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WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM MEETINGS

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting
February 8th, 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: WVGS Members Sharing

Heirlooms enrich your family's stories and can unlock pieces of your past. What's your favorite family heirloom? What's the story behind it? Bring it for our "show and tell" to tell us the story behind it. (No weapons, operable or not, please!) Do you have treasured photos with a story or rare documents? Do you have a special way to preserve and document your family heirlooms?

Family history isn't just about records and vital statistics—it's also about the stories, memories and traditions you want to pass on to future generations. And the stories of how we discovered our ancestors. Do you have story about your family to share? Or would you like to present a genealogical roadblock that you'd like to ask if anyone has a suggestion on how to solve?

Prepare a brief 5-minute talk to tell your family's story.

WVGS programs are always open to the public.

Upcoming Programs for 2020

March 14th—Carol Zolkoske "ST. BONIFACE COMMUNITY ARCHIVES & MUSEUM " in Sublimity
Doug Crosby is always open to suggestions for programs!

February 6th, **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 January 9, 2020 was 1 society, 22 Life Members, 61 single memberships, and 13 family memberships (26 individuals) for a total of 110 members. **Welcome new Life Member Laura McRae from Toronto, Canada and members Harold Jones and Kathryn Alexander of Salem, 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 normally housed at Salem Public Library is now in storage. 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:
Our volunteer desk has closed as we are moving with Salem Public Library to a temporary location at 1400 Broadway NE. We will open again on Broadway on February 18th, 2020 with the same hours.

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.

Meeting Dates for 2020

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

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/>

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. 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

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.

<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.
- Our genealogy help desk is closed as of January 21st, 2020 and will reopen at 1400 Broadway NE on February 18th, 2020.
- Volunteers and hours will remain the same.

Sometimes items
found on the internet
about genealogy do
make you smile!

One of my favorite people in the
1880 census: 15-year-old
Catharine Cudney, occupation,
"Does as she pleases."

Cudney Ezekiel w m 39		1	Farmer
Ann w f 45	wife	1	Keeps house
Alfred w m 21	Son	1	Work on farm
Catharine w f 15	Daughter	1	Does as she pleases



WVGS

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/>

Beaver Briefs

The Winter Issue, Volume 52, No. 1, 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 2020 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. 52, No. 1 will be sent by email or US mail on February 1, 2020.

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!

Here is the timelines for the next issue of Beaver Briefs.

Number 2 Spring Publish Date: May 1st

March 1st Deadline for article submission

April 1st Deadline for final copy sent to production editor

April 15th Deadline for Table of Contents to newsletter editor

What were our ancestors thinking?

Surname **Fish:**

Preserved Fish

Surname **Snow:**

Ice And Snow, father Frost And Snow

Surname **Bear:**

Harry Bear



Ellis Island



USCIS

(Thanks to Craig Smith for sending this)

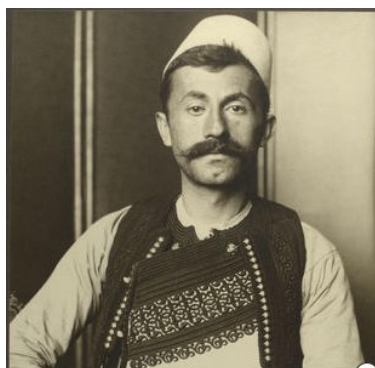
Ellis Island immigrants

Ellis Island was the gateway for more than 12 million immigrants who passed through its doors seeking a better future in America, from 1892 to 1954. The rich tapestry of cultures and nationalities who entered the new world there are revealed in these timeless photos taken between 1902-1913.

The photographs, from the collection of William Williams, Commissioner of Immigration at Ellis Island from 1902-5 and 1909-13, have only been recently digitized and made available to the public by the New York Public Library. The portraits were made by Augustus Sherman and the photos of Ellis Island were taken by Edwin Levick.

Portraits of a Guadeloupean woman and of an Albanian soldier by Sherman, who worked as the Chief Registry Clerk at Ellis Island until his retirement in 1917.

By CBSNews.com Senior Photo Editor Radhika Chalasani



<https://publicdomainreview.org/collection/portraits-of-ellis-island-immigrants>

In the News:

- If you have ever wanted to trace your family's immigration history, you should do it now—accessing genealogical records from the 1800s and 1900s may soon become far more expensive than ever before.
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is planning to increase its fees to access millions of historical records held under the agency's Genealogy Program. This includes citizenship and alien registration files, naturalization records, visa applications, and other documents.
In some cases, the fees to access these files would triple. In other instances, the fees would increase by nearly 500%, shooting up from **\$130 to \$625 to obtain a single paper file.**

From the USCIS

- The USCIS Genealogy Program is authorized to make five series of the agency's historical records available to requesters. Other agency records may be available from the USCIS Freedom of Information (FOIA) Program, or may have transferred to the National Archives.
- **To request a record or file you MUST provide a file number.**
- Details on Available Series: Certificate Files, September 27, 1906 - March 31, 1956; Alien Registration Forms on Microfilm, 1940 - 1944; Visa Files, July 1, 1924 - March 31, 1944; Registry Files, March 2, 1929 - March 31, 1944
- Requests are accepted online as well as through the mail. Please read our Records Frequently Asked Questions and Common Errors section before submitting a request. Answers can also be found in our "Help" section.
- **<https://www.uscis.gov/history-and-genealogy/genealogy/requesting-records>**



State Censuses

MICHIGAN State, Territorial, and Colonial Censuses

Michigan 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. Most state, territorial, and colonial censuses are at the Michigan State Archives.

Link to images of state census 1884 - 1894:

<http://seekingmichigan.org/discover>

On film or books at Family History Library:

- 1843-1969** Statewide annual county census of school age children
- 1935** State special unemployment census
- 1934** State special old age pension act taxable citizens census coverage incomplete
- 1848-1924** Statewide annual county census of deaf, dumb, blind, and insane
- 1904** Lost
- 1894** State census. Includes population, mortality, agricultural, industrial, social statistics, or veterans' schedules in Allegan, Barry, Bay, Benzie, Dickinson, Emmet, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Iosco, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Keweenaw, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Menominee, Midland, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Ottawa, St. Clair, St. Joseph, and Washtenaw counties.
- 1888** Civil War veterans only
- 1862-1886** Military levy annual statewide county censuses mostly lost; a few rarely at county clerks' offices.
- 1884** State census Includes population, mortality, agricultural, industrial, or social statistics schedules in Barry, Bay, Benzie, Emmet, Hillsdale, Ingham, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Keweenaw, Lake, Lapeer, Leelanau, Lenawee, Menominee, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Ottawa, Roscommon, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Van Buren (Paw Paw Twp.), Washtenaw, Wayne, and Wexford counties.
- 1874** State census Only males over 21 years by name, and females in age categories in population schedules for Eaton and Houton counties only. Eaton also includes agricultural and industrial schedules
- 1864** State census Only males over 21 years by name, and females in age categories in population, agricultural and industrial schedules in Clinton, Eaton, (Houghton population only), and Newaygo counties.
- 1854** State census Only males over 21 years



State Censuses

by name, and females in age categories in population, agricultural, and industrial schedules for Eaton County. For details see Barnett.

- 1845** State census Only males over 21 years by name, and females in age categories in Eaton, Lenawee, Oakland, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Van Buren, and Washtenaw counties.
 - 1837** State census. Tallies only; individual names not included except in Kalamazoo County.
 - 1834** Territorial census. Tallies only; individual names not included except in Crawford County (now Wisconsin), and Lenawee County
 - 1827** Territorial census mostly lost. Surviving fragments for Wayne (Detroit), Monroe (Lawrence Twp.), and Washtenaw counties
 - 1810** Territorial census, Detroit, and Michilimackinac (everything north of Saginaw Bay)
 - 1805/1806** Territorial census, Detroit
 - 1796** Colonial census, Detroit
 - 1792** Colonial census, Petite Côte (south shore of Detroit River)
 - 1782** Colonial census, Detroit and south shore of Detroit River
 - 1780** Colonial census, Fort St. Joseph (now Niles)
 - 1779** Colonial census, Detroit
 - 1768** Colonial census, Detroit area
 - 1765** Colonial census, Detroit
 - 1762** Colonial census, Detroit
 - 1750** Colonial census, Detroit area
 - 1743** Colonial census, Huron Indian Mission of the Assumption (south shore of Detroit River)
 - 1710** Colonial census, Detroit
- Ancestry.com**
- 1884 Statistical Returns from the Census of the State of Michigan
 - 1894 Michigan State Census for the counties of Barry, Bay, Benzie, Dickinson, Emmet, Gratiot, Iosco, Ingham, Kalamazoo, and Keweenaw
 - 1904 Statistical Returns from the Census of the State of Michigan
- FamilySearch**
- 1894 Michigan State Census index only

For more information see:

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



Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Membership Application

Revised December 2019, previous versions obsolete

Mailing Address:

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For more information:
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<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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