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WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM MEETINGS

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting
August 10th, 2019, 10:30 am to 1 pm
Salem Public Library Central Library 585 Liberty St SE Salem, OR 97301
Anderson Room A, Lower Level

10:30 am – 11:45 am General Membership Meeting.

A business meeting will be held to conduct society business.

12 noon – 1 pm Program:

Bill Leach will give a brief history of Oregon's covered bridges including snippets on particular bridges, historical notes and other relevant information. His discussion will include photos of specific bridges and will present covered bridge notecards as gifts to those in attendance.

From Bill: A little bit about me: In my youth, I was amazed at how much I already knew about life. I was fit and buffed, filled with determination and ready to share all my knowledge and insights with the world. I wanted to be a sailor. So, I joined the Navy with duty in Washington DC and sailing the Pacific Ocean on an aircraft carrier. For the first time, I visited a foreign country, seeing more of Vietnam than I ever wanted to see.

Once home, an education beckoned so I obtained a degree in political science from a California University; a degree which ultimately led to work on several political campaigns and seven years employment with the Oregon Legislature. A fascination with geology got me hooked on crystals, gems, and minerals. For 37 years' – part time – I became a miner, visiting old mines and ghost towns all over the west, mining for crystals, in turn selling them to museums and collectors and a full-time 30-year career in education.

A few years ago, I retired, wondering what doors might open for me next. A dear friend needed some cash and sold me a camera. Since that time, photography has become a passion. As I reflect on my 60-plus years that have passed, I feel more "real" and more alive now than ever. If nothing else, I've been amazed at realizing all I didn't know about life and have discovered along the way.

WVGS programs are always open to the public.

Upcoming Programs for 2019

August—Bill Leach "Oregon Covered Bridges"

September—Jim Johnson "Land Records"

October—Patrick Harris "Aurora Colony"

November— VFW Collections, meeting & program

To be held at the VFW Hall on Hood St

December—Annual potluck and auction, meeting
and potluck to be held at VFW Hall

Suggestions for programs for 2020 are welcome!

August 8th, Thursday 11:30 am to 1:30 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.

2019 Meeting Dates

In Anderson A at Salem Public Library:

June 8, July 13, August 10, October 12

At LDS Church on Lone Oak:

September 14

At VFW Hall on Hood St NE:

November 9 and December 14



WVGS Information

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

Membership as of July 13, 2019 was 22 Life Members, 60 single memberships, and 13 family memberships (26 individuals) for a total of 108 members.

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 \$7.00 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

Parking at Salem Public Library

The Library Parkade is metered parking at \$.75 an hour. Parking is free after 6 pm and on Sunday. 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:

Monday	Closed
Tuesday - Saturday	11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday	1 pm to 4 pm
DNA Help	By appointment from our website

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**.

Questions about Autosomal DNA?

Denise Sproed, 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, <http://wvgsor.org/Research.htm>, 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. Labels can be turned in at any Saturday WVGS meeting or mailed to WVGS. NORPAC is a local farmer-owned cooperative.

WVGS Officers for 2019

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*



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Genealogical Scholarship Information

WVGS member **Dave Bruey** has created a wonderful program that will benefit all members of the society.

WVGS will offer scholarships for members to take genealogy courses.

- WVGS will pay for online courses offered online by the National Institute for Genealogical Studies (NIGS).
- After course completion, the recipient will be responsible to present a program to the WVGS membership at a meeting.
- Members can view the many course offerings at <https://www.genealogicalstudies.com/>.
- If you wish to submit a proposal for consideration of a scholarship, please complete the form on the second page of the form. Transmit your proposal to WVGS member David Bruey for coordination. Contact David Bruey at dbruey@hotmail.com
- The proposals without the authors' identities will be presented at a monthly meeting of the WVGS for a selection vote by the members present.
- Complete information and the applications are on our website under "Member Page".

Don't let the requirement of presenting a program discourage you—you won't have to do it alone!

Candalaria Connection

By Jerry Rodgers August, 2019

WVGS has two Nebraska publications available at Candalaria.

- Nebraska Ancestry has been published quarterly by the Nebraska State Genealogical Society (NSGS) since 1978. Each issue includes articles on Nebraska history and families, vital record transcriptions, and other genealogical material. A helpful feature is that article titles usually include the county location. The NSGS website has a partially completed project underway to make publications over five years old available online. Volumes 1 to 22 are mostly available. <https://nsgs.org/>
- Nebraska History is published quarterly by the Nebraska State Historical Society (NSHS). Issues include researched articles, edited documents, and other annotated primary materials related to the history of Nebraska and the Great Plains. <https://history.nebraska.gov/publications>

WVGS Collection:

Nebraska Ancestry: Volume 1, (1978) through Volume 34, #2 (2012).

Nebraska History: Volume 49, (1968) through Volume 85, #1 (2004)

Indexes:

-The NSGS has a project underway adding volume indexes online.

<http://sites.rootsweb.com/~nesgs/Ancestry/index.htm>

-The NSHS website has a cumulative index for all issues.

<https://history.nebraska.gov/publications/nebraska-history-magazine>

-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 the 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 Jerry Rodgers at 503-507-7455 or one of our helpful volunteers available at the WVGS library desk from 11 to 5 Tuesday through Saturday or 1 to 4 on Sunday.



WVGS News

Beaver Briefs

Salem Public Library Seismic and Safety Upgrade Project

At this time, no plans have been revealed. The Salem Public Library page still says:

- Temporary Library Relocation. This project will require us to temporarily relocate the Library to a during construction. We're looking now for the best location, considering input from our community.
- Construction. Work is scheduled to begin in early 2020 with the Library set to reopen in the summer of 2021.

The Lower Level of the Library will be used for staging. Anderson Rooms A and B will be closed to meetings beginning November 1, 2019. Our November and December meetings will be held at the VFW Hall on Hood St. NE.

[On July 22, 2019 Salem City Council approved a lease agreement for the Capital Press building, 1400 to 1440 Broadway NE, Salem, for Salem Public Library. The lease will be from November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2021.]

We will be waiting to hear what space we will have in the temporary space. We hope to maintain our genealogy help desk with volunteers.

Genealogy Workshop

Have you "been meaning to start work on your family history", but just haven't?? **NOW IS THE TIME.** Bring information on your parents and grandparents. We will begin with filling out the Family Group Sheets. And then go over sources for those vital records and where to find them. Starting with these generations is the first step to getting you started.

The Genealogy Workshop in the Computer Lab at the Center 50+ is in partnership with the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society. Two separate workshops will be held.

Cost is \$15 for one—pick your day.

Instructor: Liz Tice, WVGS

When: Monday October 14, 2019

Repeat on Saturday October 19, 2019

Time: Each is 10 am to 3 pm

Lunch on your own from 12 noon to 1 pm

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

Contact: Senior Center 503-588-6303

Register online at <https://egov.cityofsalem.net/enter50Plus/>

Beaver Briefs

The Summer Issue, Volume 51, No. 3, of Beaver Briefs is ready! Co-Editors Craig Smith and Dennis Hill have worked together to produce an updated publication. We will send a pdf version to members and exchange societies. Members can also access the quarterly on our webpage under "Member Page". The version on our web page has color pictures. Members who have paid \$7.00 to cover postage for 4 issues for 2019 will receive a copy by USPS mail (sorry—no color).

If you need your password for the "Member Page" please contact us at willvgs@yahoo.com.

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Beaver Briefs Vol. 51, No. 3 will be sent by email or US mail on August 1, 2019.

Also don't forget that we are soliciting articles for Beaver Briefs from our members. We all have stories and maybe unusual research. Let's share!

Chemawa Cemetery Project

Years ago, WVGS members surveyed Chemawa Indian School Cemetery in Keizer, Oregon. An amazing job was done by walking the cemetery, going to the Oregon State Archives, using "Chemawa Register of Pupils" from the National Archives, Rigdon Colonial Chapel records, and newspapers (on microfilm the old way).

The results were published in Beaver Briefs in 1993-94. We also have kept the cemetery cards with notes.

With the internet, Ancestry.com, Find A Grave and other resources, we can find some more missing information. The volunteer on Find A Grave for Chemawa Cemetery is only photographing and posting the headstone information.

We have so much more information for most people buried there. A group of WVGS members volunteered to make a new database for our website and to submit some information to Find A Grave. We are working on that project now, not to make any money on the results but to provide information to families. Many children are buried there.



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Victorian Reform School & Prison Records Online

- Ancestry.com has recently published some fascinating reformatory school and prison records from West Yorkshire. The West Yorkshire Collection 1779-1914 details the crimes of thousands of boys admitted to Calder Farm Reformatory, East Moor Community Home School and The Shadwell Children's Centre. The records are available are:
- West Yorkshire England Reformatory School Records 1856-1914
- West Yorkshire, England, Prison Records, 1801-1914
- West Yorkshire, England, Police Records, 1833-1914
- West Yorkshire, England, Militia, 1779-1826

Olive Tree Genealogy Blog

More than 70,000 Historical Records Added to Quebec City Municipal Archives Website

Gail Dever, *Genealogy à la carte*

<http://genealogyalacarte.ca/>

- The Quebec City municipal archives has digitized and recently made available online more than 70,000 historical records, such as maps, illustrations, architectural drawings, and 30,000 photos.
 - This major improvement to its website coincides with the temporary move of the city's 400,000 archival records to a warehouse while the Gabrielle-Roy library, where they were housed, is being renovated.
 - To ensure the public has online access to a significant portion of the archival collection, three employees have been digitizing records for the last four years.
 - The documents will be returned to the library when the work is completed in early 2022.
- Editor's Note: Gail's post provides details on how to use the site and what searches are most applicable to genealogists, complete with illustrations! I managed to find contemporary photographs of the church where my great-great grandparents were married in 1828! (*The Ontario Genealogical Society*)
- While the website is in French, it can be easily navigated with an understanding of a few French words or by using Google Translate or the Chrome web browser to translate into English or any other language.
 - The two key sections for genealogists on the Quebec City municipal archives website are Pages d'histoire (Pages of history) and Recherche d'archives (Search archives).



Genealogy News

Yankee Publishing Acquires Family Tree Magazine

Dick Eastman · July 22, 2019

Great news! A major genealogy magazine was on the verge of folding. However, the US Family Tree Magazine has now been purchased by a major magazine publisher with a long history of publishing. Family Tree magazine now seems to have a bright future. Here is the announcement:

Dublin, NH (July 19, 2019) — Yankee Publishing Inc. (YPI), publisher of Yankee, The Old Farmer's Almanac, and New Hampshire magazine, announced its acquisition of Family Tree magazine from F+W Media.

"We're pleased to welcome Family Tree to YPI's family of products," said President and CEO Jamie Trowbridge. "Family Tree fits well with our suite of brands, both in terms of content and business strategy. We're excited to take this step to continue YPI's growth as an independent media company." Family Tree – with its print magazine, website, online classes and conferences, and web store – serves a passionate audience of genealogy enthusiasts. Interest in genealogy is surging in America, with over 20 million Americans having had their DNA tested by the four leading commercial ancestry and health databases, according to industry estimates.

Spotlight: Oregon Cemeteries

by Valerie Beaudrault, Assistant Editor, **The Weekly Genealogist, American Ancestors**

The city of Ashland is located in Jackson County in southwestern Oregon. The city's website provides burials databases for its three cemeteries: Hargadine, Ashland, and Mountain View. More than 11,500 individuals are buried in these cemeteries.

- The first burials in Hargadine Cemetery took place in 1867. Hargadine was acquired by the city in 1989. The first burials in what became Ashland Cemetery took place in the 1850s. Nearly all of the cemetery came under city ownership in 1880. Mountain View Cemetery was established by the city of Ashland in 1904.
- The cemeteries are listed in the contents list on the left side of the webpage. Click the cemetery name and then the gravesite locator link, which will open a new page. Click the link on that page to begin. The database can be searched by last name, first name, "AKA" (also known as), date interred, and section/lot.
- A GIS Cemetery Viewer is provided. Search by name or birth/death year. The search results will show the location of the plot on a cemetery layout as well as the deceased's full name, cemetery name, and grave location. In many cases, a photograph of the gravestone or site location will appear on a pop-up panel.



Family Tree Now

This is what **Family Tree Now** says:

- Family Tree Now is a site that aims to give users the best free tools possible in order to research their genealogy, look up information on other people, or merely find out what is available online about themselves. The service was launched in 2014.
- There's a wide variety of information you can use this service to find, including address, phone number, email address, name, phone, date of birth, associated relatives, public records (this could include birth records, marriage records, census records, death records, and other information available from public records databases).
- How is Family Tree Now Different? The most unique factor that sets Family Tree Now apart from other people search sites is the fact that all of the information here is available **for free** in one place, no registration required. Anyone who has just a first and last name is able to dig up anything: cell phone numbers, work information, relative's addresses, and a whole host of other information. This information is publicly available if you're willing to dig in and search for it at a variety of different sites, but Family Tree Now takes it quite a few steps further, putting it all in one place for free.
- You can "do research, build a family tree and discover your past" all in one place for free.
- Family Tree Now
<https://www.familytreenow.com/>

Here's what **Kim Komando of USA Today** says:

- The original purpose of Family Tree Now was to connect people to their distant relatives, thanks to comprehensive genealogical information. The site started raising eyebrows when people discovered their home addresses listed, along with the directions for how to get there. Strangers may also look up your telephone number and other person details.
- Most people leave a digital footprint. But Family Tree Now feels particularly invasive. What users find to be most eerie is that you don't even have to sign up or become a member to have your information listed on the site. It's already there for anyone to see, for free.
- Luckily, there's something you can do about it: there's a special Opt-Out Page, and if you follow the instructions, Family Tree Now should be able to process your request within 48 hours.
- Go to familytreenow.com/optout. Click the "Begin Opt-Out Procedure" button.
- You will be routed to a free search page. Run a search on yourself. Once you've found yourself, click on the record details. Verify that this record is, in fact, you and not someone else with the same or similar name.
- Once you're certain that it's your record, click the red "Opt Out This Record" button



State Census Information

INDIANA State, territorial, and colonial censuses

Indiana took censuses 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.

Family History Library books, microfilm, and microfiche:

- 1937 Blackford (Licking Twp), Henry counties
- 1931 Blackford (Licking Twp), Hancock, Henry, St Joseph counties
- 1925 Blackford (Licking Twp), Henry, St. Joseph counties
- 1919 Blackford (Licking Twp), Hancock (Center Twp), Henry, Miami, Pike, Ripley (Jackson Twp), St Joseph, Starke (Center Twp) counties
- 1913 Blackford (Licking Twp), Henry, Miami, Pike, St. Joseph, Starke (Center Twp) counties
- 1907 Miami, Montgomery, Pike (Lochart Twp), St Joseph counties
- 1901 Lawrence (Spice Valley Twp), Miami, Pike, St. Joseph, Washington (Jackson Twp) counties
- 1897 Pike school, St. Joseph counties
- 1896 Pike County school census
- 1895 Miami, Pike, St. Joseph, Starke counties
- 1890 Pike veterans and school census, St. Joseph counties
- 1889 Blackford (scattered twps), Hancock (Brown Twp), Miami, Pike (Jefferson Twp) and vets, St. Joseph counties
- 1887 Pike County veterans census
- 1886 Pike County veterans census
- 1883 Blackford (scattered twps), Hancock (Brandywine, Center, and Sugar Creek twps), Miami, St. Joseph counties
- 1882 Whitley (Churubusco) County
- 1877 Blackford (scattered twps), Fayette (five twps.), Hancock (Brown, and Green twps), Miami counties
- 1871 Blackford (scattered twps), Miami counties
- 1866 Clinton, Kosciusko, Miami, Pike (Jefferson Twp) counties
- 1857 Blackford (Hartford City), Miami counties
- 1853 Hendricks, Jennings, Miami, St. Joseph counties
- 1842-1846 Gibson, Pike counties school censuses
- 1807 Dearborn, Knox, Randolph counties + 1807 voters lists from Clark and Randolph (Kaskaskia) counties

Indiana county assessors were supposed to take a state census every six years starting in 1853. Ancestry's Red Book says enumerations were made at various intervals starting in 1820. Most of these incomplete originals are apparently at county archives. The Indiana State Library at Indianapolis has a few for 1931, 1919, 1913, 1901, 1889, 1883, 1877, 1871, and 1857. Many are also published in periodicals.

Ancestry.com:

Indiana, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1790-1890

For more information see:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Indiana_Census



Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Membership Application

Revised December 2018, previous versions obsolete

Mailing Address:

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society
P. O. Box 2083
Salem, OR 97308-2083
Email: willvgs@yahoo.com
For more information:
WVGS Web Site Address:
<http://www.wvgsor.org>

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

\$ _____ Annual Dues (\$25 individual or \$30 family membership), includes newsletter and electronic copy of 4 issues of Beaver Briefs

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

SINGLE Apr-Jun: \$18.75 Jul-Sept: \$12.50 Oct-Dec: \$6.25

FAMILY Apr-Jun: \$22.50 Jul-Sept: \$15.00 Oct-Dec: \$7.50

\$ _____ Additional cost for postage of hard copy of Beaver Briefs in the mail (\$7) for members only, 4 issues

\$ _____ One-time payment for Life Membership q Under age 70 (\$250) q Age 70 or Over (\$200)
See website for information on Life Membership or pick up a form from an officer.

\$ _____ Hard copy of Beaver Briefs only (\$20) by mail, non-member only, 4 issues

\$ _____ Other (please identify) _____

\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED Please make check payable to WVGS.

This information will be used to connect members through our website. Contact will be made through a third party. Your contact information will not be posted on the Members Page of our website.

I am looking for help or need help with:

I can offer help with:

My 5 main surnames are:

Languages (other than English) that I can read are:

SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

Williamette Valley Genealogical Society