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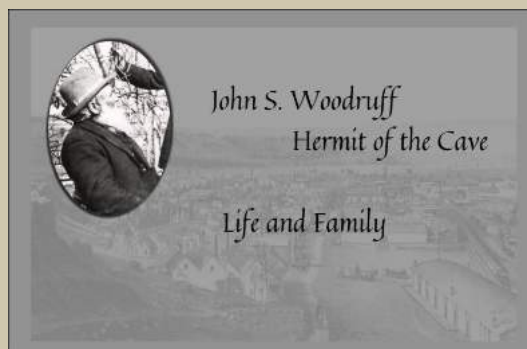


## In Memoriam

*Anne M. Ward*

Our sincere sympathy to the family and many friends of Anne M. Ward. Anne was a member of the Columbia Genealogical Society and contributed much to the society and the recording of records and history of Wasco County and Klickitat County, Washington. Her and her husband formed the West Klickitat Historical Society and Gorge Heritage Museum in Bingen, Washington. Anne spent many years collecting history and researching the gorge area. Anne's full self written obituary is on page 6.

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September Program - John S. Woodruff, The Hermit of the Cave

Tales and Trails is published quarterly in January, April, July and October. Articles provide education and profiles of family genealogy and history in the Columbia Gorge area of Oregon and Washington.

Submissions by the 20th of the previous month may be e-mailed to Georga Foster at [georga.foster@gmail.com](mailto:georga.foster@gmail.com) or USPS mailed to Georga Foster, 835 Chenoweth Loop W., The Dalles, Oregon 97058

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

GEORGA FOSTER

Happy Summer All,

Its been a while since we have gathered together but we are hopefully on the road to doing that in September. My husband and I missed two milestones, my 70th birthday and our 50 wedding anniversary. We have catching up to do soon. Have missed the grandchildren too. They grew too fast in our absence. Three very busy teenagers and two very worn out parents they have. Their father is a teacher so it is double tired for him.

Hope all is well with you all and I am looking forward to seeing you all soon!  
Happy Trails,

*Georga*

## SOCIETY NEWS

We are planning on in person meetings starting in September. Our schedule will depend on the Discovery Centers rules and availability. Membership fees will resume also. 2022 dues are due by Oct. 15, 2021. The fees are the same as years past, \$15.00 a single membership and \$20.00 for family.

Its been a little difficult trying to provide programs and events during this Covid time, I hope the webinars and online events were helpful to your research. We passed on a variety of topics that covered all levels of research. And they were all FREE!

Genealogical societies from all over the US, most have large memberships and were glad to see other societies join them for their programs. We were contacted by several and thanked for attending and we were invited back for more. The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society and the Ft. Dearborn Sons of the American Revolution were particularly good. Also the webinars from the Bend Genealogical Society were excellent. We are prepared to keep our Zoom meetings if things get cautious again but lets hope this won't be necessary. We will on occasion have zoom webinars posted if we think its a big interest to everyone.

We want to thank all our members for being patient and understanding during this unprecedented time in our lives. We strive to be a important part of our communities. Five counties and two states hold our organization together.

On Sept . 11, 2021 will be our first in person program. The mysterious "Hermit of the Cave, John Woodruff" has been a local subject for some years. The program will open his life and family history to all. Using the FAN club method of research has brought a past and conclusion to this famous fable.

The program will be given by Georga Foster and will be open to the public. The program starts at 11:00 am in the downstairs classroom at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center. A \$1.00 donation for room rental is appreciated.

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*Every man is a quotation from all his ancestors. – Ralph Waldo Emerson*

# *Timeless Tombstones*

## *~ The Historic Congressional Cemetery ~*



As genealogists and researchers most of us are aware of a number of historic cemeteries and graveyards such as Gettysburg or Arlington National but this cemetery seems to have gotten lost or forgotten amongst the others. The Historic Congressional Cemetery in Washington D.C. touts some of the most historic figures in our nations history. Buried here are notables of J. Edgar Hoover, John Phillip Sousa, Mathew Brady, journalist Cokie Roberts, and the cemetery sections also represent Native Americans, African Americans, LGBT, educators, politicians, civil rights figures and K-9 companions. Located on the opposite side of the Potomac as Arlington National Cemetery, north of the Navy Yard, the cemetery holds 65,000 burials and is filled with unique and creative headstones and monuments. Cenotaphs of many American congressmen and government leaders are memorialized in the rows of identical cenotaph monuments. ( photo above) Also honored in memorials are the 21 women killed when the Washington Arsenal blew up in 1864 and there is a public vault for holding remains for various reasons until funerals take place. First Lady Dollie Madison was held in the vault for two years until funds could be raised for her burial at Montpelier.

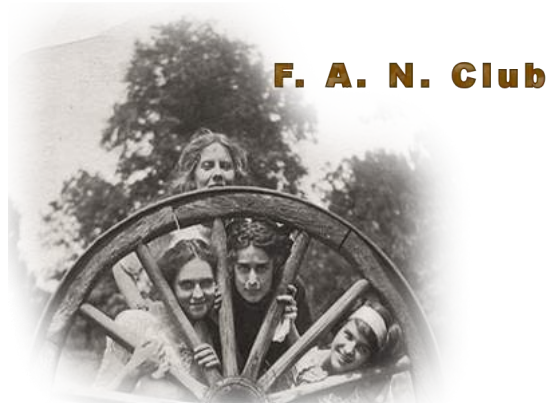
Through the years the cemetery has had many ups and downs as far as upkeep and funding. Several years the cemetery was closed because of unkept and unsightly grounds. In 1999 funding was secured and grounds keeping and upgrading started and today it welcomes visitors, conducts tours and is active cemetery.

The cemetery is administered by the Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery (APHCC), which is a non-profit corporation headed by a 15-member board of directors. The association has five full-time employees, one part-time archivist, and over 500 volunteers. The APHCC named Paul K. Williams President in July 2012. Historic Congressional Cemetery preserves, promotes, and protects our historic and active burial ground. We respectfully celebrate the legacy of those interred here through education, historic preservation, community engagement, and environmental stewardship. Congressional Cemetery is also known for allowing members of the Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery (APHCC) to walk dogs off-leash on the cemetery grounds. In addition to their membership dues, K-9 Corps members pay a fee for the privilege of walking their dogs. K-9 Corps members provide about 20% of Congressional Cemetery's operating income. Dog walkers follow a set of rules and regulations and provide valuable volunteer time to restore the cemetery. <https://congressionalcemetery.org/>



Have a timeless tombstone you would like to share?  
Send your photos and story to [georga.foster@gmail.com](mailto:georga.foster@gmail.com)

## The F.A.N. Club



Elizabeth Shoun Mills, author, professional genealogist and lecturer coined the phrase "F.A.N. club" meaning "cluster research" for the term. A complete and exhaustive research is part of the genealogists analysis when researching family lines. F - Friends, A- Associates, N- Neighbors  
 Census records and other vital records are only a small part of gathering information as to who and what your family line is all about. A deep look into where (locations and migrations), Who (employment, friends, social memberships), When ( historical events, wars, epidemics, disasters) all have bearing on your family and their history.  
 More about these topics and other can be read at Ms. Mills website at  
 Historic Pathways

<https://www.historicpathways.com/articles.html>

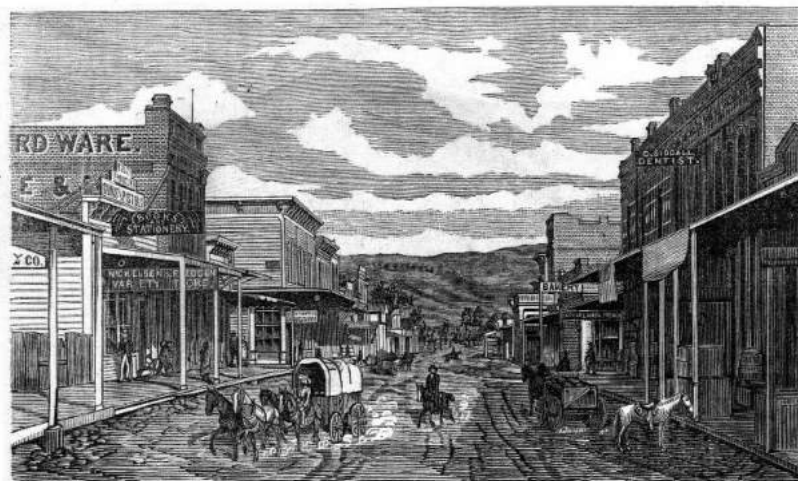
also

Elizabeth Shoun Mills - FamilySearch - [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Elizabeth\\_Shoun\\_Mills](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Elizabeth_Shoun_Mills)

## 100th Anniversary of the Wasco County Pioneer Association

2022 marks the 100th anniversary of the Wasco County Pioneer Association. Started on May 22, 1922 by Mrs. Benton Mays and Mrs. Lulu Crandall. Annual meetings have been cancelled due to Covid-19. This is a invitation to join WCPA and to attend the 100th celebration to be held on May 7, 2022. Details to follow. Please mail your \$20.00 membership to :  
 Wasco County Pioneers - 3635 Cherry Heights Road, The Dalles, Or 97058

The Wasco County Pioneer Association is a cooperating partner of the Wasco County Museum, Fort Dalles Museum, Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, and other local historical interests. We urge you to support all of them. ( Photo- West Shore Magazine- July-August 1880 )



SECOND STREET, THE DALLES, WASCO COUNTY, OREGON.—FROM A PHOTO BY F. J. GEHRES.



# LOOKING BACK

*From the Tales and Trails Archives*

WHO WAS THAT FAMILY TREE I SAW YOU WITH?

source unknown

There is no such thing as a lukewarm genealogist. It's true that a run-of-the-mill family tree tracer methodically jots down what someone gives or sends to him, doesn't get very excited about the mail and can put genealogy aside in favor of going to lunch with a friend.

But a true family tree nut will hide the telephone bill from the spouse, buy stamps by the sheet, not operate well until mail time, then hate the mail man if nothing genealogical is delivered, beat the typewriter until 2 a.m. and get up the next day ready for more.

A real genealogist will plod through cemeteries looking at tombstones in pouring rain and winter's winds with fingers and toes numbing, flout poison ivy and, after finding that the film was not winding through the camera, as happened to me, travel many miles to return to the same cemetery under the same conditions.

A genealogy bug collects papers full of possible information until that end of the house where they are stored sags, then hesitatingly suggests a room be added, all the while being the steadiest customer of the public library, where he is recognized as the one who resembles a pack horse.

A genealogist dislikes others who want to drone on and on about their family tree and findings, loves anyone who is researching one of his names, even if it is Smith or Jones, is always going to get things filed tomorrow but never does, thinks his knee-high piling system (as opposed to filing system) is justified no matter who has to wade through it or fall over it, likes to drone on and on about his family tree and findings, and can't bear to part with even the tiniest scrap of paper. After all, that might contain the missing link.

A genealogist can best be described as a loner, a meditator, a lover of clutter, a collector of dimes for copy machines and a constant student of history, especially migration routes of his forebears. He tolerates non-genealogists and the people who refer to genealogy as a "hobby" - after all, he is discovering his personal history and recording it all in one spot. If certain diseases follow from one generation to the next, he can possibly assist a doctor with a diagnosis.

He (or she) abhors those who say they started but found a skeleton in the closet. He knows they never tried. Granted, there may be skeletons, but we can't be responsible for them. He knows, too, that the very person who thinks genealogy is silly will some day eat humble pie and ask, knowing that the answer will be there.

A genealogist thinks exercise is nutty and time-consuming. He believes there is enough exercise in stooping, bending over file drawers and lifting boxes to the table.

A genuine genealogist spends money for gas instead of clothes. He buys expensive books, paper by the ream, envelopes by the hundreds, loose-leaf notebooks, subscriptions to county publications, and some buy home copy machines and microfilm readers. If he feels he is spending too much, he cuts corners until the conscience is cleared.

Most genealogists are amiable. After all, who can argue with a forebearer? We put faces on people of long ago, imagine ourselves in their shoes and try to reason why they moved again, at the same time knowing that most married a neighbor because there was no one else to meet.

Much can be learned from "digging" into one's past: perseverance, patience, logic and respect for those who were here before. We feel we will have to live to be a hundred to accomplish all that is necessary.

Counting yourself at No. 1, in 10 generations, you will find 1,023 direct ancestors. This is part of the fascination of genealogy - it is never finished.

*Tales and Trails Newsletter - Oct 1996*

"Persistence is the secret to success"

## Anne Markgraf Ward



I, Anne Emielie Otilie Markgraf better known as "Annie", was born on the Fourth of July, 1922 at ranch Panakanic in Klickitat County, Washington. My parents were Charles F. and LuDell Bertschi Markgraf, both of whose parents were pioneers of the Camas Prairie area. My older siblings attended the one-room, eight-grade, board-and-batten school in the Panakanic Valley. My sister Emily and I were the first of our family to begin our educations at White Salmon; she in 1926 and myself in 1928.

Although from the age of four years I no longer had two feet on the ground, I was an energetic and alert tomboy and kept up with my classmates and life in general.

After graduation from CUHS in the spring 1940, I worked for Gladden Motor Company, the telephone office and the U.S. Post Office, all in White Salmon.

When my friend George, (who had taught here from the fall in 1940 to 1942) returned from service in Africa and Italy with the U.S. Army we were married in December 1946 in Pullman, Washington. We spent our wedding night in the men's dorm at Pullman as it was Christmas break. From that time on I, naturally, led a dual life. "We" received our Masters Degree in Botany from Washington State University in 1948, and "our" Doctorate in Biology at Stanford University in 1952. At Stanford, California, we also received our Mom and Pop Degrees with the arrival of two daughters.

Between and among carrying for a husband, rearing children, managing the household, moving thirteen times, mounting herbarium specimens, typing theses, being a Girl Scout Troop leader, chaperoning students, being an active member of Knox Faculty Wives, swimming in the Knox pool, working with groups interested in ecology, traveling a bit, running for a Knox County political office, re-learning to use prostheses, presiding the local League of Women Voters, and researching genealogy and allied history in libraries, courthouses and cemeteries. I attended classes at Washington State University and at Knox College –not graduating, but enjoying the broadened perspectives that are the reward of continuing education. We lived in Galesburg, Illinois from 1954 until 1982 when George retired as Professor of Biology after teaching for 28 years at Knox College.

Knox is a liberal arts college which was established in 1837 on a rise in the wet-land, high-grass prairie of the mid-west. I was amazed and delighted to discover that my great- great- uncle and –aunts had matriculated at Knox during the 1840's and 1850s, and were probably present at the Lincoln-Douglas debates held at Knox.

Upon returning to the "hills of home" in Washington State we assisting each other in constructing a post and beam, one-floor house, set in the midst of western evergreens.

George and I were part of the organizers that formed the West Klickitat County Historical Society and opened our first museum, the Gorge Heritage Museum. We both served on the Board for the next 15 years, collecting and preserving local history of this wonderful area.

With the passing of my dear George in 2003 I began putting pen to paper and writing the stories of the rich history of Klickitat County. I continued to live in our home near Trout Lake and enjoy the country life.

As I reached into my early 90's I knew it was time to move closer to medical facilities and my long time doctor in White Salmon. I had a smaller home built for me as I now spent much of my days in a wheelchair. I also wanted to be closer to the museum so I could continue my research in their files. I even was reelected to the Board of the West Klickitat County Historical Society for a couple of years as I remained independent.

I am survived by my dear daughter Dr. Barbara Ward and her husband Alex and my precious grandchildren Rebecca and Ben of Wellington, New Zealand.

Donations to the West Klickitat County Historical Society, PO Box 394, Bingen, WA. 98605 would be appreciated to continue the preservation of local history.

I passed in my own home in White Salmon, spending 98 years 9 months and 13 days on this earth. AW

**Whats New ??**



**GFO Library Reopens July 1**

We really do miss you! And we have more news for you about our planned reopening on July 1. Thanks to vaccines, we now feel it's safe to say, "Come on in!" As we told you last week, things will be a bit different for now:

- Appointments are required; drop-ins are not allowed.
- We will be open Monday-Friday.
- There will be five morning and five afternoon appointments available.
- Masks are required inside the Ford Building and in the GFO (We are still protecting the most vulnerable among us.)



We've outlined what you need to know on our new **Visit webpage**. There, you will find links to see the open slots on the appointment calendar and a link to the form to request your own research time.

The reopening is only for research. Classes and Special Interest Group meetings will remain online.

As official guidance changes, and the vaccination levels improve, we will reevaluate our policies regularly.

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon is scheduled to open up to the public again on July 1, 2021. Appointments are required. For more information visit their webpage <https://gfo.org/>

"The digital Public Library of America:DPLA is pleased to welcome Northwest Digital Heritage as DPLA's newest service hub. Northwest Digital Heritage is a collaboration between the Washington State Library, State Library of Oregon, and Oregon Heritage Commission that serves libraries and cultural heritage institutions across the Pacific Northwest region. More than 70 institutions are currently contributing to DPLA through Northwest Digital Heritage including Multnomah County Library; Oregon Historical Society; Densho (Seattle, WA); Seattle Public Library, Spokane Public Library; Yakima Valley Libraries; State Library of Oregon; and the Washington State Library's Washington Rural Heritage program." - DPLA, May 25, 2021

<https://dp.la/news/northwest-digital-heritage-joins-dpla>  
<https://www.northwestdigitalheritage.org/>



Above: Yakima girl on horseback, Ellensburg Rodeo circa 1930s, Kittitas County, Washington. 1930? - 1939?. Retrieved from the Digital Public Library of America, <http://cdm17176.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ref/collection/ellensburg/id/18>. (Accessed June 20, 2021.)



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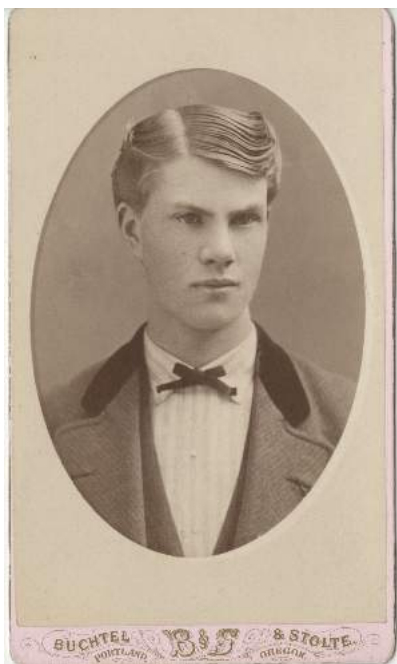


Photo Right: Malcolm Moody.  
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A very young Malcolm Moody



## Oregon Genealogy

### Oregon Genealogy Network

Oregon Genealogy Network on Facebook now has over 600 members and growing. It is a vital resource for your genealogy questions and is a very informative source for researching. The network consists of amateur as well as researchers well versed in helping you answer your family history questions.

Many members are members of other genealogy and history groups around the state.

Join today!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/190997804291208/>

### Oregon History and Genealogy

#### Oregon Historical Society

1200 SW Park Ave.  
Portland, Oregon  
503.222.1741

### Genealogical Forum Of Oregon

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Online classes and events  
<https://gfo.org/who-we-are/calendar.html>

### Oregon Genealogical Society

#### Oregon Genealogical Society, Inc.

955 Oak Alley  
Eugene, Oregon 97401  
<https://oregongs.org/>  
(541) 345-0399

### OrGenWeb

Or GenWeb is hosted by USGenWeb and is part of a volunteer group of researchers and genealogists from each state providing free online information to the genealogy community.  
Started over 20 years ago, USGenWeb has grown into one of the largest free genealogy sites on the internet.  
<http://www.orgenweb.org/index.html>

## Washington Genealogy

### Washington Genealogy Network

Washington Genealogy Network on Facebook now has over 550 members and growing. Like its sister state of Oregon, this site provides researchers a way to find information and answers to your research questions.

Many members are members of other genealogy and history groups around the state of Washington.

Join Today!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/222494824442130/>

### Yakima Valley Genealogical Society

1901 S. 12th Avenue  
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Union Gap, Washington 98903-1256

## Local Historical Resources

### Wasco County Historical Society

300 W. 13th St.

The Dalles, Oregon 97058  
541-296-1867

### Wasco County Original Courthouse

410 W. 2nd Place

The Dalles, Oregon 97058  
541.296.4798

### Wasco County Pioneer Association

vasallee@gmail.com

541.296.4043

### Ft Dalles Historical Museum

500 W. 15th and Garrison St.

The Dalles, Oregon 97058  
541.296.5457

### Hood River Historical Society

300E Port Marina Drive

Hood River, Oregon 97031  
[info@hoodriverhistorymuseum.org](mailto:info@hoodriverhistorymuseum.org)  
541.386.6772



## Mid-Columbia Genealogical Resources

### Family History Centers

The Dalles FHC  
1815 E. 15th St.  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

Goldendale FHC  
N. Columbus Ave & McLinley  
P.O. Box 109  
Goldendales, Wa. 98620

Stevenson FHC  
650 NW Gropper Rd.  
Stevenson, Wa. 98648

Hood River FHC  
1825 May St.  
Hood River, Oregon  
97031  
541.806.0372

### Libraries

The Dalles Wasco County  
722 Court St.  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.2815

William G. Dick Library  
5000 Discovery Drive  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.8600 EX. 219

Hood River County Library  
502 State St.  
Hood River, Or. 97031  
541.386.2535

### Ft. Vancouver Regional Libraries

Goldendale  
131 West Burgen St.  
Goldendale, Wa. 98620  
509.773.4487

White Salmon Valley  
5 Town and Country Square  
Whire Salmon, Wa. 98672  
509.0493.1132

Stevenson  
120 NW Vanciouver Ave.  
Stevenson, Wa. 98648  
509.427.5471



### Historical Resources In The Gorge

Fort Dalles Museum  
W. 15th & Garrison St.  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.4547

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center  
5000 Discovery Drive  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.8600

Wasco County Historical Society  
300 W. 13th St.  
The Dalles, Or. 97058  
541.296.1867

Museum of Hood River  
300 E. Port Marina Dr.  
Hood River, Or. 97031  
541.386.6722

Gorge Heritage Museum  
202 E. Humbolt  
Bingen, Wa. 98605  
509.493.3228

Dufur Historical Society  
P.O. Box 462  
Dufur, Or. 97021

Klickitat County Historical Society  
127 W. Broadway  
Goldendale, Wa. 98620  
509.77.4303

Presby Museum  
127 W. Broadway  
Goldendale, Wa. 98620  
509.773.4303

Sherman County Historical society  
200 Dewey St.  
Moro, Or. 97039  
541.565.3232

Maryhill Museum  
35 Maryhill Museum Drive,  
Goldendale, Wa. 98620

Original Wasco County Courthouse  
PO Box 839  
410 West 2nd Place  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058252  
(541) 296-4798

Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center  
990 SW Rock Creek Dr.  
Stevenson, Wa. 988648

# Calendar This! Upcoming Programs

(Subject to change)

All general meetings and programs will be in person starting in September, but plans can change. Check the schedule on our [blog](https://gorgegen.blogspot.com/) for information.

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**July 2021 -Summer Break**

**August 2021 - Summer Break**

**September 11, 2021 - Georga Foster-Hermit of the Cave - John S. Woodruff**

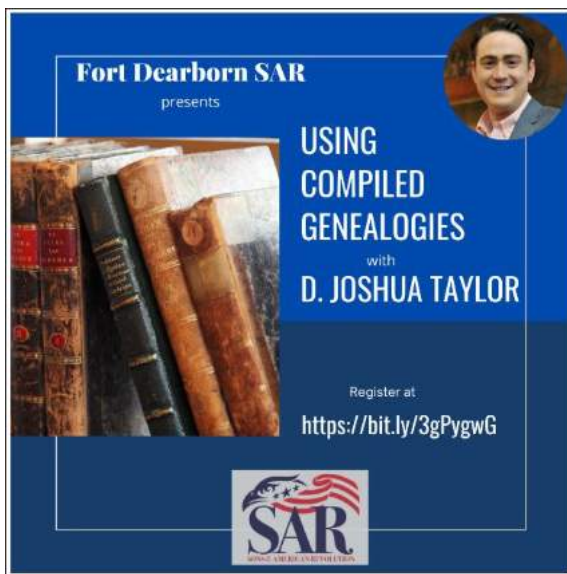
**October 16, 2021 - Rodger Nichols-How to Start Writing Your Family Stories**



October is National Family History Month!  
Join us on Oct. 16, 2021 for Rodger Nichols presentation on writing your family stories. More details to follow.



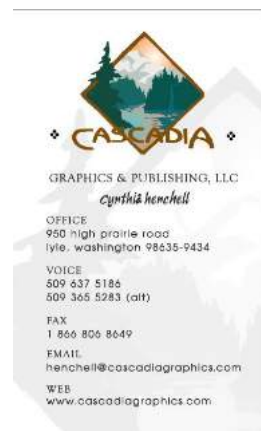
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Register at : <https://bit.ly/3gPygwG>



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Genealogical Forum of Oregon



If you have a program or lecture you would like to present or know of someone that does, please contact us. We always welcome ideas!

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