

WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting Day!

- Time: July 8, 2023, 10:30 am to 1 pm
- Place: Salem Public Library, 585 Liberty St. SE, Salem, Oregon
Collaboration Room, Lower Level. Free 3-hour 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: Periodical Source Index (PERSI)

PERSI is the largest subject index to genealogy and local history in the world. Publications from the 1800s to today are included. Allen County Public Library staff maintain the index for thousands of periodical titles published by genealogical societies and organizations. Although PERSI is not a comprehensive every-name index, it can point towards unique record collections that help us understand our family history.

Jerry Rodgers, WVGS Periodical Librarian will present information on how to use this free index and obtain copies of articles. He will have samples of our Candalaria Collection.

- The program is open to anyone.

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

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.

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 FUNDRAISER 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 Information

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

Membership as of June 20, 2023 was 3 societies, 24 Life Members, 217 single memberships, and 22 family memberships (44 individuals) for a total of 288 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**
 Hospitality: **Sharon Hoff**

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.

We are in the process of designing a new logo for our society such as the one here.



**Willamette Valley
Genealogical Society**



1931 Canadian Census

Release of the 1931 Canadian Census

“On June 1, 2023, the Canadian government released the digitized records of the 1931 Census of Canada. This highly anticipated event will reveal a snapshot of life for more than 10 million people living in Canada then. Canadian law dictates that census records be kept private for 92 years, but following the release, nearly 235,000 images will be available to browse on the Library and Archives Canada (LAC) website. After the initial release of these digitized records, LAC will partner with Ancestry® and FamilySearch International to read the images using Ancestry’s® state-of-the-art handwriting technology and check the index for accuracy. These collaborative efforts will create an advanced searchable database of records of Canadian residents.”

Library and Archives of Canada: 1931 Census

<https://recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/index1931>

Ancestry.com:

Search > Census & Voter Lists

1931 Census of Canada



Most of these records are in the English language but there are also records in French

For best results, you should first search using English words and location spellings. If you do not find what you are looking for, try using French.

Search

☐ Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)

Last Name

The Doukhobors, a group of Russian dissenters whose rejection of the Russian Orthodox Church brought them to Canada, created a ruckus for census officials. A small Doukhobor splinter group, the Sons of Freedom, rejected Canadian government authority. So when census enumerators came knocking, they refused to answer and tried to scare away enumerators with nude protest parades or by supplying farcical answers to questions. Authorities issued arrest warrants and eventually imprisoned some for refusing to cooperate. To read more historical newspaper stories related to the 1931 Census of Canada and to search our Canadian papers, visit **Newspapers.com™** today.

It will be recalled that two weeks ago when E. L. Kidd, local enumerator, went to the North Fork faction of the Doukhobors, instead of being able to get any information for census returns they put on a nude demonstration and refused any information.

The Gazette – Grand Forks, British Columbia, Canada:
19 June 1931



WVGS Activities



A Summer Trip?

Salem Saturday Market

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society will have a table at the Salem Saturday Market on July 15th. We will have hand-outs about our society and members to greet visitors and answer questions. Please visit us.

865 Marion St NE, Salem

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Every Saturday - March thru October



The 2023 season marks the 25th Anniversary of the Salem Saturday Market which takes place at the State of Oregon Green Lot located on the corner of Summer & Marion Streets. Just 1 block north of the State Capital Mall. Over 150 vendors providing hand made, handcrafted or homegrown products... sharing the fresh bounty and local products from the Mid-Willamette Valley.

<https://www.salemcommunitymarkets.com/saturday-market.html>

Summer is time for a Genealogy Trip

There's nothing like walking in the footsteps of our ancestors – and as family historians it's even more important to spend some time researching in the libraries, archives, societies and museums where our ancestors lived. But how do you go about planning such a trip? And most importantly, should you plan such a trip? From Genealogy Bank Blog.

See FamilySearch.org for an article on Planning and Implementing a Research Trip:

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/img_auth.php/c/c3/Planning_and_Implementing_a_Research_Trip_Handout.pdf

What is the most important step? Planning!

- Plan your genealogy trip ahead of time.
- Conduct research before the trip.
- Don't take bulky files, but make sure your laptop or tablet is up-to-date. Have your family genealogy stored online so that you can access it anywhere.
- Have fun!

Genealogy Research Packing list at

<https://genealogybargains.s3.amazonaws.com/Genealogy+Research+Trip+Packing+List.pdf>





WVGS Collections



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- Salem Public Library does not have shelf space for all our materials.
- We rent an office in Candalaria Terrace for family histories, periodicals, microfiche, CDs, and storage of our records.

What do we store at Candalaria?

- Family Histories
- Periodicals
- Genealogy CDs
- Microfiche

Where can you find a list of the collections?

- WVGS website under materials <http://www.wvgsor.org/>
- Ask a volunteer at the Genealogy Desk. A list is on the WVGS laptops.
- In a notebook on the shelf in our collection at Salem Public Library.
- Craig Smith has added them to an external hard drive that you can peruse at the library. Ask the volunteer.



Salem Public Library:

- Microfilms are stored on our shelf at Salem Public Library and at Candalaria.
- WVGS Collection at Salem Public Library- Books, We have almost 5,000 genealogy books, Reference and how-to, Other countries, US most states, Military, Native American, Biographies, Vital Records, Histories, Probate, and many more subjects .
- Our books, microfiche and microfilm are in Salem Public Library's Online catalog
Go to Salem Public Library at: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/community/library>



- Our books cannot be checked out!

Library	Include	Exclude
<input type="checkbox"/> Salem Main Library		(12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver Falls Library		(6)
<input type="checkbox"/> Dallas Public Library		(5)
<input type="checkbox"/> McMinnville Public Lib...		(4)
<input type="checkbox"/> Monmouth Public Libr...		(4)
<input type="checkbox"/> WVGS Collection at Sal...		(4)



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For a list of collections other than books go to our website, <https://www.wvgsor.org/Materials.htm>

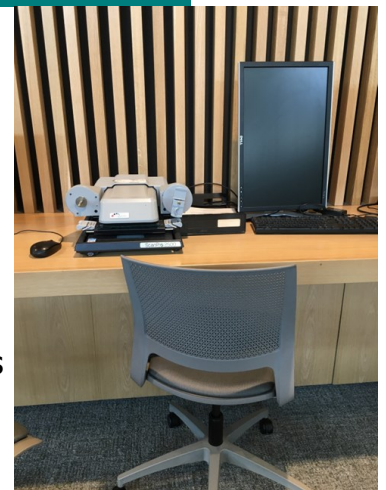
Candalaria:

- You can contact us at the Genealogy Desk at Salem Public Library.
- You can also request materials be brought to the Salem Public Library using a request form on our website www.wvgsor.org
- Members can check materials out for 30 days.

Due to the size of the WVGS's research collection, some of the materials have to be stored at our office site about a mile and a half south of the library. Access to the materials at the office site must be scheduled in advance. You can also request they be brought to the Salem Public Library using this request form:

[Request Form](#)

- Microfiche and microfilm has to be viewed at Salem Public Library. Salem Public Library has a microfilm/microfiche reader opposite the Genealogy Volunteer Desk with a printer. Library staff can help you.
- Lists of our collections other than books can be found on the WVGS website under materials <http://www.wvgsor.org/>
- We also have a Surname File at Salem Public Library. This is previous research done on Oregon families. The list of surnames is on our website under Materials.





Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Membership Application

Revised September 2022, valid through December 31, 2023

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> Facebook: 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: _____

\$ 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.

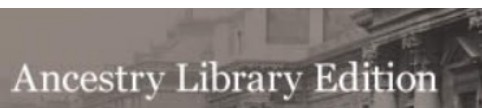
SIGNATURE of New Member _____ Date _____

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. You can do your own research.



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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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