

# WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM MEETINGS

### Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting

The United States is nearing 500,000 deaths from COVID-19, a horrible number. I know that not all of our members could have escaped being touched by this. We are all so tired of the pandemic, masks, and isolation, but vaccines and Spring are coming though. However the General Meeting for **March 13th, 2021** has been cancelled by the Executive Board. **There will be a Board meeting on March 11th, 2021 at 11:30 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 630 Hood St NE, Salem, Oregon. Members are welcome.**

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 and send a check or cash to WVGS.
- ◆ **For 2021 only, new members can join at no cost!! Let your fellow genealogists know.**
- ◆ **Welcome new members: Rhonda Morgan of Eugene, OR, Reem Awad-Rashmawi of Davis, CA, Tom O'Connor of Lake Oswego, OR and Rolf Swensen of Darien, CT.**

### 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.

WVGS has also 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>





## WVGS Information

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

Membership as of February 11, 2021 was 2 societies, 20 Life Members, 52 single memberships, and 10 family memberships (20 individuals) for a total of 94 members. We have had 8 new memberships and 1 renewal.

### 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

During the pandemic while Salem Public Library is closed, the Library is offering free access to Ancestry.com for patrons in Marion and Polk Counties. Normally this is available only at the Library. So if you are a local library patron and don't have Ancestry.com at home, this is a wonderful opportunity. You must have a library card. If you don't have one yet, go to <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/get-a-library-card.aspx>

Online resources at Salem Public Library are at <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/library-online-resources.aspx>

- **Find people**

- [Ancestry.com](#)
- [Reference Solutions](#)

- **Newspaper archives**

- [Statesman Journal Digital Microfilm \(2009-current\)](#)
- [Statesman Journal \(1999-current\)](#)

### Meeting Dates for 2021 (if held)

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

### WVGS Officers for 2021

#### 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 Cropsy*  
 Webmaster: *Dennis Hill*  
 Periodicals: *Jerry Rodgers*

### **Beaver Briefs** Volume 53, Number 1

#### Winter 2021

The Winter Issue, Volume 53, No. 1, of **Beaver Briefs** is overdue but should be ready soon. Pandemic, illnesses, power outages and ice storms have taken their toll.





## WVGS News

### President's Report for February 13th, 2021

The General Meeting scheduled for February 13th was cancelled due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Members were notified in the February newsletter that the meeting had been cancelled. The Executive Board did meet on February 11, 2021.

1. Treasurer's report: Barbara Foster compiled a Treasurer's report for the month of January.

For January: Income for Operations was \$25 dues, \$35 Beaver Briefs postage, \$85.00 donations, \$72.70 for research, \$2.59 interest for a total income for the month of \$220.29. Expenses for operations were rent at Candalaria \$344.21, State Farm Insurance \$464, Oregon Corporation fee \$50, total -\$859.21. BALANCE on January 31, 2021 was \$32,750.73.

2. Membership Report from Sue Rempel: We have 2 Societies, 20 Life members, 10 families/20 members, and 52 singles for 84 memberships or 94 members. We had 9 new memberships.

3. Meetings and speaker were cancelled. Doug Crosby has suggested a Zoom virtual meeting on March 13th, which will be an open discussion, focused on Roots Tech. He also will be working with Dave Bruey on a Genealogy Treasure Hunt. The Board approved both, as well as approve the cost of prizes for the Treasure Hunt.

4. Salem Public Library is closed. Volunteers will not be at the desk. Craig picked up the volunteer laptops and has updated them.

5. Corresponding Secretary Tony Hoff reported "We started out the New Year with a variety of requests. We had 7 research requests in January, all to our society. There were requests for 13 obituaries, 5 birth records, 3 death records, 3 Ancestry family tree pedigree charts, 2 census records and one each for a headstone image, burial site, cemetery name index and a request to contact a contributor on Find A Grave. We had a request from England. This is a first! He was seeking info. on his wife's grandfather that was born in Salem in 1890. The family later returned to England. He was kind enough to send some historic photos. I found some newspaper articles that mention the family."

6. Craig Smith- the first issue of Beaver Briefs for 2021 is in Dennis Hill's hands.

7. Dennis Hill—kept the website updated, working on Beaver Briefs, which will be late due to his recent illness.

8. Old Business – Candalaria lease was renewed. Rent will be the same. Registered with the State of Oregon (Corporation) and with the IRS (Non-profit 990). Still need to do Oregon Income Form CT-12.

9. New business – approved subscribing to New York Biographical and Genealogical Society for more online resources which came with a free subscription to FindMyPast. Craig has developed an interactive membership form for our website.

**Liz Tice, President**

### Yearly Reports

#### 1. Treasurer's Yearly Report: Barbara Foster

Barbara submitted a Financial Report for 2020. Income for the year was \$6,416.83 and Expenses were \$6,040.13. Fund totals were Operations: \$20,448.30, Research Resources: \$4,196.41, Publications: \$2,269.94, Life Membership: \$6,475. Total balance on December 31, 2020 was \$33,389.65.

Liz Tice did a separate report using Excel and arrived at the same balance. The Board voted to accept Barbara's report without an audit this year.

#### 2. Corresponding Secretary's Report: Tony Hoff

In 2020 we had 52 people request research help, including free research for 10 people in Marion and Polk Counties. Most requests were for obituaries and FamilySearch group records and pedigree charts, and then Find A Grave, census records, Ancestry trees, death and marriage records, military and other miscellaneous records. Our income was \$877.80, expenses \$51.85.

#### 3. 2020 Library Report: Deanne Smith

In February our collection was boxed up for storage in the basement of Salem Public Library during renovation and then the Library closed due to the pandemic. We continued with subscriptions to Family Tree Magazine and Mennonite Family History and digital subscriptions to newspapers.com, Fold3, Genealogy bank.com, and americanancestors.org. We had donations from Sue Bell's estate of National Genealogy Society Quarterly and Oregon Historical Quarterly and other donations of New England Historical and Genealogical Society and Oregon Historical Society. Due to the pandemic, it was a slow year.



## State Censuses

(This series was started in 2018 up until May 2020, but not finished in the newsletters. The complete list was published in Beaver Briefs.)

### NEVADA State, territorial, and colonial censuses

Nevada took several 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.

**1875 Counties: All:** The 1875 state census and index are available at the Nevada State Library and Archives, University of Nevada—Reno and the Nevada Historical Society. The Family History Library has a copy of the schedules for 14 counties and a microfiche index.

**1864 Counties: Nye**

**1863 Counties: Lander:** The Nevada State Library and Archives also has a census for Lander County for 1863.

**1862 Counties: Excluding St. Mary's:** Copies of an 1862 territorial census are available at the Nevada Historical Society, the Nevada State Library and Archives. This census includes Douglas, Lyon, Ormsby, Storey, and Washoe counties, and part of Humboldt County. The schedules have been filmed and are available at several Nevada repositories. The information in this census varies with each county.

**1861 Counties: All**

The 1850 and 1860 federal censuses and the 1850 and 1860 mortality schedules for Utah Territory include present-day Nevada. The Family History Library has copies of the schedules and the indexes to them.

### Family History Library Microfilm images:

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### Ancestry.com

**Nevada State Census, 1875:** Storey County to that of Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Landon, Lincoln, Lyon, Nye, Ormsby, Washoe, and White Pine and counties. In many places, the census was haphazardly completed.

**Nevada Directory, 1862:** This Directory contains listings of individuals living in the towns and outlying areas of Aurora, Carson City, Dayton, Empire, Genoa, Gold Hill, Silver City, Virginia City and Washoe. A listing of County and Federal Officials and their positions is also included.

### Also at Family History Library Microfilm images

*Indian census rolls,*

*Ft. McDermitt, 1910-1923*

*Indian census rolls, Fallon, 1909-1924*

*Kaibab Paiute indian census, 1910-1911*

*Pyramid lake Paiute tribe tribal roll*

For more information see:

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Nevada\\_Census](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Nevada_Census)



WVGS News—Zoom



Oregon History

## Willamette Valley Genealogical Society

In looking to get meetings going again after a year of not having meetings, we have decided to conduct a Zoom meeting! Our first one will be:

**GENEALOGY Discussion**

**Saturday March 13, 2021 at 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM on March 13th.**

**Please join us for a WVGS Genealogy Chat on Zoom**

Although the focus of the Zoom meeting will be on questions that members have from Roots Tech, we can discuss any genealogy research questions that you have and perhaps another member will have the answer.

If you would like to attend this Zoom meeting virtually, contact Doug Crosby, our WVGS Program VP at [dhcrosby@frontier.com](mailto:dhcrosby@frontier.com) or contact the Society at [willvgs@yahoo.com](mailto:willvgs@yahoo.com) for the link to the Zoom meeting on March 13th.

### New Digital Subscriptions

We now subscribe to New York Biographical and Genealogical Society and FindMyPast. NYBG is, of course, for New York research and FindMyPast for British Isles research. Contact us at [willvgs@yahoo.com](mailto:willvgs@yahoo.com) if you are interested in getting help from these sites.

### Oregon Encyclopedia Launches Newly Re-designed Website

When we launched the newly re-designed Oregon Encyclopedia last week, the lines of Oregon poet Vi Gale's "From Oregon on a Slightly Less Green Leaf" came to mind: "I'm still here, barefoot and lank-haired, / at the rocky edge of the same ocean / studded with arches, caverns, and stacks."

We have shed the somewhat tattered skin of the last decade to embrace a more sophisticated Oregon Encyclopedia, to befit the mature project it has become and to better acknowledge the hundreds of regional scholars who have contributed to what has become the largest online compendium of Oregon history and culture on the web. From "Oregon Encyclopedia," by Kim Stafford

<https://www.oregonencyclopedia.org/>



USGenWeb



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**Don't Overlook USGenWeb**

The **USGenWeb Project** has been a valuable online genealogy community for nearly 25 years. USGenWeb is a website of national scope and a portal to websites for all 50 states, which in turn are gateways to county-level websites. All of these sites are run by volunteers who have interest in those places and who are dedicated to putting as much **free** local genealogy research and resources online as possible.

Because so much of our genealogy research in the United States is place-based and regional, this is a great way to organize information. Today, USGenWeb sites number in the thousands, all interconnected and free to use.

Your visit to USGenWeb can start at <[usgenweb.org](http://usgenweb.org)>. Here's the home page.



*Keeping Free Genealogy on the Internet*



You can jump directly to state websites by clicking the map or selecting a name from the drop-down list. Or you can look at projects with a more national scale under About US, Special Projects. Click on Oregon and select a county. Each one is different because the sites are run by volunteers, some need adopting. Polk County has a Polk County resources box, Polk County Data includes death certificates and wagon trains, Polk County Surnames and other Polk County Information.



[Counties List](#)

[Counties Map](#)

[Oregon Archives](#)

[Oregon Queries](#)



**Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Membership Application**  
 Revised December 2020, valid through December 31, 2021

**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**

\$ **Free Membership** ~~Annual Dues for the calendar year are \$25 for an individual member or \$30 for a family membership.~~ **For 2021 only** 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:

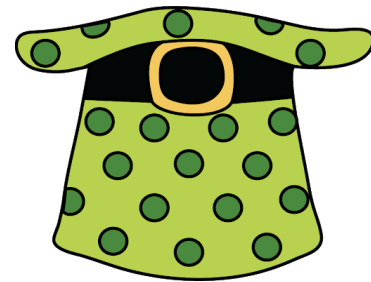
I can offer help with:

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. <a href="https://sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/order.aspx">https://sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/order.aspx</a>						
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	The Research Library at the Willamette Heritage Center remains closed to the public in compliance with state guidelines set forth to reduce the spread of Covid-19. Reference requests may be submitted using the online form at <a href="https://www.willametteheritage.org/research/">https://www.willametteheritage.org/research/</a>						



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In 2010, 34.7 million Americans  
claimed *Irish* ancestry

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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