemmon	BGS.	Council: Linda Martin, Library
Treasurer: Sandy Thompson	Can you help?	Council: Sue Dolezal, Communications
Past VP: Catherine Dulzo, retiring		Council: Sharon Freeman, Finance

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- It's likely BGS will end this FY in the red. Building back our membership is slow after the long COVID closure.
- If you choose to, please log-into our [website](#) to support BGS and donate with a credit card.
- All donations are appreciated.

Bend Genealogical Society Financial Status

Year-to-date 21-22 FY (as of 16 Mar 2022)
Total Membership: 86 FY ends 31 May

Total Cash Assets	\$ 24,730.13
*Dues Income (83 new or renewals)	\$ 1,670.00
Other Income	\$ 1,079.86
YTD Total Income	\$ 2,749.86
YTD Total Expenses	\$ 3,407.71

*6 Memberships Lapsed

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