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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting



We have had to cancel our General Meeting on September 11th from 10:30 to 1 pm. We are so disappointed as we would love to see some of our members in person but it seems we can't do it yet.

Our plan will now be for October 9th, 2021 when

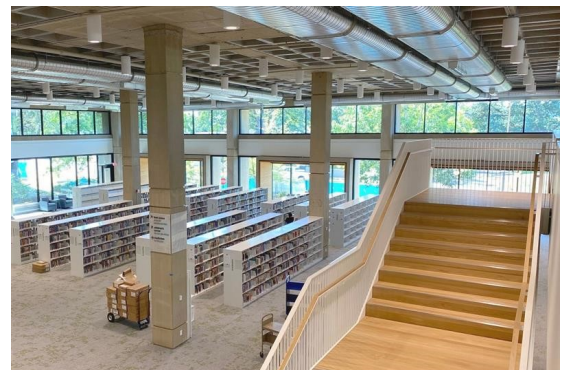
- We will have a short business meeting and then allow time for members to talk about what they have been doing during the last 18 months.
- We will have a potluck beginning at 12 Noon. The Society will provide drinks and dessert. Bring any other potluck dish. It's time to get re-acquainted. But this will have to wait!

- There will be a Board meeting on Thursday September 9, 2021 at 11:30 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 630 Hood St NE, Salem, Oregon. Members are welcome.

Salem Public Library

All Salem library locations will be closed Wednesday, August 18-Tuesday, August 31 to complete move back to the newly renovated Main Library. Only downloadable eBooks and eAudiobooks and other virtual library services will be available.

On Wednesday, September 1, doors open at the Main Library and services resume at the West Salem Branch, 395 Glen Creek RD NW!!



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WVGS Information

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

Membership as of July 16, 2021 was 2 societies, 20 Life Members, 100 single memberships, and 13 family memberships (26 individuals) for a total of 148 members. We now have an online membership form. Welcome new member Douglas Henne of Lake Oswego.

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.

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 Cropsey*
 Webmaster: *Dennis Hill*
 Periodicals: *Jerry Rodgers*



Sept 7th

8:30 a.m.

Doors Open

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

WOW Van and Canine Corp in the parking lot

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Open House & Tours

Patron registration & class registration

Tech Team are on-site to answer questions and will help you connect to Center 50+ virtual offerings and on-line services

Sept 8th

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Volunteer orientation and department trainings offered each hour.

Sept 11th

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Parking lot sale - covid clean out party! Reserve your parking spot, bring your treasures or junk to sell. Cost \$15 for parking space only or \$30 for space with table and chair. Paper Shredding, pop can drop and Rx recycling on-site.



WVGS News

President's Report August 14, 2021

The General Meeting scheduled for August 14th was cancelled due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Members were notified in the August newsletter that the meeting had been cancelled. The Executive Board did meet on August 12, 2021.

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

For July 2021: Income for Operations was from donations \$55, research \$169.70, interest \$5.46, total income for Operations of \$230.16; Publications was \$31; total income for July was \$261.16. Expenses for Operations were rent at Candalaria \$344.21, copy card newsletter \$50, business cards \$31.93, overpayment last month \$8.07; total expenses from Operations -\$434.21; Research Resources newspapers.com subscription -\$59.90, Publications postage for mailing -\$9.70; total expenses -\$503.81. BALANCE of checking and savings on June 30, 2021, was \$31,803.41.

We discussed Pay Pal again: Pay Pal is linked to our checking account now. We also have a new email for Pay Pal, which officers can access. We hope to have Pay Pal set on our website by the time to do membership renewals.

2. Membership Report from Sue Rempel: We have 2 Societies, 20 Life members, 13 families/26 members, and 100 singles for 134 memberships or 148 members. New member is Sandra J Koenig from Oregon City.

3. General Meeting and speaker were cancelled. We will try to have an in-person general meeting on September 11th at the VFW Hall. Program will be to have members talk about their genealogical research during the pandemic. We will also have a potluck, with the society providing drinks and deserts.

4. Salem Public Library is closed as they are working on re-opening September 1, 2021, at the remodeled library on Liberty St. Deanne Smith and Nancy Henderson worked with the library to plan shelving of our books, volunteers worked to "un-box" our books and get them on the shelves. Deanne is getting them in Dewey order. Great progress! No volunteers yet. We will be recruiting volunteers to work at Keizer Library.

5. Corresponding Secretary Tony Hoff reported "We received 5 research requests in July; 3 to our society and 2 from SPL. There were requests for 8 obituaries and one request to update a family tree on Ancestry."

6. There will be a meeting for volunteers before we open up again at SPL.

7. Beaver Briefs #3 is due out August 1st. We sent a publications list to all members and exchange societies and libraries.

8. Dennis Hill has kept the website updated, as well as the password list for new members.

9. New Business-US Postage increases August 29, 2021, so costs will increase. New class at Senior Center will be "Genealogy by States", no date set yet.

Liz Tice, President

Would you like to help us decide **what to do with our microfilm, microfiche and old CDs?** We have not put them back in the library, one person looked at them in the last few years. Are they available elsewhere. Should we keep them and try to make them available? We are forming a committee to work on this. Let us know at willvgs@yahoo.com if you would like to help!

WVGS FUNDRAISERS

Help support our Genealogical Society when you shop!!



Earn a donation for WVGS from Fred Meyer every time you shop and they scan your Rewards card. Go online and link your Rewards card to Willamette Valley Genealogical Society in your Fred Meyer Rewards account. The donation does not affect the rewards that you earn.



AmazonSmile is exactly the same as shopping on the Amazon site. The added bonus is that Amazon donates 0.5% of qualified purchases to a charity of your choice. Please choose Willamette Valley Genealogical Society.

Use your Amazon login and password at AmazonSmile. You can change your charity of choice any time in AmazonSmile in the Your Account dropdown menu once logged in.



Online Classes



and Webinars

The **Family History Library** began a phased reopening on **Tuesday, July 6, 2021**. Initially, hours will be 9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday-Friday, with plans to extend to additional days and hours in the future. For the latest Family History Library status updates, please refer to the [FamilySearch newsroom](#).

“While the Family History Library is closed, we will continue to provide webinars online.”

Tue, 7 Sep, 10:00 MDT Merging Duplicate Records in FamilySearch Family Tree
Mon, 13 Sep, 10:00 AM MDT Using the FamilySearch Catalog

Sat, 18 Sep, 9:00 AM MDT The British Empire, 1500-1800
Sat, 18 Sep, 9:30 AM MDT The British Empire, 1800-2000
Sat, 18 Sep, 10:00 AM MDT Birth, Marriage, and Death Records of British Abroad
Sat, 18 Sep, 11:00 AM MDT British Naturalization Records

See complete list at:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/img_auth.php/0/00/FHL_Class_Calendar_September_2021.pdf



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Live Sessions: Tuesdays, September 14, 21, and 28, 6:00 - 7:30 PM EST
Presented by Genealogist Ann Lawthers
Cost: \$85





Research



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Historic Cemeteries Program

The Oregon historic cemeteries program, created by the Oregon legislature, provides resources including grants to people and organizations caring for the cemeteries. Any cemetery that has at least one burial of a person who died before that date that is 75 years before the current date and is listed with Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries, is historic.

The website is

<https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/Pages/Historic-Cemeteries-Program.aspx>

The link to the list by county is

https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/OH/Documents/Cemetery_List.pdf

Don't overlook an article because the title is not related to your family research.

Indiana Historical Society, one of our exchange societies, publishes , **Connections, The Hoover Genealogist**, which is full of articles of interest. One article in the latest issue, Spring/Summer 2021, is titled **The History Behind Your Hoosier Genealogy**, by A. Andrew Olson III. The article begins with the history of settlement in Pennsylvania.

One interesting topic in the article concerns Irish immigrants to Pennsylvania in the 1700s. Have you been searching for a passenger list for your Irish ancestor? One issue is "Citizens traveling from the British Isles to the American colonies were not documented. In contrast, immigrants from the Continent were identified by name in passenger lists". Irish immigrants were already citizens of Britain. A second issue is "virtually no ship passenger lists exist for vessels arriving from Ireland during this era until 1768".

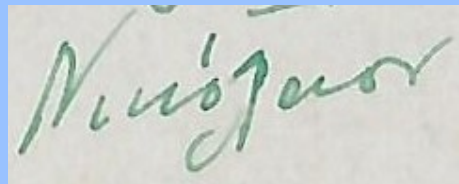
Copies of **Connections** will be available when we re-open or have a meeting. Otherwise contact us at willvgs@yahoo.com for copies of articles or visit the Indiana Historical Society at <https://indianahistory.org/>

Family Search Wiki

When you have a genealogy question, one of the first places to look for answers is the FamilySearch Research Wiki, https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page. It is a portal with nearly 100,000 articles. Select a country, state, county or topic. Not only can you learn about the topic, but easily access links to online records. Greece contains a list of records, history, and "Reading Greek Old Handwriting Made Easy" (ha ha!)

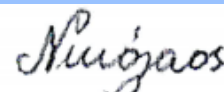
This is from a letter addressed to my grandfather Nicholas.

Greece Wiki Topics



This is from FamilySearch "Reading Greek Names".

Νικόλαος
Nikolaos.....Nick, Nicholas.....





State Censuses



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.)

NORTH DAKOTA State and colonial censuses

Minnesota inhabitants were first enumerated in the Michigan Territory 1820 census and the 1836 census of the Wisconsin Territory. A census of the Minnesota Territory was ordered in 1849, which included the name of head of household and number of males and females in that household.

1849-1859: The 1849 census included the former Wisconsin Territories of St. Croix and La Pointe, as well as the rest of the new territory which had not yet been organized into counties. By 1850, the new territory had been organized into the counties of Benton, Dakota, Itasca, Mankatah, Pembina, Ramsey, Wabashaw, Wahnahta, and Washington.

1853: A very incomplete 1853 Minnesota census exists for limited areas. Some schedules are only head of household, number of children, and total number in household, but a few include all names of inhabitants. This database contains data for two counties in 1853 – Dakota and Washington.

1855: The state census for heads of household in 1855 has been largely lost. The published schedule for Wright County has survived, as have manuscript copies for the counties of Chisago, Doty, and Superior.

1857: The 1857 Minnesota territorial census was mandated for statehood qualification and apparently included fictitious names in seven counties to boost the population. The following counties are included for this year: Anoka, Benton, Blue Earth, Brown, Buchanan, Carlton, Carver, Cass, Chisago, Cottonwood, Crow Wing, Dakota, Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Hennepin, Houston, Isanti, Itasca, Jackson, Lake, Le Sueur, Mahnomen, Martin, McLeod, Meeker, Morrison, Mower, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Olmsted, Pembina, Pierce, Pine, Pipestone, Ramsey, Renville, Rice, Rock, Scott, Sherburne, Sibley, St. Louis, Stearns, Steele, Todd, Wabasha, Waseca, Washington, Winona, and Wright.

Ancestry.com

Minnesota, Territorial and State Censuses, 1849-1905: This database contains the Minnesota territorial and state censuses for the following years:

1849-1850, 1853, 1855, 1857, 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895, 1905

North Dakota, Territorial and State Censuses, 1885, 1915, 1925

Microfilm images at Family History Library:

Indian rolls, Turtle Mountain, 1910-1939

Indian census rolls, Ft. Berthold, 1889-1939

Indian census rolls, Fort Totten, 1906-1939

Males over 18 years of age, 1889

French Canadians, 1900

Indian rolls, Devils Lake Agency, 1885-1905

Turtle Mountain Chippewa, Roulete, ND, 1900

Standing Rock Agency census, 1876-1939

Civil War Union veterans and widows, 1890

[For more information see:](#)

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



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

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For more information:
WVGS Web Site Address:
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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**

\$ **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
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	9 am-1pm Exc 1st&3rd
Salem LDS Family History Center 4550 Lone Oak Rd SE Salem, OR 97302 / 503-378-0383 ext 7	CLOSED	CLOSED	9am— 6 pm	By Appt.	9 am— 8 pm	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. https://sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/order.aspx						
Salem Public Library 1400 Broadway St NE Salem, Salem, OR 97301 / 503-588-6052	Both of Salem Public Library's current physical branches, Salem Public Library 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 https://www.willametteheritage.org/research/						



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