



## WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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### WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM MEETINGS

#### Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting

We've been living with the new coronavirus for months, and the spread of COVID-19 is still going strong in many areas around the world, in the US and in Oregon. Oregon is frozen from November 18 to December 2, 2020 and who knows after that. This means that our monthly meetings for December 2020 have been cancelled by the Executive Board. **There will not be a Board meeting on December 10th nor a General meeting on December 12, 2020.**

The WVGS Executive Board is planning on having a social meeting for our first meeting back together some time in 2021. We will be so happy to see each other and have much to discuss about how to keep the society functioning, that we feel we need to have our belated potluck and savor the social time together. We just don't know when that will be. Meanwhile, we hope that you stay with us.

#### Membership for 2021

- ♦ Your WVGS Executive Board has decided that **all members who were members of WVGS on April 1, 2020 will have their membership extended to December 31, 2021.**
- ♦ So it is not necessary for current members to fill out a membership form for 2021, nor to send in any money for dues for 2021!
- ♦ This does not include the additional \$7.00 fee for a hard copy of Beaver Briefs. If you wish to receive Beaver Briefs through the US mail, you will still need to fill out the form on page 7



WVG has signed up for AmazonSmile. Shop there and this costs you nothing extra. **You do have to start at smile. Amazon.com** though and select **Willamette Valley Genealogical Society** from the list.

You can also go directly to the link below for our account:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-0703189>

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Society

Shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and we'll donate to your favorite charitable organization,  
at no cost to you.



## WVGS Information

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT** By Suzan Rempel

Membership as of October 8, 2020 was 1 society, 20 Life Members, 43 single memberships, and 10 family memberships (20 individuals) for a total of 84 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**

**Both of Salem Public Library's current physical branches, Salem Public Library at Broadway and the West Salem Branch Library, are closed to the public until further notice.**

### **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.

### **Ancestry.com at Salem Public Library**

If you have a library card for Salem Public Library, the Library is allowing access to Ancestry.com for library patrons. " During the closure, our virtual services are still available. These systems require a library card and PIN number for access. Don't have a library card? You can sign up online through our shared Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service (CCRLS) catalog at:

<http://bit.ly/CCRLSregister>."

Google Salem Public Library or <https://www.cityofsalem.net/library>.

Click on Virtual Services and then Online Services.

The Library Edition of Ancestry is a World Edition, but you cannot work on your own tree.

### **Meeting Dates for 2020 (if held)**

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

**Salem Public Library is closed do to COVID-19. You can check the online catalog at [https://catalog.ccrls.org/client/en\\_US/spl/](https://catalog.ccrls.org/client/en_US/spl/) . Our collection of genealogical materials is in storage. But, the Library is now able to offer contactless curbside pickup to their collection, by appointment only, to City of Salem resident cardholders.**

### **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

### President's Report for November 14, 2020

The General Meeting scheduled for November 14th was cancelled due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Members were notified in the November newsletter that the meeting had been cancelled. The Executive Board did meet on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

1. Treasurer's report: Barbara Foster compiled a Treasurer's report for the month of October. For October: Income for Operations was \$150.00 donations, \$29.90 for research, \$2.72 checking interest for a total income for the month of \$182.62. Expenses for operations were for rent at Candalaria \$344.21 which was the only expense. We opened a savings account, also at Pioneer Bank and transferred \$32,584.00 to savings (plus \$2.62 savings interest). BALANCE on October 31, 2020 was \$838.41 in our checking account and \$32,586.68 in savings.
2. Membership Report from Sue Rempel: Member MaryAn Roe has passed away. We have 1 Society, 20 Life members, 10 families/20 members, and 43 singles for 74 memberships or 84 members.
3. Meetings and speaker were cancelled.
4. Salem Public Library is closed. Volunteers will not be at the desk.
5. Corresponding Secretary Tony Hoff reported "Research requests are increasing! We received 6 research requests in October 3, to our society and 3 to the SPL. They consisted of 3 requests for obituaries, information on Dutch citizenship, vital records on ancestors and birth & death certificates along with the name of parents.
6. Craig Smith- the Fall issue of Beaver Briefs, Vol. 52, #4 was sent out November 6, 2020.
7. Dennis Hill has kept our website updated. He has added a link to SmileAmazon.
8. Old Business – renewed Fold3 and FamilyTree Magazine. With a single subscription (not for an institution) we cannot make them available to members on our website. We decided to have a potluck for our first meeting back together, whenever that is in 2021. We have not planned any virtual programs yet. Lots of work for a few people to watch. Officers for 2021 will be the current officers. No other nominations, so officers will continue as stated in the October newsletter. Read into the record.
9. December meetings were cancelled.

Liz Tice, President

### Mayflower Connections

We asked last month if members have Mayflower ancestry connections. So far we have:

**Paul Andrews**—Henry Howland the younger brother of John Howland. This makes me a distant cousin of Craig Smith. I have been able to trace 7 Howland descendants on Ancestry DNA. Did have the Ring family on the ship, Speedwell, that was a companion ship. It set out twice with the Mayflower and turned back. Some passengers transferred to the Mayflower and the Ring family went to Holland where the father died. The mother and children did get to Plymouth a few years later.

**Doug Crosby**—Stephen Hopkins

**Dennis Hill**—Isaac Allerton

**Craig Smith**—John Howland

**Liz Tice**—James Chilton, Frances Cooke and William White

### Research Help is still Available!

Our volunteers are still waiting to help members. We can help Salem-area members get access to **ancestry.com** through a Salem Public Library card. We will still help members at no cost with research. Volunteers have access to **newspapers.com** and **genealogybank.com** for obituaries and news articles (we now have access to Portland and Seattle newspapers), **Fold3** for military records, and The New England Historic and Genealogical Society, the oldest and premiere society (**americanancestors.org**) for New England research. Not all of our Mayflower books are locked up so we can help with researching your connection to the Mayflower. You can contact us by email at **willvgs@yahoo.com**, phone at 503-363-0880, or we can meet at Candalaria in person (no internet access there).



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### WVGS Member MaryAn Roe

MaryAn Roe was a faithful member of WVGS since 1982. She passed away on October 19, 2020 in Salem at age 95. We last saw MaryAn in December 2019 at our annual potluck. As her obituary says “Maryan was a kind and gracious soul with a keen focus on family. Her passion for life and gentle spirit will be greatly missed. She conducted decades-long genealogical research where she treasured being a descendent of seven Oregon pioneer families. “Maryan will be interred at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. Assisting the family is Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service. See her full obituary at [legacy.com](https://www.legacy.com).



### Washington State Records

- Important Note: Starting January 1, 2021, a new vital records law and rules go into effect that changes the ordering requirements for birth and death certificates.
- For increased security of personal information, only individuals with specific relationships to the person on the record being requested can receive a certified copy.
- Identity and proof of relationship documentation will be required. Exact documentation is still to be determined.
- Certificate fee will increase to \$25.00 per copy.



Midwest Genealogy Center

The Midwest Genealogy Center (MGC) in Independence, Missouri is one of the United States' preeminent resources for family history, providing access to almost three-quarters of a million on-site materials. MGC features 52,000 square feet of space that houses all of the free resources needed to research your family history. MGC is part of the Mid-Continent Public Library (MCPL) system which has a long history of providing outstanding genealogy resources.

- \* **Fillable PDFs:** Many of our forms have been designed as fillable online PDFs. To use the fillable functionality, right click on the title and choose "Save link as" or "Save target as." Once you've saved the file, you can open it with Adobe Reader and fill in the form.

Four and Six-Generation Chart  
Family Unit Chart  
Individual Worksheet  
Extended Family Chart  
Research Checklist  
Research Log  
Family Tree Coloring Sheet  
My Family History - for children

### \* Frequently Asked Questions

Does your staff provide reference or research services? Yes. Please review our research policy. Are there genealogical researchers who will do research for me? Yes. We have prepared a listing of for-hire researchers. Are materials available through interlibrary loan? Yes, there are over 23,000 genealogy and local history books available on interlibrary loan to researchers nationwide through local libraries. You may search our online catalog to find available items.

### \* We Are Open!

**3440 S. Lee's Summit Road  
Independence, MO 64055  
816.252.7228**

Current hours:

Monday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

A mask is required in all Library branches.

Currently, no book browsing is allowed, but our staff will pull up to 10 books at a time.

Before your visit, check the online catalog and make a list of the books you would like to see.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

**Midwest Genealogy Center is a member of WVGS.**

<https://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy>





*FamilySearch Wiki*



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## FamilySearch Wiki [www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main\\_Page](http://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page)

- ◆ The Familysearch Research Wiki is an excellent resource to learn more about the ancestors you're researching, as well as the places and time periods in which they lived, with more than 90,000 articles, the Wiki provides research advice and tips.
- ◆ The FamilySearch Research Wiki is a free, online genealogical guide created and maintained by FamilySearch, a non-profit organization. It contains links to genealogy databases, websites, other resources, research strategies, and genealogical guidance to assist in the search for your ancestors. Articles included are locality pages for countries around the world and topic pages that include pertinent genealogy record types explaining how to use the record, what it contains, and how to find it.
- ◆ The Wiki does not contain specific individuals but instead lists genealogical resources that may list an individual. When searching the Research Wiki, search for the place your ancestor was born, lived, and died.
- ◆ If you are researching an individual in an area that you are unfamiliar with, it is invaluable in helping you learn what records are available, including where to find those records.
- ◇ Record types (like census, church, land, or vital records)
- ◇ Links to thousands of significant genealogical databases online
- ◇ 20 foreign-language word lists which give English translations of phrases typically found in genealogical documents
- ◇ Blank genealogical forms
- ◇ Handwriting guides help readers understand old forms of handwriting or foreign alphabets
- ◇ Descriptions of significant repositories: libraries, archives, societies, museums
- ◇ Browse the Wiki by country, state, county, categories, research help and much more

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**FamilySearch Research Wiki**  
A Genealogy Resource Guide  
93,577 articles

Find the birth, death, marriage, census records, and other genealogy resources for your ancestor by selecting the region and country below.

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[Guided Research](#)

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## Newspapers



**Ten northwest newspapers have a new owner -- commits to scan entire archive for free public access.**

**SmallTownPapers**, Inc. of Shelton, Washington has taken ownership of ten small-town newspapers from now-retired eastern Washington and Idaho publisher LuJane Nisse. Copyrighted titles from communities including Palouse, Garfield, Latah County, Moscow, Genesee, and Kendrick have archives stretching back all the way to 1874.

<http://www.smalltownpapers.com/>

Browse and search the scanned newspaper archive from 1846 up to the current edition! SmallTownPapers gives you free access to the people, places and events recorded in real time over the decades or even centuries!

For a list of all newspapers see [www.stparchive.com/landing.php](http://www.stparchive.com/landing.php)

## Historic Washington Newspapers Online from the State Library

Washington Digital Newspapers - Contains a range of territorial era newspapers beginning in 1852 and regional community digitization projects through the early 2000s. This is a full text searchable collection of newspapers with new historical WA newspaper titles added each year.

<https://washingtondigitalnewspapers.org/>

Historic Newspapers in Washington - Washington State Library created an online collection of indexed newspapers beginning in 1852, which covers Washington's territorial and early statehood periods. These digitized pages from our microfilm collection have been indexed and are keyword searchable thanks to the efforts of volunteers.

<https://www.sos.wa.gov/library/newspapers/newspapers.aspx>



## December Free Webinars

Free webinars from Legacy Family Tree. Go to <https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

### Your DNA questions answered live with Diahn

by Diahn Southard  
Fri, Dec 04, 2020



Register (Free)

### From the 18th to the 21st: The Records of Prohibition

by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL  
Tue, Dec 15, 2020;  
Wed, Dec 16, 2020



Register (Free)

### Ten Best Sources for Determining Your Immigrant Ancestor's...

by Lisa Alzo  
Wed, Dec 16, 2020



Register (Free)

### Ten Databases You Need to Know About

by Shannon Combs-Bennett  
Wed, Dec 30, 2020



Register (Free)



## 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  
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	The Reference Room at the Oregon State Archives is closed to the public to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Reference requests may still be submitted using the online form.						
Salem Public Library 1400 Broadway NE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-588-6052	Both of Salem Public Library's current physical branches, Salem Public Library at Broadway and the West Salem Branch Library, will be closed to the public until further notice, in accordance with the Governor's policies designed to slow the spread of COVID-19.						
Willamette Heritage Center Research Library 1313 Mill St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-585-7012	Museum closed until further notice.						



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