



WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM

December 10th, Thursday 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
WVGS Executive Board Meeting. We will meet at the Broadway Commons in an upstairs room. The Broadway Commons is at 1300 Broadway Street NE, Salem. Board meetings are open to all members.

December 12, 2015

Salem Public Library Central Library
585 Liberty St SE Salem, OR 97301
Anderson Room A (Lower Level)

10:30 am – 11:00 am General Membership Meeting. A business meeting will be held to conduct society business. Officers for 2016 will be installed.

11:00 am to 1 pm Our annual Christmas get-together, potluck and auction will be December 12th.

Bring your favorite finger food (beverages will be provided) for our potluck. WVGS will provide utensils, plates, napkins and cups.

Bring a white elephant, book, Christmas items or baked goods for the auction (plus plenty of cash or your checkbook for you're sure to find just the item you've been searching for or a perfect Christmas gift for a friend), and be prepared for a fun time at this last meeting of the year!

Bring a friend or spouse too! This is an informal meeting and a good way for a family member or friend who might be interested in joining to meet our group.

WVGS programs are always open to the public.

Officers for Next Year

Officers for 2016 elected at the November meeting:

President: *Elizabeth Tice*

1st Vice-President (Program): *John Cochran*

2nd Vice-President (Membership): *Suzan Rempel*

Recording Secretary: *Barbara Foster*

Corresponding Secretary: *Tony Hoff*

Treasurer: *Lauren Teubner*

John Cochran arranges our programs. If you have a suggestion or a topic that you would like for a program, let John know. **Sue Rempel** has been our Membership VP for several years and keeps everything up to date for us. You can fill out the membership form on page 7 and mail it in.

Barbara Foster records our minutes and keeps our records straight. We are now posting them for members on our web page. **Tony Hoff** handles research requests for our society and is keeping busy as Salem Public Library and Oregon State Library both forward obituary requests to him. **Lauren Teubner** keeps our books for us and makes sure everything balances to the penny.

In addition to these officers who have worked hard to keep us going, **George Cropsey** makes sure the newspapers have information on our meetings, **Sue Bell** continues to be an outstanding editor of *Beaver Briefs* and **Dennis Hill** has redesigned our website and keeps it updated. Also long-time Society Librarian **Jim Willhite** is now assisted by **Deanne Smith**. They are keeping busy with our collection of books, CDs, and microfilm. And **Craig Smith** is our new Volunteer Coordinator this year.

They all have done an outstanding job and are willing to work in 2016 for our society. We're lucky to have them!

Membership Dues

Our membership year is from January 1st to December 31st each year. Membership VP Sue Rempel is ready and waiting to take your renewals for 2016. You can pay at the meetings or mail your form and check. Dues are \$25 per year for a single member, \$30 for a family. (oops for last month—family membership is \$30 not \$35!)

**WVGS News****MEMBERSHIP REPORT** By Suzan Rempel

Membership for October 2015 is 18 Life Members, 73 single memberships, 16 family memberships (32 individuals), and 3 Historical/Genealogical Societies for a total of 126 members.

Welcome new members David and Linda Thompson of Salem and Susan Gyllenskog of Keizer!

Newsletter

We send newsletters to our members and exchange societies **by email** from our Yahoo email account (willvgs@yahoo.com).

If any member would prefer a hard copy, please let me know. Or if we don't have your e-mail and you're willing to get your newsletter by e-mail, let me know your e-mail address. The same is true for our exchange societies and complimentary newsletters.

We also are emailing the Beaver Briefs to members. If you want a hard copy, the cost is still an additional \$6.50 for postage.

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society's**DNA Project**

WVGS has a DNA Project for both men and women through **www.familytreedna.com**. If any of you have questions regarding DNA and which tests to order, please e-mail Emily Aulicino at: **aulicino@hevanet.com**. Emily is WVGS' Project Administrator.

The DNA Project is open to anyone, not just WVGS members. You are not charged until you send in your test kit. You can do the DNA testing through WVGS and submit it to other groups.

NORPAC Label Redemption Program

This money-making program is just to cut out the **UPC code on FLAV-R-PAC, Santiam, and WESTPAC products** and turn them in to WVGS. We then (as a nonprofit organization) mail them in once a year and receive 5 cents per label. **Labels can be turned in at any Saturday WVGS meeting or mailed to WVGS.**

Members decided to continue this program. Cut off the UPC label on these products and bring them in!

WVGS News**Meetings****Upcoming programs:**

December 12th Potluck, Installation of Officers, and Auction.

January 9, 2016 Members' Show and Tell

Parking at Salem Public Library

The Library Parkade is metered parking at \$.75 an hour. Parking is free after 6 pm. The Pringle Parkade is free on week-ends and after 6 pm. Otherwise you will have to find street parking in the residential areas.

Salem Public Library Hours:

Mon. Closed

Tues. - Thurs. 10:00 am - 9:00 pm

Fri. - Sat. 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sun. 1 pm to 4 pm

A Volunteer is available to help patrons:

Tuesday-Saturday 11 am to 5 pm

Sunday 1 pm to 4 pm and Tuesday 5 pm to 8 pm

2016 Meeting Dates

All in Anderson A/B at Salem Public Library except March and April:

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| January 9 | July 9 |
| February 13 | August 13 |
| March 12 (Heritage Room) | September 10 |
| April 9 (Heritage Room) | October 8 |
| May 14 | November 12 |
| June 11 | December 10 |

WVGS Officers for 2016**Elected Officers**

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Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor: *Elizabeth Tice*

Beaver Brief Editor: *Susan Bell*

Librarians: *Jim Willhite and Deanne Smith*

Volunteer Coordinator: *Craig Smith*

Publicity: *George Cropsey*

Webmaster: *Dennis Hill*



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October Program

Our speaker for October was **WVGS Member Mary Rains**. Mary's family was in the US in the early 1600s, and ancestors emigrated to Canada in the 1800s.

Mary has done much of her research from home using internet resources. Each province has different resources. For early records Lower Canada was Quebec, Upper Canada was largely Ontario. Although Ancestry.com has many Canadian records (World subscription), you can access records for free at **Library and Archives Canada**.

As with all our research, you have to try multiple spellings. Mary showed how land records helped her tie families together. She recommended using trees that you find for information and then hunting down the documents to support un-sourced trees.

Thank you, Mary for a great program!

Committees

Our **Bylaws Revision Committee** and **Book Repair Committee** will start working in January. We still need members to help with the books. It's not just repair, but going through materials in old notebooks to see what is valuable and not available elsewhere. Thanks to Jim Johnson we already have a spiral book binder. There's lots of materials that could be on the shelf at Salem Public Library instead of being stored! We also still need a **Periodical Chair**.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society has signed up with Fred Meyer Community Rewards as a non-profit. If you shop at Fred Meyer and use your Rewards Card, it also helps us.

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Willamette Valley Genealogical Society at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number **82436**.
- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping WVGS earn a donation!

You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.

We only have 16 families signed up, but this generated \$43.35 this quarter. Thank you!



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Exciting News—WVGS Collection is online!

The Willamette Valley Genealogical Society collection of books, CDs and microfilm/microfiche is now online through the Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service. The Home Page for Salem Public Library is <http://www.cityofsalem.net/Departments/Library/Pages/home.aspx>

If you enter a term such as Plymouth Colony in the Search box and click, you will get a listing of books containing those works for all the libraries in the CCRLS. Listed on the left side are the libraries, including **Salem WVGS**. Click **Salem WVGS** and **Include**, and you will get a listing of WVGS books for Plymouth Colony including Mayflower Through Five Generations books.

Our books are for library use only, but you can search at home and then come in. If you are unable to come in, you can contact us through our website, **Research**, and we'll try to help you.

Jim Willhite and **Deanne Smith**, our society librarians, are still working on our collection. Deanne is checking the list with what's actually on the shelf. We'll have some corrections to make. In addition, we're adding each individual book instead of one entry for a whole series. More to come!

Beaver Briefs

Members and societies who have provided us with an email address receive our quarterly publication **Beaver Briefs** by email. All members, exchange societies and libraries can access our publications online also by contacting us.

To access **Beaver Briefs**:

- Go to the WVGS website: www.wvgsor.org
- Current and past issues of *Beaver Briefs* are under the **Member Page**.
- Enter your password in the box and click on **Submit**.

Members should have received a postcard with their password on it or an email. This is needed to access the "Members Only" section of our website. Only members and societies who have paid \$6.50 for postage for 2016 will receive issues in the mail. **Beaver Briefs** Vol. 47, No.4 has been sent by email or mailed.



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New Book Purchased for WVGS Collection

The following book review was written by Bobbi King:
The Best of Reclaiming Kin by **Robyn N. Smith**. Self-published. 2015. 285 pages.

Robyn Smith writes a blog called *Reclaiming Kin* at <http://www.reclaimingkin.com>. *Reclaiming Kin* is a compilation of what she considers the best of her blog posts. Over eighty posts are arranged into five broad chapters: Records and Resources, Evidence Analysis, Slave Research, Research Tips, and Robyn's Family Research.

There are nearly two hundred images of photographs, documents, newspaper posters, and newspaper ads. There are photographs of people and places on nearly every page, emphasizing the narrative and illustrating the points.

I know very little about African-American research, but this book is so engaging that I found myself reading through the articles and lingering on the old photos. It's a very interesting book.

This is an excellent research guide covering a wide variety of resources and topics for the genealogist seeking clues in doing African American genealogy.



WVGS News

Start on Your Genealogy

A partnership between
Willamette Valley Genealogical Society
And Senior Center 50+

The Center 50+ will have a Genealogy Class in the Computer Lab at the Center 50+ in partnership with the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society.

When: Mondays, January 11 & 25, February 1, 8, & 22, 2016 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: Center 50+
2615 Portland Rd NE
Salem, OR 97301

Contact: Alvin Scott / 503-588-6303 /
ascott@cityofsalem.net

Instructor: Elizabeth Tice, current President of Willamette Valley Genealogical Society and amateur genealogist for over 15 years

Cost: \$30
Class is limited to 12 students plus 3 with their own laptops. Preregistration in the Computer Lab at the Center 50+ is required. Basic computer skills are needed. WVGS receives 60% of the fee.

The class will cover the basics of genealogy and how to get started, using a software program, and sources for records as we work backwards in time. You will have time to search online.

Updates at Salem Public Library

- **Ancestry.com** is available at Salem Public Library by WiFi on your laptop.
- **FamilySearch.org** doesn't work with Internet Explorer when trying to look at an image. On Salem Public Library computer in the genealogy area you can research FamilySearch, but not look at an image. WVGS laptops have FamilySearch with Google Chrome so our volunteers can look at the image.
- Thanks to a donation, the genealogy volunteers now have a printer hooked up to the WVGS laptops. We can do a wider search for patrons and print! We cannot accept money for help at the Library.
- Patrons can use Ancestry.com on the Library computers and send an image to themselves by email.
- We have notebooks with our collection listed by subject. You can check out what we have by topic.

Donated Materials

WVGS receives donated materials from members and others who want a place to have their family histories kept for others to use. For example we recently received six spiral bound notebooks from a 95 year old nonmember, some containing genealogy, some about his war experiences, one about his business. We also received a collection of pedigree charts for a member, as well as a genealogy report done with Family Tree Maker, including an index and sources.

Salem Public Library did not give us enough room for all of collection. Donated and purchased books acceptable to add to our collection there will be How-to books, vital records and local histories.

We also have a Surname File with research on Oregon families, Pedigree Charts completed by past members, family histories and unbound notebooks of vital records. The Board will be working on guidelines to present to members on what we can accept and to incorporate into our revised bylaws.



Oregon News



Oregon News

Thanks to **Alice Laviolette**, Research Librarian at the Oregon State Library for the following news items:

Oregonians and other historians are now able to harvest information about hundreds of historical books and studies in an **online History and Archaeology Library** created by the Oregon Heritage division of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

“During the past five decades, we have received hundreds of studies and reports about historic and pre-historic places in Oregon,” said Chrissy Curran, manager of Oregon Heritage and the deputy state historic preservation officer. “We’ve worked so that the public can now have easy access to these documents as well as the titles of other books that have been published since the 1950s.”

Organized by county, the [online History and Archaeology Library](#) also includes links to lists of historic cemeteries and National Register sites in the counties. There are also links to the State Archives location guides to government records in each county.

“We have also included links to digital projects that we have supported with our grant programs,” said Kyle Jansson, coordinator of the Oregon Heritage Commission. “For example, we link to the historic photos digitized in a joint project of the Albany Regional Museum and the Albany Public Library. Another link is to historic land survey maps digitized by Baker County.”

The History and Archaeology Library also includes listings and links of other regional and statewide resources related to history and archaeology, and history research guides. Oregon Heritage will continue to add studies and book listings to the online library as they are received.

“We want researchers who know about other work to let us know of its existence,” said Ian Johnson, manager of the State Historic Preservation Office. “We want researchers to think of this as the first place to go when they are gathering information.” The Oregon Heritage division includes the State Historic Preservation Office, the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries, the Oregon Heritage Commission, and the Oregon Main Street Program. Its website is www.oregonheritage.org

ONLINE DIGITAL RESOURCES CONTINUE TO GROW AROUND THE STATE

- More than 9,000 pages of historic newspaper content have been added to the [Historic Oregon Newspapers](#) website. Much of this content is from papers that served Corvallis, including *Corvallis Gazette*, *Corvallis Times*, *Union Gazette*, and *Oregon Union*. Also, pages of the *Athena Press* in Umatilla County have been added. The site contains more than 145 Oregon newspaper titles.
- The OSU Libraries has completed the digitization of the *Annual Cruise*, the yearbook of OSU's Forestry Club published from 1920 through 1975. All volumes are now available through Oregon Digital at <http://oregondigital.org/sets/annual-cruise>.
- The State Archives has updated its [county records inventories](#) for Grant, Hood River and Lake counties. This guide includes maps, county and office histories, scenic images and a comprehensive descriptive inventory of selected records for each of Oregon's 36 counties. The inventory listings describe records available to researchers at the State Archives, county offices, local museums and other repositories.

Multnomah County Marriages

Did you know that you can search the database for **Multnomah County, Oregon Marriage Index, 1855-1911** either on Ancestry.com or on the Genealogical Forum of Oregon's website for free? You can order a copy of the Marriage Certificate from the GFO for only \$5.

Also from the GFO you can search and then order **Portland Birth Certificates, 1903-1905** which were not bound and not included with the Oregon Birth Certificate books for the same period. And an index to the **Portland Death Certificates 1881-1917**. There are a small number of birth records included on the film; also removal and transportation documents which accompany the certificates. The dates covered are primarily from 1889-1902, but there are earlier and later ones.



Research

What's New from FamilySearch?

- Beginning soon for FamilySearch.org historical record collections, you will be able to use a gallery view. You can look at either a single image or switch to a gallery view that displays image thumbnails of all the images in the image set. (An image set is a group of records that have the same waypoint, or it could be an entire microfilm. A waypoint is a marker that identifies a portion of a collection. For example, if records are in date order and cover the years 1812-1815, a waypoint can be added that identifies the records for 1814.)
- The gallery view gives you some great options. In the thumbnail gallery view, you can scan thousands of thumbnails and quickly navigate to specific spots in the image set faster than you can using microfilm. When you do a search, the gallery view makes it easy to look at the records surrounding the record you found (helpful for finding other relatives or neighbors or seeing all of a record that has been split over two pages).
- From a FamilySearch Catalog title, you can either link to the indexed records or to the images for a specific film. If a historical records collection hasn't been indexed yet, the gallery view can make it easier to browse through the records in the collection. When viewing a single image, you will be able to navigate to the next record, the previous record, or jump to a specific image number. Anytime you are viewing a single indexed image, you will see the indexed data from the image presented in a table below the image.

Canada- thinking ahead!

- The annual Ontario Genealogical Society Conference 2017 will be held in Ottawa on **June 16-18, 2017** at Algonquin College. The theme of the conference is ***Our Canada - Your Family: Building a Nation***. As 2017 will be the 150th anniversary of the birth of Canada, Ottawa Branch OGS will host the annual OGS conference and give the Conference a national flair, bringing together genealogists and family historians from all over Canada. We are looking for speakers and talks of interest to genealogists from all provinces.
- In keeping with this theme, we invite proposals for presentations on: family history from every region and territory of Canada (e.g. Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, the Prairies and British Columbia); migration to and from Canada and also within Canada and how this helped to not only build our families, but also Canada; pre- and post-1867 research in Upper Canada; religious associations; military connections.



Research

GENEALOGY BY BARRY

BARRY J. EWELL WRITES ON THE TOPICS OF GENEALOGY & FAMILY HISTORY

Genealogy: How to increase your success in finding the ancestor's maiden name (abbreviated article, see his website for the complete article)

- Marriage records.** I find marriage records to be the best place to find a maiden name. Types of marriage records include a marriage license, marriage certificate, marriage announcements, marriage banns and bonds.
- Church records.** Church records usually include recordings of church marriages, baptism or christening.
- Newspapers.** The most common articles that yield maiden names are wedding announcements or obituaries. When I can't find the obituary of a female ancestor, I will look for obituaries of their siblings and other family members, which usually provides clues I can follow in the census and other records.
- Land records.** Examine deeds for your ancestor or her husband which include the Latin phrases "et ux." (and wife) and "et al." (and others). Land records may include the names of family members. Make sure you check who was selling land to your ancestors. It was common for these persons to be related to your family. If the parents of a female ancestor are the sellers, you may be able to find her maiden name.
- Bible records.** If you suspect there was a family bible, but it's no longer in the family's possession, you can sometimes find them through message boards or database searches. Many bibles have been digitized and are searchable on the internet.
- Death records.** If your ancestor died within the last century, chances are there is a death certificate. The certificates often list a maiden name.
- Death certificates can often include inaccurate information.** Make sure you review who provided the information and the relationship to assess the potential for accuracy.
- Military pension records.** If the husband of the ancestor I am researching was in the military, there is a good chance there is a pension record.
- Cemetery records.** Tombstones may reveal female's maiden name through the inscription: "wife of so and so"
- Census records.** Follow your ancestors through the census. Consider the following:
Young couples may be found living with the wife's parents
Elderly parent may have been added to the household
Brothers, sisters, or other family members may be found living with the ancestors' family
Clues may also be found in the names of families living nearby
- Probate records and wills.** If I have an idea of who the parents might be, I will check the probate records and wills for the name of children.



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The **Willamette Valley Genealogical Society** was organized in December 1968, to create and foster the study of family history, to aid in the publication of local history, and to aid in the establishment of materials in local genealogical library collections. It is an Oregon Non-Profit corporation, and was determined by IRS to be a 501 (c) (3) organization. Your donations may be federal tax-deductible.

Membership Application

- Members will receive a monthly newsletter informing them of programs, activities, and genealogical news.
- Members receive online access to **Beaver Briefs**, a quarterly bulletin featuring Marion County genealogy and history.
- Members benefit from research assistance and monthly programs
- Members have access to WVGS's family histories, books, periodicals and CDs which may be checked out.

WVGS MEMBERSHIP FORM Please ☒ if this is a ☐ **NEW** or ☐ **RENEWAL** membership

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **email:** _____

Amount enclosed -

\$ _____ for Annual Dues (\$25 individual or \$30 family membership), includes Beaver Briefs on-line

\$ _____ for postage to receive copies of Beaver Briefs in the mail (\$6.50)

\$ _____ for one-time payment for Life Membership ☐ Under age 70 (\$250) ☐ Age 70 or Over (\$200)

\$ _____ other (please identify) _____

\$ _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED** Please make checks payable to WVGS.

Additional Donations

- ☐ **Patron \$100**
- ☐ **Sustainer \$250**
- ☐ **Benefactor \$500**
- ☐ **Corporate/Trust \$1,000**

- See our website for information on Life Membership or pick up a Life Membership form from an officer.

- **Pro-rated** Amounts for new members who join after March 31st:

| SINGLE | FAMILY |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Apr-Jun: \$18.75 | Apr-Jun: \$22.50 |
| Jul-Sept: \$12.50 | Jul-Sept: \$15.00 |
| Oct-Dec: \$6.25 | Oct-Dec: \$7.50 |

SIGNATURE _____ **Date** _____

| NAME-ADDRESS-PHONE | SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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| Woodburn LDS Family History Center 1000 Country Club Rd. [back- ring bell] Woodburn, OR 97071 / 503-981-4731 | CLOSED | | 10 am— 2 pm | 7 pm- 8:30 pm | 4 pm - 8 pm | CLOSED | CLOSED |
| Salem East LDS Family History Center 862 45th Ave NE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-371-0453 | CLOSED | | 9 am— 4 pm | 2 pm— 9 pm | CLOSED | 9 am— 2 pm | CLOSED |
| Salem LDS Family History Center 4550 Lone Oak Rd SE Salem, OR 97302 / 503-378-0383 ext 7 | 4pm— 7pm | CLOSED | 9am— 9pm | By Appt. | 9 am— 9pm | CLOSED | 9 am- 12 noon |
| Oregon State Archives 800 Summer St NE Salem, OR 97310 / 503-373-0701 | CLOSED | 8 am—12 am and 1 pm—4:45 pm (CLOSED State Holidays) | | | | | CLOSED |
| Salem Public Library 585 Liberty St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-588-6052 | 1 pm– 5 pm | CLOSED | 10 am—9 pm (CLOSED City Holidays) | | | 10 am—6 pm | |
| Willamette Heritage Center Research Library 1313 Mill St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-364-2128 | CLOSED | CLOSED | 12 pm—4 pm | | | | |



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