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GENEALOGICAL  
SOCIETY

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*For Family Historians in Central Oregon since 1993*

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## Our Annual Meeting is Coming May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am! [Register Here](#)

This is an in-person meeting only. The official annual meeting will include a report to the membership on the Society's progress, general condition, and financial status. Following the report will be our election of officers and a discussion and vote on changes to the by-laws. There will also be a genealogy program at the meeting presented by Brad Lemmon (*see pg. 7*).

We have a full slate of officers this year! Thank you to the Nominations Committee; Clark Pederson, Sandy Thompson, Brad Lemmon, and Sue Dolezal; and a special thank you to the members who have agreed to serve!

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor that day, however you must have the approval of the person you are nominating. The term of office is June 1 - May 31.

We are still looking for a few members who would like to get involved in helping run the society by joining the Leadership Council. These individuals are not elected but are appointed by the President to serve alongside the Board.

So, if you have a little bit of energy, and a love of genealogy we would greatly enjoy getting you involved! Call Clark Pederson, 541-891-8975 or email the society at [info@bendgenealogy.org](mailto:info@bendgenealogy.org) to find out more.

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## B G S CALENDAR

APR 11

Finding Females in US Naturalization & Citizenship Records

APR 17

Family Tree Maker 2019 Update 24.1 - 2

MAY 6

OPEN LAB Research time!

MAY 9

BGS Annual Meeting Genealogy Maps

JUN 1

BGS 2023 - 2024 Year Begins!

JUN 3

OPEN LAB Research time!

JUL 1

OPEN LAB Research time!

AUG 5

OPEN LAB Research time!

# The Annual Meeting and Election will be held May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

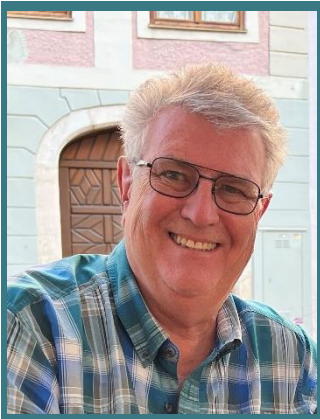
at 10:00am at Williamson Hall. 

The elected persons will hold office from June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024

*Let's introduce our slate of officers;*

## CANDIDATE

## BIO



**President**  
**Clark Pederson**

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I joined BGS in early 2020 after moving to Sunriver when I retired after 36 years as a Financial/Investment advisor. I volunteered for the Leadership Council last year. My wife and I moved from Klamath Falls where we were longtime members of the Klamath Basin Genealogical Society (KBGS). In the KBGS I served as President, Board Member, Newsletter and Website Editor, and occasional Program Speaker. I have been researching my family tree for over 40 years. I have Norwegian and German ancestors.



**Vice President**  
**Kim McVicker Vanderford**

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My name is Kim McVicker Vanderford. I have been involved with genealogy for 44 years. I moved to Central Oregon 25 years ago. I am a retired RN. My husband and I live out in Brothers where I have been involved as a Board Member for the Brothers-Hampton Fire Association since it began in 2006. My genealogy roots lie in Scotland, Germany, Austria-Hungary.



**Secretary**  
**Dana Regan**

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I joined BGS in 2017 when my across-the-street neighbor, Maggy Wilcox, invited me. I am retired as a Director of Religious Education from the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations where I worked for over 30 years. My husband and I moved here in 2016 from Portland, OR to be closer to our daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughters. I have been researching my family and my husband's family since the early 2000's when my parents passed away. I have Norwegian and English (Cornish) ancestors. My husband's ancestors are from Ireland, France and Germany.

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**Treasurer**  
**Sandy Thompson**

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I have lived in Bend since 1982 and joined BGS in 2004 after attending a Boot Camp class. I love retirement now after a life-long career as an accountant/manager in business, government, and a nonprofit (not BGS). I enjoy everything about family history research and helping others find their lost ancestors. I have been the BGS Treasurer since June 2015 and am willing to continue for another year.

*(Sandy is our current 2022 – 2023 President.)*



**Board Member at Large (2 year position)**

**Jim Kleinschmidt**

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I joined BGS in 2021 and am currently serving on the Leadership Council. Originally from Madison, Wisconsin, I have been in Bend for three years. I have been researching my family tree for 30 years following in my father's footsteps. As a part of my interest in German heritage, I served on the Board of the Friends of Max Kade (German Interest Group in Madison, Wisconsin) for 7 years. As a Board Member at Large, given my work background (Engineering and Finance), I would focus on the long-term financial health for BGS. A second focus would be to assist in developing a German Interest Group in the BGS in the 2023-2024 Year.



**Board Member at Large (1 year position)**

**Alex Smith**

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Originally from Central New York State, Alex has lived in Oregon for 25 years. She was a member of the BGS Leadership Council in 2022-23. Her family tree research, off and on for 30 years, began with early 1600's settlers, including both Puritans and Pilgrims, in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York. More recently, she has been interested in their Revolutionary and Civil War military service. Prior to retiring in Bend, Alex was a Vice President of an electric utility in the Northwest.

*We are looking forward to seeing you  
 at the BGS Annual Meeting!*





# Finding Females in US Naturalization & Citizenship Records

with Nancy Loe MA, MLS

2nd Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm (PT)

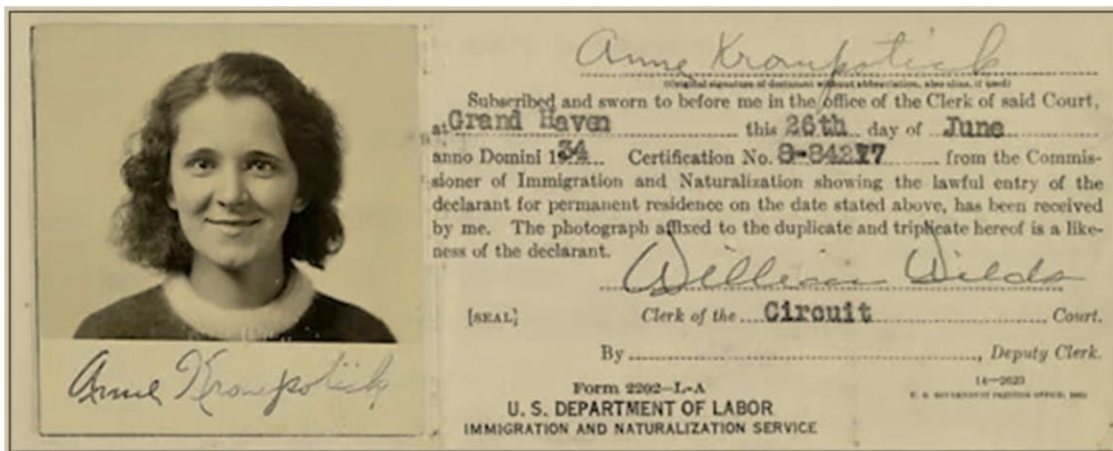
This will be a Hybrid Meeting - Attend on Zoom or In-person!

Registration is required!

[Click here to Register Now!](#)

NANCY LOE WILL TAKE US IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR IMMIGRANT FEMALE ANCESTORS AS THEY NAVIGATED THE NATURALIZATION PATH TO CITIZENSHIP AFTER COMING TO AMERICA.

Understanding changing requirements for US naturalization and citizenship is key to searching for and finding female immigrant ancestors. US citizenship and attendant rights for women could be fragile, depending on marital status, prevailing laws, social norms, and other factors. Whether you're missing a naturalization record or finding an unexpected one, this session helps you discover how women — both foreign-born and birthright — gained, lost, or regained citizenship in the United States.



After a long professional career in academic archives & genealogy libraries, Nancy Loe, MA, MLS, launched her website, [SassyJaneGenealogy.com](http://SassyJaneGenealogy.com), featuring a monthly newsletter, blog and genealogy ebooks on US and European research. Nancy also provides expert guidance on information management to help genealogists search smart, find more records, and organize research. Nancy has presented on a wide range of topics at NGS, RootsTech, Legacy Family Tree and other groups in the US, Canada, and Australia.



About Hybrid meetings:

- ❖ Attend in-person at Williamson Hall or virtually on Zoom.
- ❖ If COVID/flu becomes epidemic or a snowstorm occurs, meetings are Zoom-only.
- ❖ We will let registrants know via email if in-person meetings must be canceled.



# The English Ancestry and Homes of the Pilgrim Fathers

author – Charles Edward Banks

## BGS BOOK CORNER

a review by Linda Martin

Books reviewed here are available for check out in our library!

In the past, books about the Mayflower have been shelved under New England at the BGS Library but now there is a separate section devoted solely to Mayflower research much like sections for the DNA, Military and Native American subjects.

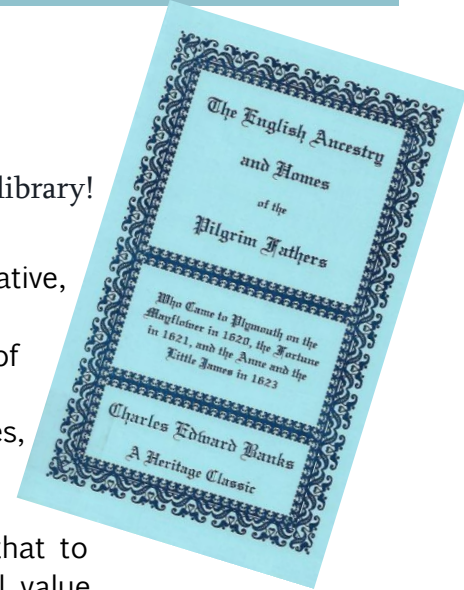
*The English Ancestry and Homes of the Pilgrim Fathers, Who Came to Plymouth on the Mayflower in 1620, the Fortune in 1621 and the Anne and the Little James in 1623*

is one of the many books that are now shelved in the Mayflower section. Originally published in 1929, it was reprinted in 2002 by Heritage Books, Inc. Author Charles Edward Banks, an American medical doctor best known as a historian and genealogist of Colonial America, attempted to supplement the work of Henry Martyn Dexter and his son, Henry Morton Dexter, who had done extensive research on the Pilgrim Fathers.

Brief profiles of each passenger are informative, often including relationships, places of birth, dates of birth, occupations, marriages, etc. If someone died without issue,

Mr. Banks considers that to be of no genealogical value.

The book is divided into sections with five chapters devoted to historical evidences. A separate section is designated for the passengers of each of the four ships, the Mayflower, the Fortune, the Anne, and the Little James. Additionally, there is a section about the female passengers. Two indexes are found in the final section. One is an index of names while the other is an index of places which is helpful in research.



### Bend Genealogy Library

In Williamson Hall



"We welcome everyone to come in, look around the BGS Library and use the resources for research. Members can check out books."

The BGS Library will be open during the 1st Saturday Open Lab (see p. 6).

The library is currently open by appointment.

New Open Hours coming soon!

[Click here for an appointment request form](#)

or you can email your request to [Info@bendgenealogy.org](mailto:Info@bendgenealogy.org).

### DID YOU MISS A BGS PROGRAM?

Log into the [BGS website!](#) Paid members can find links to our recordings in the 'Members Only' section, on the Videos page. View the following and more to be posted soon.

*DNA as a genealogical research tool!*

with Robert "Bob" MacDonald  
Ends Apr 10, 2023

*FamilySearch Catalog: An Underused Gem!*

with Jamie Lee McManus Mayhew  
Ends Sep 13, 2023

# GENEALOGY OPEN LAB

Every First Saturday - 10 am to Noon

**The BGS Library is open during Open Lab time!**

On the 1st Saturday of the month, BGS hosts 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 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, Sue & other volunteers can help them start their family history journey and find their first ancestor.

Location: *Williamson Hall, 2200 NE Hwy 20, Bend, 97701.* 

Please RSVP so Brad and Sue will know to expect you.

[Click here to RSVP for the next Open Lab on May 6](#)



**1st Saturday**  
**May 6**  
**Jun 3 Jul 1 Aug 5**  
**Come once or more than once.**  
*“Bring your laptop or another device.  
This is not a class;  
it is research time.”*

Updates  
24.1 & 24.2



## What's New in *Family Tree Maker* with Mark Olsen

Please join us on Zoom for a live Q & A Discussion on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW!](#)**

Mark will get you up to speed on the latest updates and review the changes that the 24.1 & 24.2 updates bring to FTM 2019.



For experienced users and almost new users of FTM, this is a great chance to learn from Mark, an excellent teacher, who loves to help everyone use FTM more effectively. BRING YOUR QUESTIONS! Class Topics will include;

- *TreeVault Media and subscription options*
- *Smart Weather sentences*
- *Detailed Change log*
- *Sync smart cropped profile pictures*
- *Link multiple people to media*
- *Default Workspace*

Mark Olsen is the Family Tree Maker (FTM) Ambassador to historical and genealogical societies around the world working to support their members as they use FTM since 2016. He is a graduate of Brigham Young University and holds a bachelor's degree in Family History with a Spanish records emphasis. He has been working in the genealogy industry since 2007.




**DOOR PRIZE AT THE END – MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!**





# Upgrade your Knowledge & Skills!

Events worth checking out!



*Reading Between the Lines*



USING INDIRECT EVIDENCE  
TO HELP SOLVE DIFFICULT  
RESEARCH PROBLEMS

Free Registration  
[GFO.ORG/GENTALK](https://GFO.ORG/GENTALK)

Tristan L. Tolman, AG®

April 15, 2023 – 2:30 p.m. Pacific Time



## Genealogy Maps:

Brad Lemmon  
May Presenter

## In Folders, Online, & Under My Bed

When you come in-person to the BGS Annual Meeting Williamson Hall on May 9, you'll see maps hung on the walls. Brad will start with some general-purpose map information and then cover specific maps that he has used (and created) to learn more about his Pennsylvania relatives. Some of his map ideas could help you determine how to make progress in your own research.

For more information and to pre-register for this presentation & the Annual meeting go to the BGS Events page, [Click here now!](#)



## Genealogical Forum of Oregon

For more information & to register and get the handout, click here > [GFO GenTalks](#)

## We Need You!

Would you like to get more involved with BGS? Do you have a few hours a week or a month you could give to supporting some of the BGS Programs and Projects? A willingness to help and an enthusiasm for BGS is all you need!

**VOLUNTEERS  
WANTED!**

Find a volunteer position that fits you!

Here's what we need;

- *Leadership Council members* for next year, to help steer and support the direction of BGS.
- *Technical set up and support* for our programs and presentations.
- *Librarians* to check out books and assist visitors that come to the library.
- *Workgroup members* to help develop education, membership, and so much more!

How can you help?

Give us a call at 541-317-9553 or email [info@bendgenealogy.org](mailto:info@bendgenealogy.org) to find out more about volunteering at BGS!

# BEND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY AND RESEARCH LIBRARY

Wants to help you on your family history journey!

## 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.

Open the [paper membership application](#) or go to the secure BGS website and join online with your credit card: [bendgenealogy.org](http://bendgenealogy.org)



## BGS FUNDRAISERS



Help support your Bend Genealogical Society when you shop!

From 1 Jun 2022 to 28 Feb 2023, BGS earned \$141.25 from the fundraisers below. Please enroll in one or all the following programs to benefit BGS!



Earn a donation for BGS from **Fred Meyer** every time you shop, and they scan your Rewards card. Go online and link your Rewards card to Bend Genealogical Society in your **Fred Meyer Rewards** account. Once linked, you should see BGS at the bottom of your receipt. The donation does not affect the rewards that you earn. Link your card to BGS at: [Fred Meyer Community Rewards](#)



The Cultural Trust tax credit funds cultural activities in Oregon. Make a donation to an approved nonprofit (BGS is on the list). Then make a matching gift to the Cultural Trust. If you pay state income tax, you will get a tax credit, dollar for dollar, on your tax return. The Cultural Trust donation costs you nothing. [Info about the Cultural Trust tax credit.](#)



**GoodShop** offers online shopping coupons and special discounts for 1,000s of online retailers. Your favorite store is a part of **GoodShop**. Every time you shop at a website using **GoodShop**, you get a special deal and BGS receives a donation. **GoodSearch** donates one cent for every internet search (Yahoo). Register at: [GoodShop](#) & adopt Bend Genealogical Society as your cause.

### Bend Genealogical Society Financial Status

### 2022- 2023

### BGS Leadership Council (LC)

Year to Date 22-23 FY, as of 28 Feb 2023

Total Paid Memberships: 107  
Includes 31 new members

Total Cash Assets: \$24,920.67

Dues Income: \$2,260.00

Other Income: \$1,375.46

YTD Total Income: \$ 3,635.46

YTD Expenses: \$3,676.40

President: Sandy Thompson

Past President: *Vacant*

Vice President: *Vacant*

Secretary: Brad Lemmon

Treasurer: Sandy Thompson

Director At-Large: Sue Dolezal

Director At-Large: *Vacant*

*Other LC members;*

Library: Linda Martin

Website: Sandy Thompson

Newsletter: Kelly McCray

Publicity: Dana Regan

Clark & Rita Pederson

Kim Vanderford

Jim Kleinschmidt

Alex Smith

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