

MYSTERIES IN OUR BACKYARD

Interested in local history?

Are you interested in local history? Are there "mysteries" about your neighborhood, home, family, etc., that you've always been curious about?

Mysteries in Our Backyard is a new research project that encourages YOU to research local mysteries!



Do you know the identity of these two young girls?

We are looking for mysteries

From October through December 2011, local history mysteries will be collected.

Do you have a local history mystery question to share?

Visit our website at www.mysteries.jcheritage.org to submit your local history mystery, or mail the attached form to:

Mysteries in Our Backyard
Southern Oregon Historical Society
106 N. Central Ave.
Medford, OR 97501

Examples of mysteries include:

- Did a brother of Jefferson Davis live in Jackson County before the Civil War?
- Why did Jacob Ish, a Jacksonville farmer, buy three slaves in 1857, and what became of them?
- What's the story behind a bomb sent to Huey Long being wrapped in a Medford Mail Tribune newspaper?



What's the story behind this picture?

Researching Your Mystery

In January 2012, you will be able to claim a mystery to solve! For a \$10 fee, you will receive online access to a research toolbox including research guides, maps, and much more to help you along the way.

Your \$10 fee also includes unlimited access to the SOHS and RVGS research libraries to help you in your research!

Discovery

The *Mysteries in Our Backyard* website will be an interactive presence throughout your research. Upload the answers to the website and share with other researchers!

On May 19, 2012 there will be a final event to share all the local history mystery solutions, and to share your research experiences.

Workshops

To further aid the mystery detectives, the following workshops will be available.

January 7, 2012, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

How to begin solving a local history mystery
JCLS Medford Library, Adams Room
205 S. Central Avenue, Medford

January 17, 1:30 p.m.

Sarah Ann, a Jackson County Mystery
Rogue Valley Genealogical Society
OEA Uniserv Building
2495 S. Pacific Highway, Medford

January 21, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

The ins and outs of genealogy research
Rogue Valley Genealogical Society
95 Houston Road, Phoenix

February 4, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

How to access treasures of the SOHS archives
Southern Oregon Historical Society Library
106 N. Central Avenue, Medford

February 25, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Using the local library for research, including old newspapers
JCLS Medford Library

March 10, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Property searches and what can be found
JCLS Medford Library

April 21, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Cemeteries as research sites for local history
Jacksonville Cemetery

QUESTIONS?

library@sohs.org
Or SOHS Library, 541-858-1724
Or RVGS, 541-512-2340

