

A Visit to The GFO Library

I had to make a trip to Portland recently, so I decided to visit the Genealogical Forum of Oregon's library while I was there. The library is in the basement of the Ford Building on 11th Street, and is currently open Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday (volunteers are there to help, masks are required, no pens allowed). As a member of the GFO, the library is free to use. Non-members pay \$8 for the full day. My rough guess is that GFO owns 10 times as many books as BGS. Before I went, I used the on-line <u>GFO Library</u> <u>Catalog</u> to find about 30 books/files that I wanted to examine.

Most of the books I planned to look at were various versions of County histories. There were also a few maps and a few surname files that I hoped to see. Unfortunately, the surname files are off-limits right now because GFO is in the process of scanning them so that they can be accessed on-line.

I spent about 2.5 hours at the library and looked at most of the books on my list. My favorite item was an 1871 Beers Atlas of Indiana County Pennsylvania. I already have paper and electronic versions of many of the maps in this atlas, but there is nothing like looking at the real thing. While paging through it, I noticed property owned by R. Kidd and Jno. Kidd in Grant Township. Edna Kidd was the mother of Jean Wise, my paternal grandmother's first cousin (whom I correspond with). I took a photo of the Grant Township page. After some research at home on <u>FamilySearch.org</u>, I was able to email Jean her great-grandfather John Kidd's 1859 farm deed and the map. She was thrilled.

I also learned of the existence of the Pennsylvania Archives (see photo). This appears to be thousands of pages of old records that have been transcribed into books. They are indexed. I looked up a few ancestors



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and may have found my 5-great-grandfather Hugh Cameron on a Revolutionary War roster, but I need to do more research to verify it. If I go to the GFO library again, I will probably devote the entire visit to the Pennsylvania Archives (unless I find out they are on-line somewhere).

I'm not sure I'd recommend a trip to Portland just to visit the GFO Library, but if you are in the area anyway, consider spending some time there. You'll probably find something useful.

Record As You Go, Cite As You Go, and File As You Go

2nd Tuesday—November 8—10:00 am (PT) Hybrid meeting (Zoom and in-person at Williamson Hall)

Presentation by Cyndi Ingle of Cyndi's List

Genealogists tend to get very excited about new records and sources they come across in their research. So much so that they grab a quick copy, download it to default folders, and move on to the next item without thoroughly exploring the record and source first. Learn how Cyndi records, cites, and files all records she finds AS SHE GOES. Doing this keeps her research more organized, but also keeps her research brain tidy and more focused as well.

Cyndi Ingle, a genealogist for more than 42 years, is the creator and innovator behind the award-winning and globally recognized <u>CyndisList.com</u>.



Cyndi is an expert in using technology for genealogy, research in the United States and bringing together traditional methodology with organization, computers, software, and the Internet. She is an internationally known guest lecturer, and she has authored numerous articles and three books.

Registration is Required! Click this link to go to the BGS Website and Register

→ Important Information about BGS Meetings this year on the 2nd Tuesday ←

- All meetings are FREE for BGS members (on Zoom or in-person).
- Non-members: In-person attendance is free, but Zoom attendance is \$5.00.
- Hybrid meetings: Attend in-person at Williamson Hall or virtually on Zoom.
- If COVID/flu becomes epidemic or a snowstorm occurs, meetings will be Zoom-only. We will let registrants know via email if in-person must be canceled.

Coming Up in December



BGS Celebration & Potluck Time! 2nd Tuesday—December 13—10:00 am (PT) In Person at Williamson Hall

Our Members Celebration Potluck is back! You're invited and a guest is welcome too! Bring a dish to share and an item (new, used, or white elephant) for the silent auction. We really need volunteers to set up tables, make coffee, conduct the silent auction fundraiser, etc.

To help with the potluck, email <u>Info@bendgenealogy.com</u> or call 541-317-9553 (leave message).

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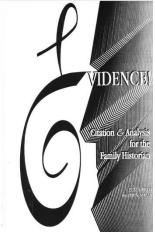


Cite Your Sources & Analyze Your Research...

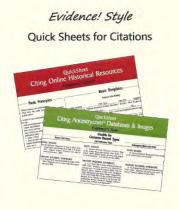
Guilty! Are you guilty as well? After perusing *Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian* by Elizabeth Shown Mills that, although I have cited sources, I have been less than diligent, dedicated, and precise in documenting them for my genealogy research, thus the word guilty.

Ms Mills, a well-known genealogist, who developed and coordinated the course of the Advanced Methodology Track of Samford University's Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, was a long-

time faculty member of the National Archives-based National Institute on Genealogical Research. Additionally, she became the youngest female, ever elected a fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, a scholastic honor society whose members are limited to fifty living fellows.



Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian is well written in an easily understood manner covering the fundamentals of citation and analysis, as well as citation formats with numerous examples. After reading this book, there should be no problem citing sources as she explains how to cite sources from the census to email and more. HT 30 is the call number of this book in the BGS Library.



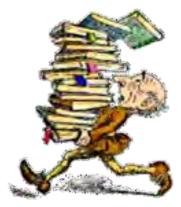
Additionally, *Evidence! Style*, also by Elizabeth Shown Mills, is a set of two handy quick sheets for citations which have been placed in a binder available under the call number HT 31a, b. These are easy to use with plenty of examples without a great deal of explanation.

After November's presentation Record As You Go, Cite As You Go, and File As You Go by Cyndi Ingle of CyndisList, and with the information from the *Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian* and the quick sheets, *Evidence! Style*, BGS members should be well informed as to why and how to cite their research. If someone picked up your research, would they be able to use your citations to find the information you've acquired?

BGS Genealogical Library in Williamson Hall

The BGS Library will be open during the 1st Saturday Open Lab on Nov 5, and Dec 3 (see p. 5). Otherwise, the Library is open by appointment. <u>Click here to find the appointment request form</u> on the BGS website, or you can email your request to Info@bendgenealogy.org.

There are hundreds of new books acquired from the closure of the Madras Family Finders Genealogical Library and several other donors in the last 2 years. And there is a whole bookshelf of FREE books and magazines available, too. Come on in.



Linda Martin and her team, Kim Vanderford and Dana Regan, are getting closer to finishing up the Library reorganization plan. Thank you to all for their hard work, especially Linda!

1st Saturday Genealogy Open Lab

Try the Genealogy Open Lab—FREE

New In-person event in Bend—10 am to Noon

On the 1st Saturday of the month, BGS is hosting an in-person Genealogy Open Lab. This event is NOT a class. It is dedicated, uninterrupted research time just for you in the Williamson Hall Rec Room. Brad Lemmon and Sue Dolezal are the Open Lab hosts and if you have questions, they will be nearby to offer advice.

The BGS Library will be open during the Open Lab time.

The public is invited to the Open Lab, too. If you have a friend who is interested in starting their family tree, invite them to the Lab. Brad or Sue can help them start their family history journey and find their first ancestor.

<u>Location</u>: Williamson Hall, 2200 NE Hwy 20, Bend, 97701. <u>Click here</u> for a map to see the Hall's location.

1st Saturday

Nov 5

Dec 3

Come once or more than once.

Bring your laptop or other device.

This is not a class; it is research time.

Registration is NOT required, but please RSVP, so Brad and Sue will know to expect you. <u>Click here to RSVP for the Open Lab on Nov 5</u>

Coming Up in January

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DESCHUTES HISTORICAL MUSEUM'S



11 AM TO 3 PM

FEATURING MILLIE'S CHILI MADE WITH RASTOVICH FARM'S BARLEY BEEF

Admission to the Museum is free during the event, Chili meal is \$10.00 per person. Raffle tickets \$1/ticket or 6 for \$5. 129 NW Idaho Avenue, Bend, Oregon 97703

Jewish Genealogical Society of Oregon A FREE ZOOM - Very Short Course in Hebrew for Family Researchers

presented by Rony Golan and Vivian Kahn Sunday, 20 November 2022, 10:30 am (PT) This Zoom presentation will provide a brief introduction to the Hebrew alphabet and the words and terms that most commonly appear in inscriptions and other family documents. Participants will receive handouts that will help non-Hebrew speakers identify given names and parents' names, decipher dates, and recognize other clues on headstones and in common records.

To register in advance for this zoom meeting: <u>Click this link.</u> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Genealogical Forum of Oregon's

next FREE ZOOM GenTalk is on Saturday, Dec 17 at 2:30 pm (PT) and features Jeff Wallach who will present: "Search and



Research; Finding the Right Details to Tell Compelling Stories". Jeff will deliver a talk about the research he conducted for his book as well as the differences between writing journalism and fiction. Wallach says, "My research isn't strictly genealogical research in the way your members would recognize, but research about DNA itself. Fiction works in the same way that this kind of research does; it seeks to tell us who we are, and that's really what we're after whether we pursue written historical records from our ancestors or DNA research, or even if we just love puzzles."

Register at: <u>GFO GenTalks</u>.

PLAYING NOW!

A Video Recording of **Nancy Loe's** presentation from Oct 11th is available for member viewing now. After logging into the <u>BGS website</u>, paid members can find the link to the recording in the 'Members Only' section of the website, on the Recorded Videos page.

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Bend Genealogical Society Financial Status Year-to-date 22-23 FY, as of 3 Oct 2022 Total Paid Membership: 104		
Total Cash Assets	\$	25,540.31
Dues Income (9 new members)	\$	1,290.00
Other Income	S	515,79
YTD Total Income	\$	1,805.79
YTD Total Expenses	\$	1,495.48

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