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**Columbia County
 Genealogy Conference**



**Sat. September 21st,
 2019**

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Join us in Columbia County as we learn about Genealogy. This day-long conference will cover everything from the basics of genealogy for newcomers, and advanced search tactics for experienced Genealogists of Oregon.

limited to first 80 registrants



GENERAL TRACK

Presented by Laurel Smith

Keynote Speaker Kate Eakman *Bridges to the Past:*

History and Genealogy Working Together

Beginning Genealogy Part 1

Learn the basic steps to get started: interviewing relatives, finding resources at home, paper vs. digital records, and organizing what you find.

Beginning Genealogy Part 2

Learn about the differences between online trees and genealogy software; understand basic research guidelines, and gain an understanding of online databases.

Start with the U.S. Census

Discover information about the U.S. Census and why Laurel believes it is the first and most important record to consult when researching an ancestor.

Resources, Resources, and More Resources

Learn about the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, the largest genealogy research library in the Pacific Northwest. Get a glimpse of Google tools, Find A Grave, and more.

Searching the Census Online

Receive tips to find census records online and to search the databases. See a case study that reveals how the census provided all the information necessary to break down one brick wall.

Presenters

Kate Eakman grew up hearing Civil War stories at her father's knee and fell in love with history and genealogy at an early age. With a master's degree in history and over 20 years' experience as a genealogist, Kate has worked her magic on hundreds of family trees and narratives.

Laurel Smith, past president of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon (GFO) and instructor of the popular GFO Beginners' Boot Camp, has been teaching beginning genealogy for almost a decade. Laurel has helped hundreds of beginning genealogists get their family history research off to a good start and avoid making many of the common mistakes.

OREGON TRACK

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Do I Have Native American Ancestry? *Janice Handsaker*

U.S. Federal Land Records:

Grants, Sales, and Settlements
Gerry Lenzen

Oregon Donation Land Claims:

Interpreting and Reading ODLCS
for Maximum Information
Gerry Lenzen

Washington County Records:

Where, How, and Why to Find Them
Susan LeBlanc

Locating Records in Columbia County

Tricia Oberndorf

Presenters

Janice Handsaker, a lifelong Oregonian, has been doing genealogy for over 20 years. She has done extensive research in the Pacific Northwest, across the United States as well as Sweden, England and Germany. In addition to general family history her research has also focused on Oregon Trail Pioneers and Native Americans.

Susan LeBlanc is a native of Oregon with over fifty years of experience in genealogical research. She enjoys the thrill of the search in solving family history mysteries. You can follow her extensive work at gophergenealogy.blogspot.com.

Gerry Lenzen has been doing family history and genealogical research for 60 years. He has researched all over the United States and has developed a specialty for research in the Federal Public Land system and Oregon Donation Land Claims.

Tricia Oberndorf is a professional genealogist in St. Helens. She has been researching her own family for nearly 30 years and has solved problems for a number of friends and professional clients.

REGISTRATION

Anticipated Sessions:

Sessions	General Track	Oregon Track
No. 1	Beginning Genealogy part 1 <input type="checkbox"/>	Do I have Native American Ancestry? <input type="checkbox"/>
No. 2	Beginning Genealogy part 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	U.S. Federal Land Records <input type="checkbox"/>
No. 3	U.S. Census <input type="checkbox"/>	Oregon Donation Land Claims <input type="checkbox"/>
No. 4	Resources, Resources, And More Resources <input type="checkbox"/>	Washington County Records <input type="checkbox"/>
No. 5	Searching the Census <input type="checkbox"/>	Locating Records in Columbia County <input type="checkbox"/>

Please note these selections are not binding; they will help us estimate the number of handouts needed for each session.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Would you like to be added to our e-mail list for updates on Genial Genealogists activities? Yes No

Mailing Address: _____

Are you interested in purchasing a box lunch with a sandwich (turkey or vegetarian), potato salad, and a cookie for \$10?

Yes - Turkey sandwich Yes - Vegetarian sandwich No, thank you!

Registration, box lunch requests, and payments must be received by Sept. 17th

Payment can be made in person at the library or by mail.

Online registration is also available at <http://bit.ly/BridgesToPast>