

Spotlight on genealogical research facilities

A series of articles about places to do research

Jackson County Genealogy Library

95 Houston Road, Phoenix, Oregon

Hours: 10 am - 3 pm, Monday-Saturday (except holidays).

Phone: 541-512-2340

Website: www.rvgslibrary.org

The Jackson County Genealogy Library (JCGL) is a not-for-profit institution operated by the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society. The Rogue Valley Genealogy Society (RVGS) provides information about the society and lists upcoming events on the News and Calendar pages on its website: <http://www.rvgsociety.org>.

The library is located in the Rogue River Valley in Southern Oregon at 95 Houston Road in Phoenix, Oregon (just north of Ashland) and is open to the public from 10 am to 3 pm Mon-Sat with the exception of holidays. Call 541-512-2340 for further information and driving directions or visit the website, www.rvgslibrary.org.



The logo for the society is a gold miner. Gold was discovered in the vicinity of Jacksonville in 1852 which led to an enthusiastic gold rush with miners eagerly pursuing their personal fortunes.

Similarly, genealogists searching the JCGL website and library will be able to find valuable

nuggets of information about the people who traveled the Oregon Trail to make their homes in this fertile valley.



The library collection is not restricted to local records, but also includes significant holdings for the US and other countries. JCGL maintains the largest genealogical collection between Eugene, Oregon and Sacramento, California. The collection for Oregon records is available to researchers worldwide through indexes posted on our website. We feature Oregon pioneer records and vital records (births, marriages, deaths) and regularly add new indexes and resources.

Many folks from Redding, Yreka and other points in Northern California travel to our library for research and events. Please come visit us.

Society News

News from the California Genealogical Society

California Ancestors: A new look and new domain

The California Genealogical Society and Library has done a bit of redecorating to bring things “up-to-date” and to create a cohesive look across the society’s various internet homes. Our new domain – CaliforniaAncestors.org – is easy to remember and is displayed prominently on the masthead of the website, blog, eNews and eNewsARCHIVE. The new masthead incorporates the seal of the California Genealogical Society which has been in use since 1898. The banner was designed by Lois Elling, production editor of the society’s magazine, The

California Nugget. The change was the culmination of a project that spanned almost two years and involved members of the Website, Publishing and Marketing Committees with input from volunteers and the board of directors.

And, a new President

There’s also been a changing of the guard at the society as Dr. Stephen G. Harris took the reigns from Jane Knowles Lindsey who stepped down after serving six years as the society’s president. Steve joined CGS in 2005 and has been a mem-



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