

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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### WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM MEETINGS

**Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting**  
**January 11, 2020 10:30 am to 1 pm**  
**Veterans of Foreign Wars Building, 630 Hood St NE, Salem, Oregon**  
**Park in the parking lot across the street on Hood Street.**  
**The entrance has stairs, but there is a ramp on the west side.**

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

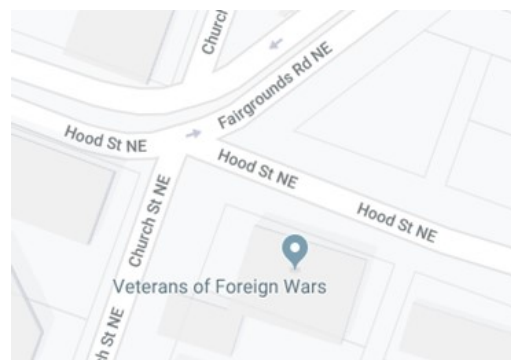
A business meeting will be held to conduct society business.

**12 noon – 1 pm Program: Dave Bruey, WVGS Member:**

**Bringing Our Family Trees to Life:  
Building Family Histories from Genealogical Facts**

Dave will present ways he has found to infuse historical context into the life stories of his ancestors. We will review some different kinds of genealogy reports including one that Dave has developed for his purposes, will see a procedure anyone might use to add more meaning and interest to their genealogical records, and will practice recognizing the personal stories lurking within some actual family group sheets.

David Bruey is a member of the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society and volunteers at the Salem Public Library genealogy help desk. He is also a volunteer photographer for Find-A-Grave.com. He has completed twenty-four genealogy courses to date. Dave became interested in family history while in high school but could pursue that interest only sporadically during the decades that he was working as a university administrator and raising four children with his wife of fifty years. Since retiring he has been writing a book to be published later in 2020 on his great-grandmother's ancestry from the late 1500s in England to the 1800s in Ohio.



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

#### Upcoming Programs for 2020

February 8—Members Sharing Stories & Heirlooms

Doug Crosby is always open to suggestions for programs!

**January 9th, 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.



## WVGS Information

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

Membership as of December 14 2019 was 1 society, 20 Life Members, 60 single memberships, and 13 family memberships (26 individuals) for a total of 107 members. **Welcome new Life Member Brian Johnson of Damascus, Oregon!**

### 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** until February 3rd, 2020. 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 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:

<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 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.

### Meeting Dates for 2020

<b>January 11</b>	<b>July 11</b>
<b>February 8</b>	<b>August 8</b>
<b>March 14</b>	<b>September 12</b>
<b>April 11</b>	<b>October 10</b>
<b>May 9</b>	<b>November 14</b>
<b>June 13</b>	<b>December 12</b>

### WVGS Officers for 2020

#### 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

Last year WVGS launched a new and exciting program to fund scholarships that will benefit all members of our society. The Society will fund up to four scholarships per year for members to take genealogy courses. After completing a course, the recipient will share his or her knowledge with other members at a WVGS monthly meeting. The courses are offered by the National Institute for Genealogical Studies (NIGS). You can view its many course offerings at <https://www.genealogicalstudies.com/>

Each scholarship recipient will be able to choose from a range of options how best to share his or her knowledge with the membership. The list of options is presently being developed for member approval. For example, a recipient might present a program, or report on the most valuable lessons learned, or distribute a written summary of the main ideas in the course, or lead a member discussion of the subject of the course. Help will be available happily to any scholarship recipient who wants assistance in sharing his or her information.

Complete information and the application are on our website under “Member Page”. If you wish to submit a proposal for consideration of a scholarship, please complete the form on the second page. Transmit your proposal to WVGS member David Bruey for coordination. You are welcome to contact Dave with your proposal or with any questions at [dbruey@hotmail.com](mailto:dbruey@hotmail.com). The proposals without their authors’ identities will be presented at a WVGS monthly meeting for a selection vote by the members present.

### Salem Public Library’s move to temporary quarters

Salem Public Library staff and our partners are managing many changes as we prepare to temporarily move to 1400 Broadway NE while the Main Library at 585 Liberty St. SE is renovated. One thing is not changing—our commitment to our community and to providing friendly, welcoming service accessible to all. The Main Salem Public Library at 585 Liberty St. SE will have its **last open day February 2, 2020** before closing for construction.

Salem Public Library at Broadway will **open February 18, 2020 at 1400 Broadway St. NE**, to serve during construction, offering:

- Browsing collections for Adults, Teens, and Children
- New books and other materials
- Hold pick-up and assistance with placing holds
- Public-use computers, scanners, and printing for all ages
- Wireless internet access
- Weekly storytimes

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/were-on-the-move-and-here-for-you.aspx>

### How this affects Willamette Valley Genealogical Society

- WVGS **will** still have a volunteer desk to help patrons with free genealogy assistance at the temporary library site. Our hours will be the same: 11 am to 5 pm Tuesday through Saturday and 1 pm to 4 pm on Sunday.
- Salem Public Library expects the renovations to last two to three years.
- The temporary location on Broadway NE is about one-third the size of the library’s current space.
- WVGS’s book collection of genealogy books (which belongs to the society, not to the library) will have to be put in storage. WVGS members will box the books (boxes provided by the Library) and they will be stored with other library materials being stored.
- WVGS will still have materials stored at Candalaria Terrace where we rent space. Volunteers will have to mainly rely on computers and the internet.
- We won’t be purchasing new books during this time.



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State Library of Oregon

## 2020 Membership— Time to Renew!

It's that time of year again-Time to renew your membership-

Sue Rempel, our Membership VP, is ready to process membership renewals. Officers and members in September decided there was no need to increase dues as we are in good financial shape.

**Annual Dues remain at \$25 for individual membership or \$30 for family membership**, includes 4 issues of Beaver Briefs online, 12 monthly newsletters and reduced rates on research. An additional \$7.00 is needed to pay for postage to receive copies of Beaver Briefs in the mail. Use the form on page 7.

You can mail your completed membership form to our address: WVGS, P.O. Box 2083, Salem, Oregon, 97308-2083.

## Genealogy Classes 2020

**Willamette Valley Genealogical Society will have a series of genealogy classes on a variety of genealogy topics. You sign up for each one separately-some or all of them. Each one will have a presentation and hand-out on the topic. Then after a break you will get individual help on computers. You may bring your own laptop/tablet or use the computers in the Tech Room. \$10 each class**

- ♦ **Class 1 January 27, 2020. Ancestry.com and Family Search**
- ♦ **Class 2 February 3, 2020. Vital Records**
- ♦ **Class 3 February 10, 2020. Military Records**
- ♦ **Class 4 February 24, 2020. Immigration & Naturalization**
- ♦ **Class 5 March 2, 2020. Googling and Free Genealogy Sites**
- ♦ **Class 6 March 9, 2020. New England, including Mayflower**

Time: Each class is 10 am to 1 pm, Mondays on the date above. The cost is \$10 for each 3 hour class. Classes will be held at the Center 50+, 2615 Portland Rd NE, Salem, OR 97301

Contact: Senior Center 503-588-6303  
Or Register online at <https://egov.cityofsalem.net/center50Plus/>



## Oregon Index Online

The State Library of Oregon recently celebrated the Oregon Index going online. This has been a **major** project of the library.

"The Oregon Index was compiled by State Library staff and volunteers starting in the early 20th century and continuing to the mid-1980s. It contains over 700,000 cards with citations to articles published in Oregon newspapers, magazines, book chapters, and more. Topics cover events and issues important to Oregon history and state government.

In some cases, the cards use archaic language that may have been considered appropriate in the context of the time when the citations were created, but may be jarring to library users today. The cards have been digitized and posted without altering the content.

See the Oregon Index Online Guide for more searching and background information The resources that are indexed may be, but are not necessarily, found in the State Library collections. Try searching the State Library Catalog or WorldCat for book, magazine, or newspaper titles, or contact us for assistance.

The organization of the digitized cards reflects the physical drawers in the State Library building. Drawers 001 through 196 contain biographical cards, and drawers 200 through 660 contain subject cards. You can browse by drawer or search by using the "Search this Collection" box."

[https://digital.osl.state.or.us/islandora/object/osl%3Aor\\_index](https://digital.osl.state.or.us/islandora/object/osl%3Aor_index)

A continuation of this index that is a searchable online database covering up to 2004 is available at <http://library.state.or.us/home/orind/>

**Alice Laviolette**, retired librarian, was instrumental in getting the cards scanned by the Oregon Department of Revenue using their check scanning machines.





## National Archives

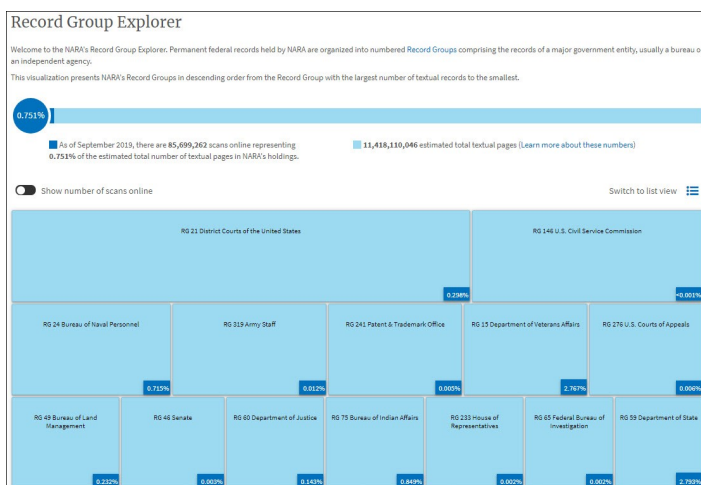


## NATIONAL ARCHIVES

### Introducing the Record Group Explorer

With billions of pages of records, there's no question that the holdings of the National Archives are vast. The breadth can be intimidating to researchers and online users, especially first-time users, who may not have familiarity with the organization and management of archival material.

That's why we are excited to announce a new tool to help you navigate the universe of records held at the National Archives: the Record Group Explorer.



This data visualization allows you to browse NARA's holdings by Record Group. You can use it to get a sense of the scale and organization of records at the National Archives and to explore what is available online via the National Archives Catalog. Click any of the blue boxes to see an overview of the scans available online, and find links to the Catalog, organized by format.

Each Record Group page has a progress bar that provides an estimate of the percentage of textual pages that are currently available online. Want to join us as a Citizen Archivist? Follow the link on each Record Group page to learn more about tagging and transcribing historical records in our Catalog to make them more searchable and accessible.

[https://www.archives.gov/findingaid/explorer?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=rgexplorer](https://www.archives.gov/findingaid/explorer?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=rgexplorer)



## National Archives

### Record Group Explorer:

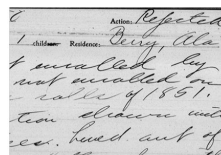
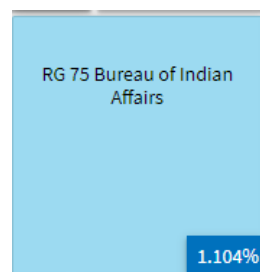
Welcome to the NARA's Record Group Explorer. Permanent federal records held by NARA are organized into numbered Record Groups comprising the records of a major government entity, usually a bureau or an independent agency.

#### 0.815%:

As of December 2019, there are 93,350,971 scans online representing 0.815% of the estimated total number of textual pages in NARA's holdings.

The National Archives is working on putting their records online and it is worth looking at this Record Group Explorer. It is much easier now to see what has been scanned and to look at the images. There are no indexes so you have to browse.

For example, clicking on RG 75 Bureau of Indian Affairs, you can browse Textual Records, Maps or Photographs.



Textual Records

Explore



Map and Charts

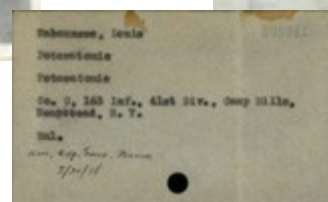
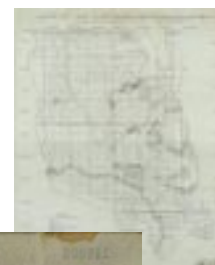
Explore



Photographs

Explore

You might find a picture of Minnie Spottedwolf or a map of the Flathead Indian Reservation in 1947 or Indians in World War I.





## State Censuses

### **LOUISIANA State, territorial, and colonial censuses**

Censuses were taken in Louisiana 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.

Available at Family History Library as books or on film:

1854-1855, and 1856-1857 Orleans Parish (Carrollton only)

1837 New Orleans only

1805 A special census of New Orleans was taken.

1804 New Orleans only. Available at the Louisiana State Archives.

1699-1860 Territory and State

1784-1850 New Orleans only

1722-1803 Colony

1758-1796 Colony

1791 New Orleans only. Available at the Louisiana State Archives.

1770-1789 Colony

1745 Pointe Coupee Parish

1699-1732 Colony

These are books or microfilm available at the

#### **Family History Library.**

#### **Ancestry.com**

*Louisiana, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1791-1890 contains 1791 Census of New Orleans, 1810 Federal Census Index, 1820 Federal Census Index, 1830 Federal Census Index, 1840 Federal Census Index, 1840 Pensioners List, 1850 Federal Census Index, 1850 Slave Schedule, 1850-1860 Sugar Census Index, 1860 Federal Census Index, 1870 Federal Census Index, 1890 Veterans Schedules, Early Census Index*

For more information see:

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Louisiana\\_Census](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Louisiana_Census)

### **MAINE State, territorial, and colonial censuses**

Maine 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

#### **Family History Library Books:**

1905 Scarborough only, in Cumberland County

1904 Kennebunkport only, in York County

1837 State (some towns missing).

#### **Familysearch.org**

Maine, State Archive Collections, 1718-1957

#### **Ancestry.com:**

Maine, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1800-1890,



## State Censuses

*Includes 1890 Veterans Schedules*

The Maine State Archives website

([www.maine.gov/sos/arc/research/vitalrec.html](http://www.maine.gov/sos/arc/research/vitalrec.html))

says, "The Archives also has partial returns of the special revenue-sharing census of 1837." Another page of the Maine State Archives website

([www.maine.gov/sos/arc/research/townhist.html](http://www.maine.gov/sos/arc/research/townhist.html))

says, "1837 Revenue-Sharing Census . . . covers Bangor, Portland and the unincorporated townships of that time only, and includes the name of the head of the house, and the number of other people living there."

For more information see:

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Maine\\_Census](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Maine_Census)

### **MARYLAND State and colonial censuses**

Maryland took several censuses in the years before the first federal census was taken. These censuses records may have columns that were different or more unusual than those found on federal censuses. The years of coverage may give additional information on the family. Maryland did not take any censuses after statehood.

#### **Family History Library Books:**

*Maryland Records, Colonial, Revolutionary, County and Church from Original Sources*

#### **Family History Library Films:**

1778 Maryland Oaths of Fidelity

1776 Census of Maryland

#### **Census Indexes available at the Maryland State Archives**

<http://census.msa.maryland.gov/>

1776 (Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Caroline, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Prince George's, Queen Anne, and Talbot Counties)

1778 (Caroline, Charles, and Queen Anne's Counties)

1870 (Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties and Baltimore City)

1880 (Anne Arundel County only).

#### **Ancestry.com**

*Maryland, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1772-1890 (1890 is Naval Veterans Census)*

For more information see:

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Maryland\\_Census](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Maryland_Census)



## Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Membership Application

Revised December 2019, previous versions obsolete

**Mailing Address:**  
**Willamette Valley Genealogical Society**  
 P. O. Box 2083  
 Salem, OR 97308-2083  
 Email: [willvgs@yahoo.com](mailto: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 for the calendar year are \$25 for an individual member or \$30 for a family membership. Membership includes the WVGS monthly newsletter and electronic copies of 4 issues of the quarterly bulletin *Beaver Briefs*.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional cost for *members only* for postage for 4 issues of hard copies of *Beaver Briefs* in the mail is \$7.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ A one-time payment for Life Membership is \$250 if under age 70 or \$200 if age 70 or over.  
 See website for information on Life Membership or pick up a form from an officer.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hard copies (4 issues) of *Beaver Briefs* only, received by mail, is \$20 for non-members only.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 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



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