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WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM MEETINGS

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting
March 14th, 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: Carol Zolkoske from ST. BONIFACE COMMUNITY ARCHIVES & MUSEUM in Sublimity, Oregon

“We're in the old convent building across from St. Boniface church, the second oldest original church building in continuous use in Oregon at Archives & Museum ST. BONIFACE COMMUNITY ARCHIVES & MUSEUM, 371 SE Main Street, Sublimity, Oregon 97385 . Sublimity is 12 miles SE of Salem on Highway 22.” <https://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/archives.htm>.

From Carol: “First and foremost, I consider myself a story teller. I moved to Stayton in 1971. Stayton was my husband’s hometown, but I grew up on the east coast. In those years Stayton was a small close-knit community. I heard a large variety of stories from wagon train to the depression and everything in between. From there I started to read and learn as much as I could about the local history. I believe it is very important that people celebrate their family history. It is my belief that most of us don’t have famous people in our family tree, but we all have family members who worked hard and made it possible for future generations to succeed. Today my main interest is in the restoration of the Charles and Martha Brown house in Stayton. I am on the board. Twenty years ago, the house was in very poor condition and ready to be demolished. A group of people including myself set about to save this beautiful Victorian house which was built in nineteen hundred and three. Today the house is on the Registry National of Historic places and is available for events of all kinds.”

WVGS programs are always open to the public.

Upcoming Programs for 2020

August—Pam Vestal “What the heck does that say?” The Challenge of Reading Difficult Handwriting
September—Susan Koppel “Practical Source Citing”
Doug Crosby is always open to suggestions for programs!

March 12th, 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 February 8, 2020 was 1 society, 22 Life Members, 63 single memberships, and 13 family memberships (26 individuals) for a total of 112 members. **Welcome new member Roberta Great of Keizer, Oregon. Time to renew—last newsletter for non-renewals!**

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

Temporary location of Salem Public Library is 1400 Broadway NE, Salem, Oregon. Library hours are:

Tuesday – Thursday – 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Friday & Saturday – 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday – 1-6 p.m.

Monday – CLOSED

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 opened **February 18, 2020 at 1400 Broadway St. NE**, to serve the public during construction.

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.
- Our books have been boxed and are in storage now.

From **Deanne Smith**: A BIG THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING: Liz Tice, Dave Thompson, Linda Thompson, Lou Nelson, Doug Crosby, Tony Hoff, Sharon Hoff, Dee Iltis, Lana Reilly, Barb Hunter, Annie Hill. **A special thanks to Nancy Henderson who helped with coordinating the project.**

Research Resources

WVGS has a wonderful collection of books, but for the next two years (at least) our books will be in storage. Don’t forget that we do have other resources for members and patrons at Salem Public Library—FOR FREE! Our help desk is not just for library patrons, but especially for WVGS members.

Books: and Periodicals:

- We did not store Oregon materials in our collection that we have, but are not available at Salem Public Library or Oregon State Library. They are stored at Candalaria.
- We have a large collection of family histories at Candalaria. See our website for the list.
- Periodicals are also stored there and the list is on our website.
- We did not store our collection of Mayflower Society books as this is the 400th year of the arrival of the Mayflower.

Magazines copies available at our desk at Salem Public Library:

- Family Tree Maker
- Mennonite History
- New England Historic and Genealogical Society

Websites we subscribe to, available on the laptops at our help desk at Salem Public Library:

- **Newspapers.com**
- **Fold3**

New:

- **genealogybank.com**
- **Americanancestors.org (NEHGS)**

With genealogybank.com we now have access Portland and Seattle newspapers.

The New England Historic and Genealogical Society is the oldest and premiere society for New England research.

**WVGS News****Beaver Briefs****2020 Membership— Time to Renew!**

We begin our new membership on April 1, 2020, so this is the last newsletter for non-renewals!

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 on-line, 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.

Beaver Briefs

The Winter Issue, Volume 52, No. 1, of Beaver Briefs was mailed February 1, 2020. 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 copies by USPS mail (sorry—no color).

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Year end reports**Corresponding Secretary—Tony Hoff**

- ♦ In 2019 we had 53 research requests. 40 requests came to our website, 11 were forwarded by Salem Public Library and 2 forwarded from the Oregon State Library. Our total income from research was \$917, expenses of \$23.80, mainly for postage.
- ♦ In 2018 we had 77 requests so this was a decrease.
- ♦ Thank you, Tony

Library—Deanne Smith

- ♦ Salem Public Library catalogued 25 books for us.
- ♦ We purchased two books for a total cost of \$39.64.
- ♦ We had books donated to us, of which we have kept 13, the rest were sold at our book sale in December (over 100).
- ♦ We should have added more but Salem Public Library has only one cataloguer and we seem to be low on the priority list.
- ♦ Thank you, Deanne

Volunteers—Craig Smith

- ♦ In 2019 we saw 1469 patrons and logged 3491 volunteer hours at Salem Public Library.
- ♦ Thank you, Craig who also keeps the laptops at the desk functioning.

Beaver Briefs— Craig Smith and Dennis Hill

- ♦ Craig has provided many interesting articles for Beaver Briefs. He has balanced local articles, Oregon history, personal stories and research information.
- ♦ Dennis has put it all together and we have published on time every time.
- ♦ Thank you both Dennis and Craig for producing an excellent, interesting publication.

2019 Financial Report— Barbara Foster and Liz Tice

- ♦ On January 1, 2019 we started with \$30,797.86 and ended on December 31, 2019 with \$33,012.95.
- ♦ Our largest sources of income were donations, dues and research.
- ♦ Our largest expenses were for rent at the Candalaria office and newsletter costs.

Our biggest thank you is to members who have donated to the Society!



Cemeteries and Libraries in the West

Oak Hill Cemetery, Lane County, Oregon

Oak Hill Cemetery is one of Lane County's oldest and most beautiful historic cemeteries, founded in 1850.

You can download or view the cemetery's burial book in PDF format. It's organized alphabetically, by last name, followed by the Garden, Section, Block and Space of the burial. It's over fifty pages long and contains the records of over 2,000 burials.

<https://www.oakhillonline.com/>

Pocatello, Idaho

The Marshall Public Library is located in the city of Pocatello in southeastern Idaho. It is the seat of Bannock County. The library website provides a searchable database for the following newspapers: Pocatello Tribune (1895-1948), Idaho State Journal (1950-2019), Semi-Weekly Pocatello Tribune (1903-1917), Idaho Sunday Journal (1950-1980), Tribune Journal (1937-1942), and Weekly Pocatello Tribune (1897-1903).

<http://marshallidaho.advantage-preservation.com/>

(you can find other Idaho library newspaper collections on this site!)

Watsonville Public Library, California

The city of Watsonville is located on the central California coast in Santa Cruz County. The Watsonville Public Library's local newspaper database includes the Santa Cruz and Pajaro Times (1864-1867), Pajaronian (1868-1913), Evening Pajaronian (1903-1937), Watsonville Morning Sun (1937-1942), and Register-Pajaronian (1938-present).

<https://www.cityofwatsonville.org/1411/Online-Newspapers>

South Whidbey Island, Washington

The Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island's website provides a number of research resources under the "Island County Data" tab.

Island County Data: Local census data for 1870, 1871, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1889, 1890, and 1892; Island County death certificate information (1907-1952); and indexes to five local history books.

Island County Obituaries : More than 23,000 obituaries of Island County residents 1890 through 2010.

County Cemeteries : Nearly 11,000 cemetery records in this database .

<http://www.gsswi.org/index.shtml>



Programs

January Program

In January, WVGS member Dave Bruey talked about writing our genealogy stories for family members. As genealogist we understand all the charts and sources, but family members often get lost. Consider your audience.

If we can tell a story, we can write it. Include events from the historical era. Include interesting details that you have uncovered. Include pictures and graphs.

The secret to writing a compelling family history: crafting your facts into a nonfiction narrative, using fiction techniques. As you read fiction, pay attention to how the author opens the story, how he or she keeps you reading, and how the story ends. You can apply just about any fiction writing technique to nonfiction writing. (Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, CG)

Other hints:

- Know your audience and purpose.
- Make a plan.
- Say it with pictures.
- It's OK to begin in the middle.
- Take your time.

February Program

For our February program, members brought in heirlooms with a story. We saw maps, quilts and working miniature plows.

Heirlooms are more than genealogical souvenirs. They're tangible reminders of loved ones, good times and long-dead ancestors. An artifact doesn't have to be expensive artwork, silver, jewelry or furniture to qualify as an heirloom.

From Connie Lenzen in 2014:

- * Collect everything in your house that might be of historical importance.
- * Photograph the items.
- * Research the history of the artifact. Document what the family story is.
- * Use the internet for more information.
- * Preserve your artifacts.
- * Write up the stories!





State Censuses

MISSISSIPPI State, territorial, and colonial censuses

Censuses were taken in Mississippi 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 of the original state, territorial, and colonial censuses are available at the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

- 1866 State census. Bolivar, Claiborne, Holmes, Issaquena, Jasper, Jefferson, Marion, Simpson, Smith, and Wayne counties.
- 1860 State census. Choctaw County.
- 1853 State census. Adams (excluding Natchez), Amite, Clarke, Copiah, Greene, Hancock, Itawamba, Jefferson, Jones, Lauderdale, Noxubee, Panola, Perry, Rankin, and Wayne counties.
- 1850 State census. Hinds County.
- 1845 State census. Amite, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Panola, Perry, Pike, Pontotoc, Rankin, Scott, Simpson (totals), Smith, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tippah, Tishomingo, Tunica, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wilkinson, Winston (totals), Yazoo, and Yazoo (totals) counties.
- 1841 State census. Adams, Attala, Bolivar, Chickasaw, Clarke (totals), Coahoma, Copiah, Covington, DeSoto (totals), Franklin, Greene (totals), Hinds (totals), Itawamba, Jackson (totals), Jefferson (totals), Jones, Kemper (totals), Lauderdale (totals), Lawrence, Leake, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Monroe, Neshoba, Noxubee (totals), Oktibbeha, Panola, Perry (totals), Pike (totals), Scott, Simpson, Smith, Tallahatchie, Tippah, Tishomingo (totals), Tunica, Washington, Wayne, and Yazoo counties.
- 1840 State census. Choctaw (totals) County.
- 1837 State census. Chickasaw, Choctaw, Itawamba, Jones, Kemper, Lowndes, Oktibbeha, Panola, Pontotoc, Simpson, Tishomingo, and Winston counties.
- 1833 State census. Amite (totals), and Franklin counties.
- 1830 State census. Adams (Natchez only), Amite (totals), Hancock, and Lawrence counties.
- 1825 State census. Claiborne (totals), Copiah (totals), Greene (totals), Hancock (totals), Hinds (totals), Jackson, Jefferson (totals), Lawrence (totals), Marion (totals), Perry (totals), Pike (totals), Simpson (totals), Warren (totals), Wilkinson, and Yazoo (totals) counties.
- 1824 State census. Amite (totals), Copiah,



State Censuses

- Hinds, Lawrence, Simpson (births and deaths), and Yazoo (totals) counties.
- 1823 State census. Adams (births and deaths), Bainbridge (now Covington), Claiborne (births and deaths), Covington, Hancock, Jefferson, Lawrence, Marion, Perry, and Wilkinson counties.
- 1822 State census. Claiborne (births and deaths), Copiah (totals), and Wilkinson and counties.
- 1820 State census. Amite, Franklin, Marion, Pike, Wayne, and Wilkinson counties.
- 1818 State census. Adams County.
- 1816 Territorial census. Adams, Amite, Baldwin (territorial county), Claiborne, Clarke (territorial county), Franklin, Greene, Jefferson, Marion, Monroe (territorial county), Pike, Warren, Wayne, Wilkinson, and Winston counties.
- 1813 Territorial census. Wilkinson County.
- 1811 Territorial census.
- 1810 Territorial census. Adams, Amite, Baldwin (territorial county), Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Warren, Washington (territorial county), and Wilkinson counties.
- 1809 Territorial census.
- 1808 Territorial census. Jefferson, and Washington counties.
- 1805 Territorial census. Jefferson, and Wilkinson counties.
- 1801 Territorial census.
- 1792 Colonial census. Natchez District (now Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Warren and Wilkinson counties)
- 1788 Colonial census.
- 1787 Colonial census.
- 1784 Colonial census.
- 1723 Colonial census. Natchez.

Ancestry.com:

Mississippi, State and Territorial Census Collection, 1792-1866

Family History Library Microfilm:

*Indian census rolls, Choctaw, 1926-1939
Mississippi mortality schedule for 1850,
1860, 1870, and 1880*

FamilySearch

*1811 Territorial census
1810 Territorial census
1809 Territorial census
1801 Territorial census*

For more information see:

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