



## WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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### WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM MEETINGS

**Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting**  
**October 13th, 2018, 10:30 am to 1 pm**  
**Salem Public Library Central Library 585 Liberty St SE**  
**Salem, OR 97301**  
**Loucks Auditorium, 645 Liberty St SE, Salem, Oregon**

**10:30 am — 11:45 am General Membership Meeting:**

A business meeting will be held to conduct society business.

**12 noon — 1 pm Program: Polk County Historical Society and Museum**

As genealogists and family historians we accumulate a mass of data to support our family tree. Usually that means a small mountain of paper, and frequently an accumulation of artifacts. Photographs, books, old letters, needlepoint samplers, furniture, postcards, clothes, tools, weapons, portraits .... The list goes on. We face the questions of what to keep, how to display (or store) the various items, and eventually the issue of finding another home for them. If you have a question about a particular item come prepared to share!

Our guests for this meeting will discuss these issues from a professional viewpoint and help us evaluate the (historical) value and conservation requirements of various types of artifacts.

**Joining us from the Polk County Historical Society and Museum**

**BETTE JO LAWSON: REGISTRAR OF ACQUISITIONS, PHOTO ARCHIVES COMMITTEE CHAIR**

**AL RATZLAFF: MILITARY AND WEAPONS COMMITTEE CHAIR, CHAIR OF ACQUISITIONS**

**Our programs are always open to the public.**

**Please note that we will be in Loucks Auditorium, adjacent to Salem Public Library.**

#### Upcoming Programs

October—Al Ratzlaff and BetteJo Lawson of Polk Co.  
Historical Society "Preserving Artifacts,  
Documents and Photos"

November—Jerry Rodgers— Mayflower

December—Auction, Book Sale and Potluck

January 2019—WVGS 50th Anniversary Celebration

Suggestions for 2019 are welcome. Please let Doug  
Crosby know of any topics that you are interested in.

**October 11th, Thursday 12 noon to 2:00 pm**

**WVGS Executive Board Meeting.** We will meet at the  
**Broadway Commons in an upstairs room. The Broad-**  
**way Commons is at 1300 Broadway Street NE, Salem.**  
**Board meetings are open to all members.**

#### 2018 Meeting Dates

All in Anderson A/B at Salem Public Library except Oct.

January 13	July 14
February 10	August 11
March 10	September 8
April 14	October 13 (Loucks Aud.)
May 12	November 10
June 9	December 8



## WVGS Information

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

Membership as of September 8, 2018 was 21 Life Members, 59 single memberships, 11 family memberships (22 individuals), and 1 Historical Society for a total of 103 members.

**Welcome new member Linda Parks!**

### 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. **Beaver Briefs** can be accessed by members on our website under Member Page with a password. If you need your password, contact Liz Tice.

### WVGS and Salem Public Library

The Willamette Valley Genealogical Society collection of books, CDs and microfilm/microfiche is housed at Salem Public Library, **585 Liberty St SE Salem, Oregon**. Our collection is online through the Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service. The catalog for Salem Public Library can be searched at [https://catalog.ccrils.org/client/en\\_US/spl/?dt=list](https://catalog.ccrils.org/client/en_US/spl/?dt=list)

### 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.

### Volunteer Hours at Salem Public Library:

<b>Monday</b>	Closed
<b>Tuesday - Saturday</b>	11:00 am - 5:00 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	1 pm to 4 pm
<b>DNA Help</b>	By appointment

### 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. You can do this on our website under **Help**.
- 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. Thank you!
- WVGS's Fred Meyer Community Rewards number is **IW083 (this is a new number August 2018)**.

### Questions about Autosomal DNA?

**Denise Spreed**, member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, is available to answer your questions about Autosomal DNA testing after 5pm. Contact her on our web page to make an appointment.

### 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. Labels can be turned in at any Saturday WVGS meeting or mailed to WVGS.

### WVGS Officers for 2018 Elected Officers

**President:** *Elizabeth Tice*  
**1st Vice-President (Program):** *Doug Crosby*  
**2nd Vice-President (Membership):** *Suzan Rempel*  
**Recording Secretary:** *Sally Broadwater*  
**Corresponding Secretary:** *Tony Hoff*  
**Treasurer:** *Barbara Foster*

### Appointed Positions

**Newsletter Editor:** *Elizabeth Tice*  
**Beaver Brief Editors:** *Dennis Hill & Craig Smith*  
**Librarians:** *Deanne Smith*  
**Volunteer Coordinator:** *Craig Smith*  
**Publicity:** *George Cropsey*  
**Webmaster:** *Dennis Hill*  
**Periodicals:** *Jerry Rodgers*



## WVGS News

### September Program

Our speaker for September was **Tom O'Brien** from the Genealogical Forum in Portland. He spoke about **Geneanet**. Geneanet was launched in 1996 by genealogy enthusiasts to help family history researchers sharing their data. They have a forum to post questions and engage in discussions related to Geneanet specifically and genealogy in general. Geneanet is especially useful for those who have ancestors in Europe, and more specifically in France. The Geneanet members are sharing more than 400 million individuals in their Online Family Trees, suggestions for contacting other members, hundreds of thousands of free digitized archival records and hundreds of mostly free digitized registers are available. Geneanet members are also sharing their indexes for free and some genealogy society indexes are available in payed access. You will find hundreds of thousands of digitized books (payed access), postcards and family picture (free), a wiki, a blog, a genealogy community, etc. Tom gave an excellent demonstration of how to use Geneanet.

### Willamette Valley Genealogical Society's Family Tree DNA Project

- ♦ WVGS has a DNA Project for both men and women through [www.familytreedna.com](http://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](mailto:aulicino@hevanet.com). Emily is the WVGS Family Tree DNA Project Administrator. WVGS members (and non-members) receive a discounted DNA test rate rather than paying the full amount listed on the Family Tree DNA company's home page. According to Emily, "The company then gives the society a percentage of the sale for Y-DNA and mtDNA tests, **but not for SNP tests, Family Finder, nor any upgrades**."
- ♦ You can also get your DNA tested through the WVGS project, and then submit it to other groups. To receive the WVGS project's discount (and earn the WVGS a rebate), go to the WVGS website, [www.wvgsor.org](http://www.wvgsor.org), click on the **Research** tab, and at the bottom of the page click on the **FamilyTreeDNA** logo to go to their website.

### [www.wvgsor.org](http://www.wvgsor.org)

Our **Member Page** content includes all issues of the society's Beaver Briefs quarterly publication, the complete 1916 Oregon birth records, past society newsletters and meeting minutes, tips for maximizing DNA results, and more.

**Dennis Hill, webmaster**, has worked hard to scan materials and make them searchable also, such as the Table of Contents for all issues of Beaver Briefs.

Current issues of Beaver Briefs are mailed or emailed to all members four times a year. The Summer 2018 issue was mailed on August 1, 2018.

Beginning July 1st, 2018, you must have a current WVGS Member ID to access the content on the Member Page. To become a member of the WVGS, or to renew a lapsed membership, you can click on the 'Membership' button.

### Periodicals on our Website

We still exchange periodicals with other societies, but they're hard to make available to members when sent electronically. We now have "**Exchange Publications**" on our member page. The latest issues of exchange publications will be added there in pdf format for members to look at.

Currently we have added publications for:

- ♦ Tobusky News, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma.

Thanks to Dennis Hill for adding this!

### Book Sale

Thanks to our members who made donations to our book sale and acquired great books. Our next book sale will be in December.

### Federation of Genealogical Societies

Members voted at the September meeting to join the Federation of Genealogical Societies in order to get a little more notice (thanks to Addie Rickey for donating the membership fee!). Officers will be looking at the site for ways we can make the best use of our membership. The FGS Forum Fall Issue Feature Article "4 Ways to Map Your Society" by Francie Kennedy explores using Google's free My Maps applications to map your membership, your local genealogy resources, research trips, and your member's ancestors.

You can check out the website at <https://fgs.org/> (You don't need to login).





## Periodicals



## News Items

**October 2018** Candalaria Connection By Jerry Rodgers

The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR) is an international, non-profit organization founded in 1968. Their mission statement in part states that the organization is dedicated to the discovery, collection, preservation and dissemination of information related to the history, cultural heritage, and genealogy of Germanic settlers in the Russian Empire and their descendants. The Society publishes the quarterly Journal of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia.

The AHSGR website is a good place to research these Germans. The website has an index and a number of databases available along with volunteers that can provide assistance. <https://www.ahsgr.org>

**WVGS Collection at Candalaria:**

- ◆ A nearly complete collection starting with Volume 1 #2 (1978) through 39 (2016)
- ◆ Indexes:  
An AHSGR membership priced at \$50 annually allows complete access to their indexes and databases.

An alternative search option is PERSI (PERiodical Source Index). PERSI is a consolidated index to the records of over 8000 genealogical and historical publications from all over the world. <https://www.findmypast.com/persi>

To request a Candalaria publication, use the online request form at the materials link on our WVGS website. Scroll down to the materials stored offsite to find the form. Enter your name, contact information, and publication(s) requested. You'll be contacted when the materials are available to view at the WVGS library desk. If you need assistance, contact one of our helpful volunteers at the WVGS library desk from 11 to 5 Tuesday through Saturday or 1 to 4 on Sunday.

**Norwegian Newspaper**

Augsburg University is a private liberal arts college in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Lindell Library is the academic library of Augsburg University. Augsburg University's Lindell Library has recently completed a large digitization project of Folkebladet, a Norwegian newspaper that ran from 1877 to 1952. Considered the official newspaper of the Lutheran Free Church, the paper is an unparalleled resource for historians, genealogists, or anyone who is interested in reading Norwegian-American accounts from the past.

Access it at: [archives.augsburg.edu/folkebladet-decade](http://archives.augsburg.edu/folkebladet-decade). The issues are text searchable, or you can browse by date. The newspapers are sorted by decades from 1870s to 1950s. You can then narrow the newspapers down by month and date. Newspapers are fully viewable and searchable. Warning – it's in Norwegian!





Ancestry.com



### **Ancestry.com Changed how it Determines Ethnicity and People are Upset!**

Dick Eastman · September 18, 2018 · DNA ·

There is an article by Marc Daalder in the Detroit Free Press that will interest genealogists. It starts: "Ancestry.com, the website better known for helping users create family trees, find distant family members and capture suspected serial killers, made a lot of customers angry last week. "Recently, Ancestry has entered the business of DNA testing, which allows users to send a vial of spit to the company and receive in return a detailed genetic portfolio, including risk for some diseases and estimates of their ethnic ancestry.

"Neither the medical nor the heritage information are guaranteed to be 100 percent accurate, but as the science improves, so does the quality of the results. At least, that's what Ancestry insists.

"After Ancestry rolled out a new update to its ethnicity estimate system last week, users noticed dramatic changes in their ethnic profiles – some of which is inaccurate, customers say."

Later in the article, Marc Daalder also states:

"Other users said they were happy with the results or found that the new results better matched what they knew of their family history."

You can read the story at: <https://on.freep.com/2MJXD0D>.

Comment by Dick Eastman: I am not convinced that the "new" Ancestry DNA results are inaccurate. I believe there is a strong possibility that the new results are much more accurate than the previous findings. In any case, if you had your DNA tested by Ancestry DNA, you might want to go back to the web site and check your results for any changes.

An Ancestry spokesperson told the Detroit Free Press, "Almost all of our 10 million users saw a change – whether it is seeing a region broken out into more detail (e.g. specifying Sweden or Norway instead of Scandinavia), a small increase or decrease in a percentage from one of their regions or a more substantial evolution."

### **Greeks are not Italian!**

And I'm one of those who doesn't agree with their "new" estimate!! My new DNA ethnicity is shown top right. My mother's parents were both born in Chios, Greece. My grandmother's parents were Greeks who had lived in Turkey and moved to Chios. My original ethnicity was 38% Greece and 13% Caucasus. My first cousin also used Ancestry.com's DNA test and his results were very similar to mine. This confirmed our mothers' common inheritance—the Koutsouradis were Greek and the Tsaggaris did come from Turkey.

I've been to the village of Halkios and met cousins. They don't understand our interest in genealogy and, in general, don't understand Americans being such a mix of ethnicities (my father ancestors were German and English with a little very early Dutch thrown in). The family in Chios response to genealogy questions was "we're Greek and we have always been on Chios". Earthquakes and changes in governments make records hard to come by. But the family home has 1657 over the lintel and you can sit on Homer's Rock on Chios. I wouldn't dare tell them they are Italian.

I have nothing against Italians, but we are Greek!!

Liz Tice, Editor



### **DNA Story for Elizabeth**

ancestryDNA

#### **Ethnicity Regions**

Italy	44%
England, Wales & Northwestern Europe	27%
Germanic Europe	19%
Greece and the Balkans	8%
Greece, Turkey & Albania	
Ireland and Scotland	2%

#### **< Previous Estimate**

Europe South	38%
Great Britain	31%
Caucasus	13%
Europe West	7%
Scandinavia	6%
European Jewish	2%
Middle East	1%
Finland/Northwest Russia	1%
Europe East	<1%



## State Censuses

### ALABAMA State, Territorial, and Colonial Censuses

**Censuses were taken in Alabama in different years than the federal censuses. These censuses may have different data compared to federal censuses. Check these censuses for more information on a family.**

- 1907 State Census
- 1866 Counties: Autauga, Baldwin, Barbour, Bibb, Blount, Butler, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Choctaw, Clarke, Coffee, Conecuh, Coosa, Covington, Dale, Dallas, De Kalb, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Henry, Jackson, Jefferson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Marion, Marshall, Mobile, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Perry, Pickens, Pike, Randolph, Russell, Shelby, St. Clair, Sumter, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, Walker, Washington, Wilcox, Winston
- 1861-1865 Covington County
- 1855 Counties: Autauga, Baldwin, Bibb, Blount, Butler, Calhoun, Clarke, Coffee, Conecuh, Coosa, Covington, Dale, Dallas, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Henry, Jackson, Jefferson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Marion, Marshall, Mobile, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Perry, Pickens, Pike, Randolph, Russell, Shelby, St. Clair, Sumter, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, Walker, Washington, Wilcox, Winston. Has a printed index.
- 1850 Counties: Autauga, Baldwin, Barbour, Benton, Blount, Butler, Chambers, Cherokee, Choctaw, Clarke, Coffee, Conecuh, Coosa, Covington, Dale, Dallas, De Kalb, Franklin, Greene, Henry, Jefferson, Lawrence, Macon, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Mobile, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Perry, Pike, Randolph, Sumter, Tuscaloosa, Washington, and Wilcox
- 1823 State Census
- 1821 State Census
- 1820 Counties: Baldwin, Conecuh, Dallas, Franklin, Limestone, St. Clair, Shelby, Wilcox
- Alabama Census Returns, 1820 and an Abstract of Federal Census of Alabama, 1830
- 1818 partial Territorial
- 1816 Territorial
- 1809 Madison County
- 1805 Mobile City
- 1789 Mobile City
- 1787 Mobile City
- 1786 Mobile City
- 1785 Tensas

### **Confederate Veterans' Censuses**

- 1927, 1921, 1907--Special censuses of Confederate veterans who were receiving a pension were taken. Microfilm copies are available at the Alabama Department of Archives and History at <http://www.archives.state.al.us/>, and at the Family History



## State Censuses

Library.

The 1927 census contains the veteran's name, his widow's name, her age and birth date, and their marriage date. The records are arranged by county, then alphabetically by the name of the widow. This series is not complete. Some of the returns are found in the Confederate

### **Pension Applications.**

- The 1921 census provides each veteran's name, place and date of birth, place of residence, length of Alabama residence, occupation, wife's age and place of birth, marriage date and place, names of living children, occupation, and post office box. The forms also contain the veteran's rank, company, regiment, captain and colonel's name, battles, wounds, captures, imprisonments, and transfers.
- The 1907 census includes each person's name, place of residence, date and place of birth, rank, date of entry into military service, date and place of discharge or separation, and name of military unit. The 1907 lists have been abstracted, indexed, and published.

### **FamilySearch.org**

- 1866 Alabama state census (partial) indexes
- 1855 Alabama state census (partial) indexes

### **Ancestry.com**

- 1866 Alabama state census (partial) indexes and images
- 1855 Alabama state census (partial) indexes and images
- Alabama State Census, 1820-1866

### **New Horizons Genealogy:**

Some indexes of Alabama censuses can be seen at New Horizons Genealogy,

- An Alabama State census was conducted: 1818 (partial), 1820, (partial), 1821 (partial), 1823, 1850, 1855, 1866, 1907.
- The 1820 Alabama territorial census is extant for Baldwin, Conecuh, Dallas, Franklin, Limestone, St. Clair, Shelby, and Wilcox counties.
- The Alabama State Census for 1855 and 1866 name the head of household only. There is also a 1907 census of Confederate veterans.

<http://www.newhorizonsgenealogicalservices.com/al-census.htm>

### **Alabama Archives**

The Alabama state and territorial census records are located at:

Reference Division, Alabama Department of Archives and History

<http://archives.state.al.us/>

For more information see:

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Alabama\\_Census](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Alabama_Census)



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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.

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

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **email:** \_\_\_\_\_

May WVGS include the following in our Members Only membership roster? (please check each box if OK).

☐ YOUR ADDRESS ☐ YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER ☐ YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

My areas of interest are:

My surnames are:

**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
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	1 pm— 8 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	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	10 am– 1 pm
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 / 503-585-7012	CLOSED	CLOSED	12 pm—4 pm				CLOSED



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