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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting Day!

- **Time: April 8, 2023, 10:30 am to 1 pm**
- **Place: Salem Public Library, 585 Liberty St. SE, Salem, Oregon**
Collaboration Room, Lower Level. Free parking in the Library Parkade.
- **10:30 am – 11:30 am General Membership Meeting.**

A business meeting will be held to conduct society business.

12 noon – 1 pm Program: There will be two 30-minute sessions

Session 1 : How I Built My Digital Library by Craig Smith. Information on creating, collecting, organizing and sharing digital genealogy computer files.

Craig Smith, a genealogist since 1979, retired after 41 years as a Reference Librarian. Craig worked 30 years at the State Library of Oregon (Reference Supervisor) and 11 Years at Willamette University Law Library (Law Librarian). He has a B.A. (history) from Pacific University and an M.L.S. (library science) from the University of Oregon. Craig has been scanning materials since 1992. Craig is 7th generation Oregonian descended from Tabitha Brown, "The Official Mother of Oregon".

Session 2 : Buying and Using a Flash Drive by Bill Lenzke. Bill will discuss what a flash drive is and how to use it with your computer.

Bill graduated from Milwaukee School of Engineering in 1960, one of thirteen in the first Computer Technology course. During the years since he has: constructed computers, serviced computers, programmed computers, and applied computers in Robotics, Machine Vision, Data Acquisition, and Inspection Systems. He also designed microscopes and illumination devices for Semiconductor Wafer Inspection Systems, and designed a specialized camera to measure the height of objects on semiconductor wafers. After successful demonstration of the camera, his manager and Bill were awarded a U.S. Patent in the process. Bill also designs CGI images for use in movies. Visit Bill's webpage at

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

There will be a Board meeting on Thursday April 6, 2023 at 11:30 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 630 Hood St NE, Salem, Oregon. Members are welcome.

Membership for 2023

All members of WVGS as of December 31, 2021 had their membership extended to December 31, 2023. For 2023, new members can join at no cost!! Let your fellow genealogists know. Our online form for new members is at www.wvgsor.org Membership.

This does not include the additional \$10.00 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.



WVGS Information

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

Membership as of March 12, 2023 was 3 societies, 24 Life Members, 201 single memberships, and 21 family memberships (42 individuals) for a total of 270 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. The same is true for our exchange societies and complimentary newsletters.

We emailing the **Beaver Briefs** to all members with an email address. 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 us at willvgs@yahoo.com

Meeting Dates for 2023

January 21	July 8
February 11	August 12
March 11	September 9
April 8	October 14
May 13	November 11
June 10	December 9

WVGS Officers for 2023

Elected Officers

President: **Doug Crosby**
 1st Vice-President (Program): **Kerry Wymetalek**
 2nd Vice-President (Membership): **Suzan Rempel**
 Recording Secretary: **Liz Tice**
 Corresponding Secretary: **Julianne Kennedy**
 Treasurer: **Barbara Foster**

Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor: **Elizabeth Tice**
 Beaver Brief Editors: **Dennis Hill & Craig Smith**
 Librarians: **Deanne Smith**
 Volunteer Coordinator: **Alan Town**
 Publicity:
 Webmaster: **Dennis Hill**
 Periodicals: **Jerry Rodgers**

Document Research: Searches for 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 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.

General Research

We will conduct searches using resources such as Ancestry.com, censuses, city directories, Oregon Donation Land Claims, newspapers, and other sources. General research is not restricted to research in 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. There is also a charge of 10 cents per page for every copy over 10 pages.

Genealogy Help

Come visit our volunteers at the Genealogy Desk at Salem Public Library. We have volunteers from 11 am to 5 pm Tuesday to Saturday and 1 pm to 4 pm Sunday. Volunteers are there to help patrons for free with their genealogy questions. This includes members! Access to Ancestry.com, newspapers.com and other sites. Reminder: Ancestry.com Library Edition is free at Salem Public Library when you are there in person.

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.





WVGS News

From Your President's Desk:

Crosby's Comments, April 2023

Thanks to Barbara Hunter are in order for a wonderful presentation on research in a rural, "underwater" town in California!

The report from the Finance Committee boils down to a serious deficit in the budget. We expect to reinstate Membership Dues for 2024. Pre Covid dues were \$25/year for individuals. Recommendations for the coming year are being prepared.

The Bylaws Committee has nearly finalized recommended changes to the Society Constitution/Bylaws. These will be brought to the Society to be voted on, probably at the May General Meeting. We are working on procedures to allow all members to vote, whether in the live meeting or online within the Member Pages. Be sure to look for upcoming details.

At the April meeting we will be voting on our contract with the Salem Public Library. Negotiations with the Librarian have resulted in a document approved by the City and reviewed by the Board. The Board unanimously recommended accepting the contract.

Members will be able to view the document within the Member web pages before the April 8th vote, and the recommended Bylaws will be available there before the May meeting.

Doug Crosby

Genealogy Classes Start in April

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society will have a series of genealogy classes on a variety of genealogy topics. You 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. \$10 for each class.

The Genealogy Classes at the Center 50+ are in partnership with the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society. Six separate classes will be held—sign up for all or some.

Instructor: Liz Tice, WVGS and Tony Hoff, WVGS

When: Mondays, April 24, 2023, to June 5, 2023 (no class on May 29th)

Time: Each class is 10 am to 1 pm.

Cost: \$10 per 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>

Each class will have a presentation and hand out. Then WVGS volunteers will help you search for records on the topic of the class. Mondays at Center 50+

Class 1: April 24, 2023, 10 am– 1pm How to Get Started on Genealogy

Family information, forms, get organized,, genealogy trees, sourcing.

Class 2: May1, 2023, 10 am-1pm Ancestry.com and FamilySearch

These are two of the "big" genealogy sites. We'll go over the features of each and best ways to search.

Class 3: May 8, 2023, 10 am—1 pm Vital Records

Vital records pertain to birth, marriage, and death records. Where to find them, what might be on them and how to get missing records will be talked about.

Class 4: May 15, 2023, 10 am-1 pm Military Records & Land Records

You can find personal information and where your ancestors lived. We'll cover types of records and where to find them .

Class 5: May 22, 2023, 10 am –1pm Immigration & Ethnic Sources

We're an immigrant nation. We'll look into how we can find records of our ancestors arriving and becoming citizens and before.

Class 6: June 5, 2023, 10 am-1pm Googling and Free Sites An important part of searching for genealogy records is "googling". There also are many free genealogy sites.



WVGS Publications for Sale



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WVGS Publications List

These are Willamette Valley Genealogical Society's publications that are for sale. The order form can be found on our website, wvgsor.org.

• Marion County Probate

Marion County, OR Probate Records. Covers from the beginning to filing of to #2500. Ends about Sept. 1905, many files contain papers on heirs after that. \$5.00 p/h each

Vol. I	A-G. 109 pp.	\$8.00
Vol. II	H-Q. 103 pp.	\$8.00
Vol. III	R-Z. 84 pp.	\$8.00
Vol. IV	Index. 70 pp.	\$8.00
Any 2 volumes above		\$15.00
Complete set (4 vols.)		\$30.00

• Marion County, OR, Marriage Records, Each indexed. \$5.00 p/h each

Vol. I	1849-1871, 137 pp.	\$8.00
Vol. II	1871-1874, 42 pp.	\$4.00
Vol. III	1874-1879, 74 pp.	\$6.00
Vol. IV	1879-1884, 67 pp.	\$6.00
Vol. V	1884-1888, 57 pp.	\$6.00
Vol. VI	1888-1891, 63 pp.	\$6.00
Vol. VII	1891-1894, 65 pp.	\$6.00
Vol. VIII	1894-1897, 64 pp.	\$6.00
Vol. IX	1897-1900, 70 pp.	\$6.00

• Excerpts from The Woodburn Independent

Excerpts from this early newspaper, published weekly or twice weekly in Woodburn, OR (about 16 miles north of Salem), primarily those including area residents' names and area activities. This information can be useful in establishing that those mentioned were in the area at the time. (Much of the 1890 Federal Census is missing.) Some volumes are missing information from periods that are not in the microfilmed newspaper records in the Woodburn City Library. \$5.00 p/h for each.

Vol. 1	Dec. 1888-Dec. 1889. Includes the first issue. 103 pp. including surname index.	\$10.00
Vol. 2	Jan.—Dec. 1890. 151 pp. including surname index.	\$15.00
Vol. 3	Jan.—Dec. 1891. 272 pp. including surname and subject indexes.	\$15.00
Vol. 4	Jan.—Dec. 1892. 316 pp. including surname and subject indexes.	\$15.00
Vol. 5	Jan.—Dec. 1893. 187 pp. including name and subject indexes.	\$15.00
Vol. 6	Jan.—Dec. 1894. 266 pp. including name and subject indexes.	\$15.00
Vol. 7	Jan. – Dec. 1895. 223 pp. including name and subject indexes.	\$15.00
Vol. 8	Jan.—Dec. 1896. 223 pp. including name and subject indexes.	\$15.00
Vol. 9	Jan.—Dec. 1897. 212 pp. including name and subject indexes.	\$15.00
Vol. 10	Jan.-Dec. 1898. 284 pp. including surname and subject indexes.	\$15.00.
Vol. 11	Jan.-Dec. 1899. 335 pp. including name and subject indexes.	\$15.00
Vol. 12	Jan. 1900—Jan. 1901. 267 pp. plus name and subject indexes.	\$15.00
Complete Set of 12 Volumes.		\$150.00 +\$10 p/h

• The Salem (Marion Co., OR) Directory for 1871. Alphabetical listing of business and residents, fold-out map. 22 pp. + map. \$2.00 + \$5 p/h.

• Marion County, OR 1895 Census. \$5.00 p/h for each.

Volume 1, City of Salem. 143 pp. \$12.00

Volume 2, Marion County, (Other than city of Salem). Includes original Vol. 2 and 3 of the census.

Volume 2 enumerated residents of villages and towns; Volume 3, rural residences.

Alphabetical within village or town, or rural. Published 2001. 400 pp. \$20.00.

Volumes 1 & 2 as a set. \$25.00 +\$10.00 p/h

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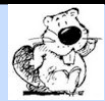
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- **Oregon, Marion County 1905 Census.** \$5.00 p/h for each.
Book I. Indexed. Book 1 excludes parts of North Silverton, South Silverton, Salem, and Hubbard; and excludes Sidney, Oregon State Insane Asylum, East Salem, Turner and Woodburn (which are in Book II, below). 189 pp. \$15.00
Book II. Indexed. Book II consists of the areas not in Book I. 166 pp. \$15.00
Books I & II as a set. \$25.00 + \$10.00 p/h
- **Beaver Briefs (WVGS's "quarterly")** Indices. \$5.00 p/h for each.
Vols. I-X, 1969-78. 81 pp. \$6.00
Vols. 11-19, 1979-87. 70 pp. \$6.00
Vols. 20-29, 1988-97. 96 pp. \$10.00
Vols. 30-39, 1998-07. 130 pp. \$10.00
- **Military Roll of Marion County (OR) for 1874.** Alphabetical, including name, age, precinct. 39 pp. \$4.00 + \$5 p/h.
- **Marion County Cemeteries and Death Records** \$5.00 p/h for each.
The Asylum Cemetery 1883-1913. History of OR State Insane Asylum and Cemetery (destroyed in 1913). 1,539 burials plus some obits and commitment notices. 58 pp., indexed. \$6.00
Capital Monument Records, Salem, OR. Details from contracts to place grave markers throughout the Willamette Valley, on the OR Coast, and in private burial grounds. Both volumes indexed.
Vol. I, 1918-1947 Records. Published 1993. 388 pp. \$22.00
Vol. II, 1948-March 1961 Records. Published 2002. 320 pp. \$20.00
Vols. I & II as a set. \$35.00 + \$10.00 p/h
Claggett, Marion County, OR. Keizer, Oregon. Includes many obits. Burials are alphabetical. 27 pp. \$3.00
Cloverdale Cemetery, Turner, OR. Jean Hunsaker completed this in 2007. Includes many obits and death certificates. 300 pp. \$20.00
Cox Cemetery, Marion County, OR. Also known as Sidney or Ankeny. Includes many obits and plot map. Burials alphabetical. 24 pp., single-sided. \$3.00
Friends Cemeteries in Marion County, OR 1893- 1991. Includes obit information and plot maps. 68 pp. \$6.00
Hayesville Cemetery, Salem, Marion Co., OR. Includes history of Hayesville, plot maps, and alphabetical list of burials (obits when available). Indexed. 96 pp. \$10.00
Howell Prairie Cemetery, Marion County, OR 1849-1988. Includes obits and pictures of markers. Indexed. 94 pp. \$10.00
Jefferson, Marion Co., OR Cemetery. Early city history, 1,400 burials with 1,200 obits and plot map. 382 pp. \$20.00.
Lee Mission Cemetery, Salem, Marion Co., OR, 1842-1996. Burials in alphabetical order, including obits for most. Indexes by Burial Location Numbers and by collateral names. 476 pp. \$25.00
Looney Cemetery, Marion County, OR. Early Looney Butte area history; includes obits. 34 pp., indexed. \$3.00
Marion County, Oregon, Deaths-1903-1920. From microfilms covering 1903-05 & 1907-20, plus reconstructed 1906. 201 pp. \$10.00
Mennonite Cemeteries in Marion Co., OR: Pratum and Hopewell. 575+ burials. Includes obituaries and plot maps. 112 pp. \$10.00
St. Barbara's Cemetery, Marion Co, Salem, OR.
Vol 1. Alphabetical index includes birth/death dates, grave number & tombstone inscriptions. 71 pp. \$8.00
Vol. 2. Obituaries found or information from death certificates on persons listed in Vo. 1. 368 pp. including surname index. \$20.00
Vol. 1 & 2 as a set. \$25.00 +\$10.00 p/h

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Interesting Sites



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From Geneastar (<https://en.geneastar.org/>)



- Have you ever heard of Geneastar? Geneastar is a Geneanet website that focuses on the genealogy of famous people. If you have a famous genealogy in your family tree, you can submit it to Geneastar at: <https://en.geneastar.org/propose>
- The person must have a Wikipedia page and a portrait (photo, painting, engraving), and the family tree must contain at least 5 generations of ancestors on at least one branch.
- If you are a Premium member, you can automatically match your family tree to the Geneastar database to find some famous relatives. Simply go to <https://en.geneanet.org/compare/> and click "New Search" in the "Famous people" section.

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From Family History Daily (<https://familyhistorydaily.com/>)

Download a Free Checklist of Family History Records You Can Search Now

Enter your email address and we'll send you a handy checklist of record types that may contain information about your ancestors + our free genealogy newsletter (packed full of tips!)

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From Vita Brevis, a resource of American Ancestors (<https://vitabrevis.americanancestors.org/>)

Why Was Lower Canada Above Upper Canada?



For a country which gained its independence from the United Kingdom just 155 years ago, Canada has gone through a significant number of changes to its internal structure and boundaries. The relatively frequent shifting of jurisdictions among the oft-re-named areas has proven to be troublesome to genealogical researchers.



Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Membership Application

Revised September 2022, valid through December 31, 2023

Mailing Address:

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For more information:

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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: _____

\$ Free Membership for 2023. Membership includes the WVGS monthly newsletter and electronic copies of 4 issues of the quarterly bulletin *Beaver Briefs*.

\$ _____ Additional cost for postage for 4 issues of hard copies of *Beaver Briefs* in the mail is \$10, available for members only.

\$ _____ Hard copies (4 issues) of *Beaver Briefs only*, received by mail, is \$20 for non-members only.

\$ _____ One-time payment for Life Membership ☐ Under age 70 (\$250) ☐ Age 70 or Over (\$200). See website for information on Life Membership or pick up a form from an officer.

\$ _____ Other (please identify) _____

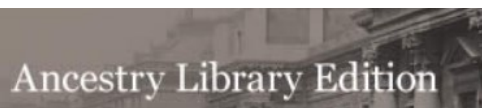
\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED Please make check payable to WVGS.

SIGNATURE of New Member _____ Date _____

Members from 2022 do not need to fill out a form. Your membership will be rolled over to 2023.

SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

Come into Salem Public Library or contact us at willvgs@yahoo.com for help with your research. WVGS subscribes to various websites and publications.
Ancestry Library Edition is free at Salem Public Library.



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	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	CLOSED	CLOSED	9 am- 4 pm	1 pm- 8 pm	By appt.	By appt	By appt.
Oregon State Archives 800 Summer St NE Salem, OR 97310 / 503-373-0701	Hours: 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday–Friday except state holidays. The Reference Room is open by appointment. http://sos.oregon.gov/archives/						
Salem Public Library 585 Liberty St SE, Salem, OR 97301 (503) 588-6315	Salem Public Library's Main Library, 585 Liberty ST SE, Salem, Oregon. Hours: 10 am -7 pm Tuesday-Thursday, 10 am—5 pm Friday & Saturday, and 1 pm—5 pm Sunday.						
Willamette Heritage Center Research Library 1313 Mill St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-585-7012	The Research Library and Archives by appointment only. Due to social distancing guidelines and reduced staff, the WHC Research Library is open on a limited basis by appointment only. Appointments will be considered only in cases where we can't provide services remotely. https://www.willametteheritage.org/research/						



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