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WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM MEETINGS

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting

On March 23, 2020, Gov. Kate Brown ordered all Oregonians to stay in their homes as of Monday, March 23 in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19. The executive order forbids all Oregonians from leaving their homes unless absolutely necessary.

We are living through tough times. Obviously our genealogy society meetings are not a necessity! **So our Board Meeting on April 9th and General Meeting on April 11th are cancelled.** We will hope that we will be able to meet in May but as you all know, the situation is uncertain. I would imagine this is true for all genealogy and historical societies, genealogy seminars, (see Rogue Valley Genealogical Society website if you were planning on attending their April Seminar), museums, libraries and gathering places in Oregon.

Our Vice-President for Programs, Doug Crosby, has planned interesting speakers for our programs for the remainder of the year. December, of course, is our annual potluck and auction. Speakers for May through August are listed below. September will be "Creating Source Citations for Family Genealogists" by Susan Coppel and November will be another program on the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Mayflower.

So we hope that you are all well and filling your time by getting caught up on some of those genealogy tasks that you have "been meaning to do".

Liz Tice, President

Upcoming Programs for 2020 (tentative)

May—Leslie Lawson "End of Life Planning, How to Avoid the need for a Forensic Genealogist"
June-Carol Zolkoske "St Boniface Community Archives & Museum in Sublimity"
July-Zoe Morrison "Preserving Family Photos"
August—Pam Vestal "What the heck does that say?" The Challenge of Reading Difficult Handwriting

May 7th, 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 March 26, 2020 was 1 society, 23 Life Members, 64 single memberships, and 13 family memberships (26 individuals) for a total of 114 members. New membership list begins on April 1, 2020.

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.

Salem Public Library is closed. "Changes in effect until April 28, 2020. Unless otherwise noted, changes to our programs and services are effective through this date."

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/covid19>

Starting March 25, 2020, library staff will no longer be on-site and available to answer phones or check in returned items at Salem Public Library at Broadway or the West Salem Library Branch. Please continue to keep your library materials until the libraries re-open and rest assured that no fines or fees will accrue during this time.

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**.

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

Next Genealogy Workshop

The next genealogy workshop is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2020. This will be a Beginner's Workshop, focusing on the first steps—fill out family group sheets and pedigree charts and finding vital records. Cost will be \$10, 10 am to 1 pm at the Senior Center 50+.

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

Research Resources

Our Corresponding Secretary Tony Hoff does research for our society. **He is still doing that during the closure of Salem Public Library** and cancellation of our volunteer services.

You can contact the Society by email, through our website or by mail. Please include all information needed to conduct our research.

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Website: www.wvgsor.org

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Attn: Corresponding Secretary
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Salem, OR 97308-2083

Document Research

Searches for the following Oregon documents can be done. If successful, the fee is \$10.00 per document or 3 for \$20.00 for nonmembers and \$5.00 per document or 3 for \$10.00 for WVGS members. If these require a trip to the Oregon State Archives, Marion County Clerk's Office or other off-sites, the fee is \$10.00 per document for members and non-members (3 for \$10/\$20 does not apply). The \$5 and \$10 charges include postage for 5 pages or less. If over 5 pages there will be a charge for postage and handling.

Obituaries from the Salem Capital Journal, Oregon Statesman, Statesman Journal, Portland Oregonian and other Oregon newspapers, as available

- Published biographical and historical volumes.
- Marriage and birth records as available.
- Oregon naturalization, probate, and military records as available.
- Copy of Oregon Death Certificate (1903-1969).
- Copy of delayed Oregon birth certificates as available.
- Copy of Oregon birth certificates mid-1903-1919, as available.

General Research

We will conduct searches using resources such as Ancestry.com, censuses, city directories, Oregon Donation Land Claims, newspapers, and other sources such as those listed above and below. **General research is not restricted to Oregon only!** The minimum fee for research is \$10, if successful. This includes a copy of one document. Research is \$10 per hour, \$5 for each additional 1/2 hour and the cost of additional documents. The \$5 and \$10 charges include postage for 5 pages or less. If over 5 pages there will be a charge for postage and handling.

- Oregon Death Index, 1898-2008.
- Oregon Marriage Index 1906-2008, including 1925-1945.
- Oregon Divorce Index, 1925-1939, 1946-2008
- Family Histories and our Surname File. Marion County, Oregon Resources
- Probate Records, Vols. 1-4, Abstracts of First 2,500 Probates of Marion County.
- Marriage Records, Vols. I-IX, 1849-1900.
- Marion County Censuses from 1895 and 1905, including City of Salem.
- Cemetery records for many Oregon cities and counties.
- Other available records, as appropriate.
- A search of all volumes of WVGS's quarterly, Beaver Briefs.
- Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest, 1838-1911

Please contact us before sending a payment. We do not charge unless we can satisfy your request. However, we will not send research documents until we have received payment. Willamette Valley Genealogical Society, Inc. cannot guarantee results. Our researchers will be very thorough in their in-depth research, but neither they, nor the WVGS can be held liable for any errors which may be made.

**Plans for 2020****Plans for 2020****1: Get Organized**

- Get organized – because being clear about your goals will get you a lot further.
- Start now by making a weekly list of goals – people to research, records to find, tasks to complete – and check them off as you complete them each day.
- Each and every week, use your first 15 minutes to get organized for the rest of that week's days and make use of your organization system to stay on top of your plan

2: Focus On and Fact-Check Only One Ancestor

- Trying to work on more than one ancestor may prove overwhelming. A better use of your time would be to focus on only one family member each day and progress through your tree in an organized fashion with each additional day.

3: Start a Log for Future Research

- Most family historians have learned (sometimes the hard way) that proper planning is key to fruitful research. Picking a database or website at random and searching page by page for familiar surnames is frustrating and, frankly, a waste of your valuable time. Instead, use your time to list sources for future research using a research log.
- The value of a research log is the organization and tracking of what sources have and have not been reviewed or found. A typical log includes the date you reviewed a source, the place you found it, the purpose of your search, the library call number or other reference information, and the source itself, in addition to your findings.

4: Follow the Leads

- Even the most old-school family historian appreciates the hints that programs like MyHeritage, Ancestry and FamilySearch provide to alert researchers to new records that have been added to their vast databases or discovered based on updated search algorithms. Your fifteen-minute research window is a great time to review some of the leads these hints provide.
- Remember, though, that no hint should be accepted blindly. Just because Ancestry suggests that the Ben Jones in a record might be your Benjamin A. Jones, Jr. doesn't automatically confirm that it's a match.

5: Brush Up on Your Skills

- Use this time to learn a little more about what's new in genealogy research. Read helpful articles or catch a quick podcast or YouTube video from Family Tree Magazine or Lisa Louise Cooke's Genealogy Gems series. You might also like to take an online genealogy course.
- Even the most seasoned genealogists can pick up a new tip or trick from another pro every now and then!

6. Here's a link to americanancestors.org**Getting Started, By Ann Lawthers****Genealogist**

Even though it's intended for beginners, she has many excellent tips.

<https://www.americanancestors.org/education/learning-resources/read/getting-started>



Pandemicss

The Deschutes Historical Museum reminds us that our ancestors went through the same type of pandemic that we are going through, and survived!

This article from The Bend Bulletin, November 3, 1917 reminds us that quarantine used to be the order of the day to prevent a range of diseases like Smallpox, Scarlett Fever, and Influenza from spread-

EPIDEMIC OF FEVER SPREADS

**SIX CASES REPORTED—SCHOOLS
FUMIGATED TODAY—QUARANTINE
MEETS WITH OPPOSITION
—DOCTORS NOT CALLED.**

Six cases of scarlet fever are now under quarantine in Bend, three having been reported since yesterday. In order to check the epidemic to some extent in the schools all the buildings were fumigated today. Chief of Police Nixon, acting as ex-officio health officer, placed quarantine on several dwellings in the neighborhood of Florida and Bond streets where several people have been suffering from the disease and failed to call in medical attention.

Doctors have found considerable opposition to the quarantine and believe this is responsible for the failure to report cases. A vigorous watch is being kept on certain neighborhoods thought to have been subject to infection and violations of the quarantine will be penalized. So far as is known in addition to the first three cases reported and which are now on the road to recovery, there are two others under treatment.



WVGS

Although volunteers are not at Salem Public Library until May 1st at the earliest, you can still contact WVGS through our email, willvgs@yahoo.com

We have subscriptions that Corresponding Secretary Tony Hoff or another officer or volunteer can access from home:

- Americanancestors.org
This is the website for the New England Historic and Genealogical Society, for early New England research.
- Newspapers.com
“16,500+ newspapers from the 1700s–2000s “
For obituaries and other articles of interest on your ancestors. Includes Salem newspapers beginning in 1854.
- genealogybank.com
Also a newspaper database, includes Portland and Seattle newspapers.
- Fold3
“Fold3 features premier collections of original military records, many from the National Archives”

Looking Ahead: The 1950 Census

Mark your calendars: the 1950 Census is scheduled to come out on April 1, 2022, 72 years to the day after it was taken. That’s still a couple of years away.

The 1950 census asked fewer questions than the 1940 census did. The enumeration recorded responses to just 20 questions, including name, age, address, relationship to head of household, marital status, state or country of birth, occupation and (if foreign-born) whether a naturalized US citizen. A 5-percent sample was asked additional questions.

When it was released in 2012, the 1940 census was placed online and made available for free, but indexes took several months to be created. The release of the 1950 census will probably follow the same pattern.

<https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/census>



State Censuses

MISSOURI State, territorial, and colonial censuses

The Territory of Missouri took censuses in 1814, 1817, and 1819. The State of Missouri took censuses in 1821, then every four years beginning in 1824 through 1868, and in 1876. Most of these Territorial and State Censuses no longer exist. Listed below are copies currently available. Some censuses only gave head of household and others listed all household members.

At Ancestry.com

- 1887-Phelps
- 1881-Reynolds
- 1880-Cass
- 1876- Atchison, Benton, Butler, Callaway, Cape Girardeau, Carroll, Cass, Christian, Daviess, St. Francois, Franklin, Gasconade, Greene, Holt, Howard, Madison, McDonald, Moniteau, Montgomery, Osage, Perry, Phelps, Reynolds, Ripley, Stone, Texas, Worth and Webster Counties.
- 1873-Cole County
- 1869-Franklin County
- 1868-Cape Girardeau and Franklin Counties
- 1867- Cape Girardeau, Franklin, and Greene Counties.
- 1858- St. Louis County
- 1857- St. Louis County
- 1856- Audrain County
- 1844- Callaway County

At the State Historical Society of Missouri (University of Missouri—Columbia Campus):

- 1876 - Benton, Callaway, Cape Girardeau, Christian, Greene, Holt, Howard, McDonald, Montgomery, Osage, Phelps, Reynolds, St. Francois counties (all microfilm) Butler, Iron and Texas counties (transcriptions).
- 1868 - Cape Girardeau, Ste. Genevieve, and Webster counties (all microfilm)
- 1864 - Gasconade County (transcription)
- 1844 - Callaway County (microfilm), Marion County (transcription)



State Censuses

- 1852 - St. Charles County (transcription)
- 1840 - Rives County [now Henry County] (transcription)
- 1819 - St. Charles Territorial Censuses (transcription)
- 1817 - St. Charles Territorial Censuses (transcription)
- At the Missouri State Archives (Jefferson City):
- 1868 - Cape Girardeau County (microfilm)
- 1844 - Callaway County (microfilm); Greene County (transcription)
- 1840 - New Madrid, Newton, Pike, Randolph, Ray, Rives (later Henry), Shelby, Stoddard and Warren counties (all transcriptions)

FamilySearch.org

- Missouri State and Territorial Census Records, 1732-1933

For more information see:

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

Coming Soon to our website

We will soon have scanned images of a collection of Oregon Marriage Licenses for marriages performed by a Methodist minister in Oregon, years covered from 1911 to 1996. An index will also be posted.

A marriage license is a government document that is needed to get approval before marrying. A marriage license means a couple is allowed to get married, not that they are married. During a wedding ceremony, participants and 1-2 witnesses sign the license. Marriage licenses were good for 30-60 days,

We have scanned some licenses from the United Methodist Church Archives. Oregon Archives are located at the MI-CAH Building at the Salem's 1st United Methodist Church, 600 State Street, Salem, OR 97301. Marriage licenses were from marriages performed by Methodist ministers around Oregon. Years range from 1907 to 2001. Licenses are not a marriage certificate.



Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Membership Application

Revised December 2019, previous versions obsolete

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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 1400 Broadway NE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-588-6052	1 pm— 6 pm	CLOSED	10 am—8 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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