



WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Volume XLI, Number 10

Salem, Oregon

October 2019

President: Elizabeth Tice—503-363-0880—email: eliztice@comcast.net
Newsletter Editor: Elizabeth Tice—503-363-0880—email: willvgs@yahoo.com
WVGS Web Site <http://www.wvgsor.org>

WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM MEETINGS

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting

October 12, 2019, 10:30 am to 1 pm

Salem Public Library Central Library 585 Liberty St SE Salem, OR 97301

Anderson Room A, Lower Level

(Yes, we're back at Salem Public Library this month.)

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

A business meeting will be held to conduct society business.

12 noon – 1 pm Program: Patrick Harris “Aurora Colony”

In 1853 William Keil sent ten scouts from Missouri who arrived at the then American controlled Fort Vancouver. Oregon had been declared an American Territory in 1848 but it was not until 1853 for Washington. Thus, the scouts were sent north and selected the Willapa Bay region. Keil arrived with his first migration in 1855 but he did not like the weather or the isolation on the coastline and regrouped his people in Portland where he met some of the first 1847 emigrants who were by then brining their apples and pears to the California market which they first were exposed to in 1848.

Keil purchased a saw and a flour mill from these settlers in 1856 in the prairie region and he named the site Aurora Mills after his daughter. From that year until the settlement of colony business in 1883 the Aurora community managed a Christian cooperative society at Aurora based on communal living, or the actual sharing of labor and property. Several previous writers have emphasized that Keil desired isolation for his community, but the actual records tell a completely different story of a community intimately involved in the political and social life of the Willamette Valley.

Patrick Harris has a master's degree in History from Portland State University (1981). He served as the Executive Director of the Aurora Colony Historical Society from 1983 to 1996 and then as ED at the Clackamas County Historical Society to March of 2006. He returned to Aurora as the Curator of Collections that year and continues there to this day.

WVGS programs are always open to the public.

October 10, Thursday 11:30 am to 1:30 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.

Upcoming Programs for 2019

October—Patrick Harris “Aurora Colony”

November— VFW Collections, meeting & program

December—Annual potluck and auction

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 at

630 Hood St NE, Salem, OR 97301 Hood St NE:

November 9 and December 14



WVGS Information

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

Membership as of September 14, 2019 was 21 Life Members, 60 single memberships, and 13 family memberships (26 individuals) for a total of 107 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

NORPAC is a local farmer-owned cooperative. In August the headline in the *Statesman Journal* was "NORPAC files Chapter 11 bankruptcy, reaches deal to sell itself to Oregon Potato Company". Therefore we have ended this program.

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*



WVGS News

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!

October, 2019 Candalaria Connection

By Jerry Rodgers

The WVGS has recently added three donated family histories to our collection at Candalaria. Family histories can be valuable research shortcuts to entire family lines that usually include extended families. There can be thousands of linked and indexed surnames in each publication.

The recent additions and original publication dates include:

- **Bradbury Family Memorial, 1899**
- **The Phelps Family of America (2 volumes), 1899**
- **Polk Family and Kinsmen, 1912**

There are two ways to search the WVGS family history collection.

-A printed list by primary surname is available at the Salem Public Library in the Candalaria notebook located on the information shelf behind the volunteer desk.

-A list by primary surname is available on the WVGS website. Go to the "Materials" link and scroll down to the "Materials Stored Offsite" link.

<http://www.wvgsor.org/>

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

WVGS News

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. Bring your tablet or laptop if you’d like.

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/>

Election of Officers for 2020

Election of officers for 2020 will be held at the November general meeting. We are looking for members who are interested in becoming more involved in our society. Our officers from 2019 are willing to run for office again, but if you are interested, please contact an officer. We will fit you in somewhere! We are facing changes next year (again!) as we move with Salem Public Library to a smaller space while the library building undergoes earthquake retrofitting. Our society is more than our desk at the library, but this is our public face and access to the public. Our books will not be available during the 18 to 24 months of work. We have been very successful with our volunteer program.

Nominations for WVGS Officers for 2020:

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*

Dues for 2020

On the recommendation of the Executive Board, members decided at the September meeting that an increase in dues for 2020 was not needed. Annual dues will remain at \$25 for an individual or \$30 family membership.

However, relying on donations each year is not a reliable amount.

A suggestion was made to reduce the pro-rated rates for dues. Currently our By-laws specify:

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

This would require a change to the by-laws so the Executive Board will consider the change at the next meeting with a recommendation for the membership.



GENEALOGICAL FORUM OF OREGON



**FALL
SEMINAR
2019**

Deutsche & Dutch

Genealogy
on the
North Sea



with
Fritz Juengling

OCTOBER 5 & 6, 2019

Dr. Juengling is a German, Dutch, and Scandinavian Research Consultant at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Saturday 10 am –4:30 pm: **Do a deep dive into locating German records.** You can register and pay online at gfo.org/deutsche.



Land Records



Land Records

September Program

WVGS member Jim Johnson was our speaker for September. He talked about the value of land records to genealogists. You need to know where to look for the records, knowing the period of time they lived there and the courthouse that housed the records (not necessarily the same county now). You can find other families nearby, often discovering a wife's maiden name. Abstracts of titles also including an amazing about of

What can I find in US Land Records?

- ♦ Deeds can provide many clues about your ancestor and their family. An individual may have sold land to their children or siblings. A deed may show the distribution of land of a deceased parent to their children as an inheritance (then check probate records, also).
- ♦ The sale of a piece of property may give the first name of the wife (then look for marriage records).
- ♦ A deed may mention the previous county and state of residence or a new county or state of residence.
- ♦ Deeds often give the names of adjacent property owners, who might be parents, cousins, children, or family friends.
- ♦ Land records may also show if he had served in the military, or if he was a naturalized citizen.
- ♦ A deed could show the settlement of a probate decree, a sale by court order, a separation between two individuals, or may mention different types of relationships.
- ♦ Many civil suits are found in deeds—over half of the lawsuits in America before 1850 had something to do with land (check court records). Federal land patents may also be found recorded in county deed books.
- ♦ Land records can help separate individuals or families with the same surname.
- ♦ Information from land records will lead to other types of records to search, such as probate or court records, marriage records, military records, or immigration and naturalization records.

To find online land records

- ♦ FamilySearch: For each state there is an Online Genealogy Records page. This a link to the Online Genealogy Records page:
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Online_Genealogy_Records_by_Location#U.S._Online_Records_by_State
 Then select a state. For example, Oregon leads you to this:

Land Records

- [Oregon State Archives Women's Property Index](#)
- [Oregon State Archives Land Claim Index](#)
- [Genealogical Forum of Oregon Land Claims Index](#)
- [U.S., Bureau of Land Management Tract Books, 1820-1908](#) Images only.
- ♦ At Ancestry.com, search the entire land records category.
- ♦ Do a Google search by typing your county and state with the words "online land records" after the name of the state being searched.
- ♦ Search strategies
 - ◇ Deed books will have one index for grantees and another for grantors. It is important to search both the grantee and grantor index, as much can be learned by looking at both the purchases and the sales.
 - ◇ Study the index system carefully to see how it is organized. Sometimes, surnames are grouped together by the first letter of the last name and are not in strict alphabetical order after that. In some deed indexes, names are also indexed by the first letter of the first name.
 - ◇ Take note about whether or not a landowner sold the same amount of acreage he originally purchased. If he sold more land than he purchased, he may have inherited some land or acquired land through marriage. If he purchased more land than he sold, find out what happened to the rest of the land.
 - ◇ Look carefully at deeds of people with the same surnames in the county you are searching, as these people may be related.
- ♦ Check BLM for homestead records, <https://glorerecords.blm.gov/default.aspx> Bureau of Land Management (BLM), General Land Office (GLO) Records Automation provides live access to Federal land conveyance records for the Public Land States. <https://www.blm.gov/or/landrecords/landrecords.php> provides access to more Oregon and Washington land records.
- ♦ Don't forget the National Archives for the complete Land Entry files!



State Census Information

KANSAS State, territorial, and colonial censuses

Kansas often took censuses in the years between the federal censuses, the dates are listed below. State census records may have columns that were different or more unusual than those found on federal censuses. The responses and years of coverage may give additional information on the family.

1925 State

1915 State

1905 State

1895 State

1885 State

1875 State

1865 State

1860 Territory. *This is Kansas' state copy of the Kansas Territory federal census including parts of Colorado. The state copy and its index are available at the Kansas State Historical Society.*

1855 Territory

Ancestry.com

Kansas State Census Collection, 1855-1925

This database contains state censuses for Kansas for the following

*years: 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859**

**The censuses completed from 1855-1859 are actually voter lists. 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905, 1915, 1925*

Microfilm images Family History Library Federal Census Non-Population Schedule Microfilms for Kansas

1927-1931 Indian Census rolls

1903-1920 Kickapoo Indian census

1903-1920 Potawatomi Indian census

1903-1920 Sauk and Fox Indian census

1903-1920 Iowa Indian census

1901-1933 Potawatomi Agency

1860 - 1880 Non-population census schedules

Kansas State Historical Society

<https://www.kshs.org>

Kansas censuses are available at the Kansas Historical Society from 1855 through 1930 on microfilm. Indexes for selected years are also available. These records are available online from Ancestry free to Kansans by verifying their driver's license. There is also more detail on the information on the state censuses on their website. There is also a list of indexes to Kansas state cen-



State Census Information

suses, which are available in the State Archives research room in Topeka.

For more information on Kansas state censuses see:

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

KENTUCKY State, territorial, and colonial censuses

Kentucky often took censuses in the years between the federal censuses, the dates are listed below. State census records may have columns that were different or more unusual than those found on federal censuses. The responses and years of coverage may give additional information on the family.

1819-1820 Northern Kentucky town censuses including Boone, Campbell, and Kenton counties
School Censuses 1870-1936 (mostly 1895-1910) school censuses for many Kentucky counties. School censuses, where they exist, may only be available at local boards of education. A few are at the Kentucky State Archives, Kentucky Historical Society, or Family History Library.

Family History Library Books:

1787-1811 tax lists

1800 tax lists

1795 tax lists

1790 tax lists

1787 tax lists. In 1787 part of Virginia included what is now Kentucky.

Familysearch.org:

United States Census of Union Veterans and Widows of the Civil War, 1890 includes Kentucky

Ancestry.com

Kentucky, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1810-1890 includes: 1810 Federal Census and Index; 1820 Federal Census Index; 1830 Federal Census Index; 1840 Federal Census Index; 1840 Pensioners List; 1850 Federal Census Index; 1850 Slave Schedules; 1860 Federal Census Index; 1870 Federal Census Index; 1890 Veterans Schedules; Early Census Index.

For more information see:

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

Land Records At The Kansas State Archives: Kansas Tract Books, Railroad Land Grants, Original state survey records County Deed Records, County Plat Atlases. Kansas is a public-domain land state, meaning the federal government gave away or sold the land in Kansas. The initial transfer of land from the federal government is recorded in the Kansas Tract Books. These books list the land by the legal description--section, township and range.

The State Archives is a division of the Kansas Historical Society, <https://www.kshs.org/p/research/19385>



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 _____

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



October 2019 Newsletter

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society
P. O. Box 2083
Salem, OR 97308-2083