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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
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**Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting Day**

**We are meeting on November 13th, 2021!!**



Webmaster Dennis Hill expressed it so well on our website:

- Even with the Covid-19 situation still interfering in our lives, let's see if we can make something special of Thanksgiving this year. Turn your back on all the negatives and celebrate the precious things in your life: family, friends, and all the things you still enjoy. The WVGS is going to embrace this philosophy by meeting downstairs at the VFW Hall on Saturday November 13th. Go to the website if you need to see the VFW Hall location. Use the parking lot across the street.
- The 'meeting' will feature food, drink and desserts, all supplied by the WVGS, along with some nice gifts. But the focus will be celebrating each other after a lengthy and involuntary absence. Also election of officers for 2022 will be held.
- Spouses are welcome, and if you know someone who is curious about genealogy but not a member of our society, invite them along. Membership is free through December 2022, and Membership forms will be available at the meeting.
- The WVGS programs are always open to the public

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

**Membership for 2022**

Your WVGS Executive Board has decided that all members who are members of WVGS on December 31, 2021 will have their membership extended to December 31, 2022.

So it is not necessary for current members to fill out a membership form for 2022, nor to send in any money for dues for 2022!

This does not include the additional **\$10.00 fee** (an increase due to increase in postage) 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 and 2022 only, new members can join at no cost!! Let your fellow genealogists know. Our online form for new members is at [www.wvgsor.org](http://www.wvgsor.org)

**If you enjoy researching, please consider being our society researcher!**



## WVGS Information

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

Membership as of October 7, 2021 was 2 societies, 20 Life Members, 112 single memberships, and 15 family memberships (30 individuals) for a total of 164 members. We now have an online membership form. Welcome all new 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 \$10.00 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*

## **Elections of Officers for 2022**

**Elections for 2022 are coming up. It's hard to conduct an election when we are unable to meet! So:**

- ♦ We welcome any nominations or volunteers for officers for 2022. If you would like to nominate yourself or anyone else, please contact the Society at [willvgs@yahoo.com](mailto:willvgs@yahoo.com). Nominations for officers for 2022 are our current 2021 officers: Liz Tice President, Doug Crosby 1st VP (Program), Sue Rempel 2nd VP (Membership), Barbara Foster (Treasurer), Sally Broadwater (Recording Secretary}, Corresponding Secretary—OPEN. Thank you to the officers for volunteering their time again.
- ♦ If no other nominations are received and we are unable to have a November meeting, we will not have a vote as nominees are running unopposed. Election will be read into the record as "Unanimous". If we meet on November 13, we will have an election.
- ♦ **Tony Hoff has been our Corresponding Secretary for the last 7 years and is "retiring". Tony has done a wonderful job doing research for our society. He will help the new officer with the procedure. "The Corresponding Secretary shall answer research requests, in conformity with Society policy, conduct genealogical correspondence of the Society, keep a suitable record of all such correspondence" (per our Constitution).**

**WVGS News****President's Report October 9, 2021**

The General Meeting scheduled for October 9th was cancelled due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Members were notified in the October newsletter that the meeting had been cancelled. The Executive Board did meet on October 7, 2021.

1. Treasurer's report: Barbara Foster compiled a Treasurer's report for the month of September 2021. For September 2021: Income for Operations was from donations \$20, research \$230, interest \$2.56, total income for Operations of \$252.56; income from publication sales was \$180; total income for September was \$432.56. Expenses for Operations were rent at Candalaria -\$344.21; Publications postage for mailing -\$15.33; Research resources -\$49.95 for renewal of Genealogy Bank; total expenses -\$409.49. BALANCE of checking and savings on September 30, 2021, was \$31,577.37. The Board agreed to renew our subscription to Fold3 for \$49.95

2. Membership Report from Sue Rempel: We have 2 Societies, 20 Life members, 15 families/30 members, and 112 singles for 149 memberships or 164 members. We had 6 New members, all through our online form: Sue Matthews, Hillsboro; Susan Ramsdell, Keizer; Ed Vandehey, Woodburn; Kurt Foss, Wisconsin; Natalie Thamert, Salem; Janice Morgan, Salem; Gayle & Richard Yoder, Echo; Katie & Marc Mason, Eugene. 3 members renewed Beaver Briefs for 2022 at \$7 each. Those 3 do not have to pay \$10. The change will take effect November 1st. We reviewed changes to the membership form. After Liz makes the changes, it can be sent to Dennis for posting.

We have 2 libraries who pay \$20 for BB only as non-member subscribers. We decided to keep that at \$20.

3. General Meeting and speaker were cancelled for October. We will have an in-person general meeting on November 13th at the VFW Hall. Program will be to have members talk about their genealogical research during the pandemic. We will also provide lunch, drinks, dessert and a gift. We have enough donated books to have a book sale in December.

4. Corresponding Secretary Tony Hoff reported that the requests slowed down in September. We only received 3 requests for research in September: 2 to our society and 1 to the Salem Public Library. They consisted of requests for 9 obituaries, 1 death certificate, 1 marriage record and 1 to update a tree on Ancestry. We still need a replacement for Tony for 2022.

5. Deanne reported that our books are on the shelves at Salem Public Library. We have 2 desks, a small filing cabinet and a large one in the back. We have not met with the library yet to review our agreement. Deanne and Craig Smith are going through our CDs and microfilm to see where the information is available. Any that we keep will be shelved in Dewey order on the shelf.

6. There has been no volunteer activity. Liz proposed we investigate the cost of buying another laptop for volunteers at Keizer Community Library and as a back-up to our current laptops.

7. Beaver Briefs #4 – Craig has articles completed. Due out November 1.

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

9. Old business- Genealogy classes at Senior Center begins October 11th.

10. New Business-if we have a meeting on Nov. 13, we can hold elections.

**Liz Tice, President**

- There's still time to attend the last two genealogy classes at the Salem Center 50. See the included flyer.
- This is from member Paul Andrews: I recently came across an interesting genealogy site that quickly shows your connection to famous people.
- If you have a family tree on the Family Search site, you can join for free. The site is run by BYU.
- Go to: <https://www.relativefinder.org/#/main>  
It quickly determines your connection to Astronauts, Authors and Poets, European Royalty, Famous Americans, Mayflower passengers, Movie Stars, US Presidents, several LDS categories and several others. It is fun to see how many connections you have and to wonder what the exact connection is.





## City Directories



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#### **Ancestry.com says:**

- City directories are useful for placing people in a particular place at a particular time. They typically tell you where an ancestor lived and worked and can help you locate ancestors in census years. They can also lead you to nearby churches, cemeteries, and municipalities, where you can look for more records created while your ancestor lived in this location.
- Generally a city directory will contain an alphabetical list of citizens, listing the names of the heads of households, their addresses, and occupational information. Sometimes a wife's name will be listed in parentheses or italics following the husband's. Other helpful information might include death dates for individuals who had been listed in the previous year's directory, names of partners in firms, and forwarding addresses or post offices for people who had moved to another town.

#### **Where can you find Salem City Directories?**

- To find them on Ancestry.com, Search > Schools, Directories & Church Histories U.S., City Directories, 1822-1995
  - You can search for a name, but you can also browse the directories. On the right side of the page for the database, select Oregon > Salem. You can look at Salem City Directories starting in 1871 to 1988, not all years included. You will find interesting things!
- Salem Public Library has a collection of Salem City Directories. Check the catalog at [https://catalog.ccrls.org/client/en\\_US/spl/](https://catalog.ccrls.org/client/en_US/spl/)
- Craig Smith has scanned the 1878 and 1886 Salem City Directories. They will be PDF documents and searchable.
- Silver Falls Library also has a collection of city directories.
- If you are looking for one in another city, check ancestry.com city directories and the library catalog in that city or county.

Below— samples from the 1905 Salem and Marion County City Directory.

Henseley H N, baggage agt S P Co.  
 Hensley Mrs Mary, waitress The Willamette.  
 Hensley Ralph, stage driver, bds The Commercial.  
 Hensley Richard, plumber Insane Asylum, res e s 25th nr Trade.  
 Herbolt Wm, carder T K W M Co, bds e s Winter 1 n Oak.  
 Herren Albert W, res 10 Division.  
 Herren Mrs Amanda J, res 307 High.  
 Herren Carl, bkpr Salem Iron Works, bds 10 Division.  
 Herren Edward C, hops 218 Commercial, bds 344 Front.  
 Herren Elizabeth (wid John C), res 183 Winter.  
 Herren Eveline (wid W J), bds 10 Division.  
 Herren James, lab, rms Commercial n w cor Owens.  
 Herren John C, bds 183 Winter.  
 Herren Lela, bds 10 Division.  
 Herrick B B Jr, county surveyor Court House, res Turner, Ore.

## Great Chinese Doctor

IS called great, because his wonderful cures are so well known throughout the city, and because many people are thankful to him for saving their lives, **without Operations**, during his residence here since 1886. He cures any and all diseases with Chinese herbs, roots, buds, bark and vegetable tea that are entirely unknown to medical science in this country, and through the use of these harmless remedies. This famous doctor knows the action of over 500 different oriental remedies that he has successfully used in different diseases. He guarantees these herbs to cure catarrh, asthma, lung trouble, rheumatism, nervousness, stomach, liver, kidneys, female trouble and all private diseases and many other troubles not here mentioned.

Hundreds of testimonials. Charges moderate. Call and see him. Consultation free. Person out of the city, write for blanks and circulars. Enclose stamp.

Address **Dr. Kum Bow Wo Company,**

264 Liberty Street.  
 Phone Main 2644

SALEM, OR.  
 P. O. Box 185



# Genealogy Classes 2021

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society will have a series of genealogy classes focused on genealogy research by regions of the US. You can sign up for each one separately-some or all of them. Each one will have a presentation and hand-out on the topic. You may bring your own laptop/tablet but it is not necessary. \$6 for each class

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|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| October 11, 2021 | Class 1 Northeast Area of the US    |
| October 18, 2021 | Class 2 Southeast Area of the US    |
| October 25, 2021 | *Class 3 Midwest Area of the US     |
| November 1, 2021 | Class 4 Plains Area of the US       |
| November 8, 2021 | Class 5 Pacific West Area of the US |

See the reverse side for more information



**Instructor:** Liz Tice, WVGS

**Time:** Each class is 10 am to 12 pm on Mondays

October 11- November 8

**Cost:** \$6 for each 2 hour class

**Where:** Center 50+

2615 Portland Rd NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**Contact:** Senior Center 503-588-6303

Register online at <https://egov.cityofsalem.net/center50Plus/>



# Genealogy Classes 2021

All classes will use Family Tree Magazine's State Guides. One state will be the focus and include the hand-out. State guides for other states can be downloaded to participant's laptops/tablets.

***Class 1 Northeast Area of the US*** We will look in depth at resources available for Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. Other states are Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland.

***Class 2 Southeast Area of the US*** We will look in depth at resources for Virginia. Other states are West Virginia, Washington DC, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Louisiana

***Class 3 Midwest Area of the US*** We will look in depth at Ohio. Other states are Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota.

***Class 4 Plains Area of the US*** We will focus on Texas. Other states will be Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, North and South Dakota, and Montana.

***Class 5 Pacific West Area of the US*** We will look at Oregon and Washington. Other states are Idaho, California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Alaska and Hawaii.





Research



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**September 21, 2021:****FamilySearch Completes Digitization of Massive Microfilm Collection**

- Effort makes billions of historical genealogy records freely available online- FamilySearch.org.
- It is a milestone 83 years in the making. Today FamilySearch International announced the completion of a massive project to digitize its collection of millions of rolls of microfilm containing billions of family history records from around the world. The archive containing information on more than 11.5 billion individuals is now freely available to the public on FamilySearch.org.
- NOTE: All of the microfilms are digitized and published on FamilySearch. However, they are not all “available” for viewing. While the majority are broadly accessible, some will have varying degrees of access limitations governed by contractual agreements or other restraints. Where access limitations exist, most will be available through the FamilySearch Family History Library, a local FamilySearch center, or a third party website. There are also some digital collections that are not currently available. We apologize for any inconvenience in these circumstances.

**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.



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## Chemawa Cemetery



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### October 11, 2021 Willamette Week

In conjunction with Indigenous Peoples Day, two researchers are providing public access to a new database of more than 300 people who died at Chemawa School, a federal boarding school for Indigenous people located near Salem.

The genocidal legacy of boarding schools for Indigenous students received new attention this May in British Columbia, where the bodies of 215 children were discovered at one site. The history of Oregon's schools is less known, but the two researchers examined what happened in their Washington County town.

The database was compiled by **SuAnn Reddick**, an independent historian and Pacific University archivist, and associate professor **Eva Guggemos**. Chemawa was originally located in Forest Grove, the town where Pacific University is now located. The school moved in 1885 to its current location near Salem.

Guggemos researched the school's history in Forest Grove.

Two of those who died at the school are buried in unmarked graves there. Reddick has spent 20 years researching the present campus and has documented the deaths of nearly all of the 270 students and 30 nonstudents who are identified in the searchable database the two researchers built. Of that number, researchers say 175 were buried at the Chemawa School Cemetery; two were buried in Forest Grove; 40 were returned home between 1880 and 1945 and 50 remained unaccounted for.

The link to the article is:

<https://www.wweek.com/news/2021/10/11/on-indigenous-peoples-day-researchers-publish-database-of-those-buried-at-chemawa-school/>

SuAnn Reddick and Eva Guggemos have been dedicated to this project. The earlier WVGS database contributed to their research. Our 2019 database can be found on our website.

SuAnn and Eva's website is at

<https://heritage.lib.pacificu.edu/s/deaths-chemawa/page/welcome>

This site brings together information about students who died at the school: their names and burial locations as well as a timeline, and notes about the research process with citations for sources. Hundreds of students died while in custody of the school.

## DEATHS AT CHEMAWA INDIAN SCHOOL

Welcome

Names & Burial Locations

Timeline



Students at Chemawa, 1905

Find Names and Burial Locations

Chemawa Cemetery Map





## Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Membership Application

Revised September 2021, valid through December 31, 2022

### Mailing Address:

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society  
P. O. Box 2083, Salem, OR 97308-2083

Email: [willvgs@yahoo.com](mailto:willvgs@yahoo.com)

### For more information:

WVGS Web Site Address: <http://www.wvgsor.org> Facebook: [www.facebook.com/wvgsor](http://www.facebook.com/wvgsor)

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 2021-22 only ~~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 \$10.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 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:

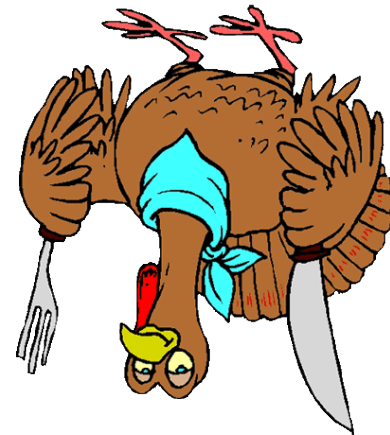
I can offer help with:

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	6 pm— 9 pm	CLOSED	6 pm— 9 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
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 585 Liberty St SE, Salem, OR 97301 (503) 588-6315	Express Service for browsing and check out, holds pickup, and limited public computer use is available at Salem Public Library's Main Library, 585 Liberty ST SE. Express Service is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday.						
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