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Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting Day!

- Time: January 13, 2024, 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 – 11:45 am General Membership Meeting.
A business meeting will be held to conduct society business.

12 noon – 1 pm Program: Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Presents
“Free” Program
“Sharing Your Treasures”
Artifacts or Stories



WVGS programs are always open to the public.

There will be a Board meeting on Thursday January 11, 2024 at 11:30 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 630 Hood St NE, Salem, Oregon. Members are welcome.

Officers for Next Year

2024 Officers

President: Doug Crosby

2nd Vice-President Membership: Sue Rempel

Recording Secretary: Liz Tice

1st Vice-President Programs: Kerry Wymetalek

Treasurer: Barbara Foster

Corresponding Secretary: Debbie Root

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WVGS Information

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

Membership as of November 28, 2023 was 3 societies, 25 Life Members, 231 single memberships, and 23 family memberships (46 individuals) for a total of 305 members. Welcome all new members! And thank you to those who have paid dues for 2024.

Member Benefits

We send newsletters to our members and exchange societies **by email** from our Yahoo email account (willvgs@yahoo.com). If you are not getting it, please check your spam folder or contact us. If any member would prefer a hard copy, please let me know.

We email the **Beaver Briefs** to all members with an email address. If you want a hard copy, the cost is 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. Members who do not have an email and do not pay the \$10 fee for a hard copy of Beaver Briefs will not receive Beaver Briefs.

New! Meeting Dates for 2024

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

WVGS Officers for 2024

Elected Officers

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

Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor: *Elizabeth Tice*
 Beaver Brief Editors: *Dennis Hill & Craig Smith*
 Librarians: *Deanne Smith*
 Volunteer Coordinator: *Alan Town*
 Publicity: **Chairperson Needed!!**
 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.

Membership for 2024

We have a new membership form in this newsletter and on our website. Yearly dues will be \$30 for a single membership and \$40 for a family. If you want to receive Beaver Briefs in print, the cost will still be an additional \$10.

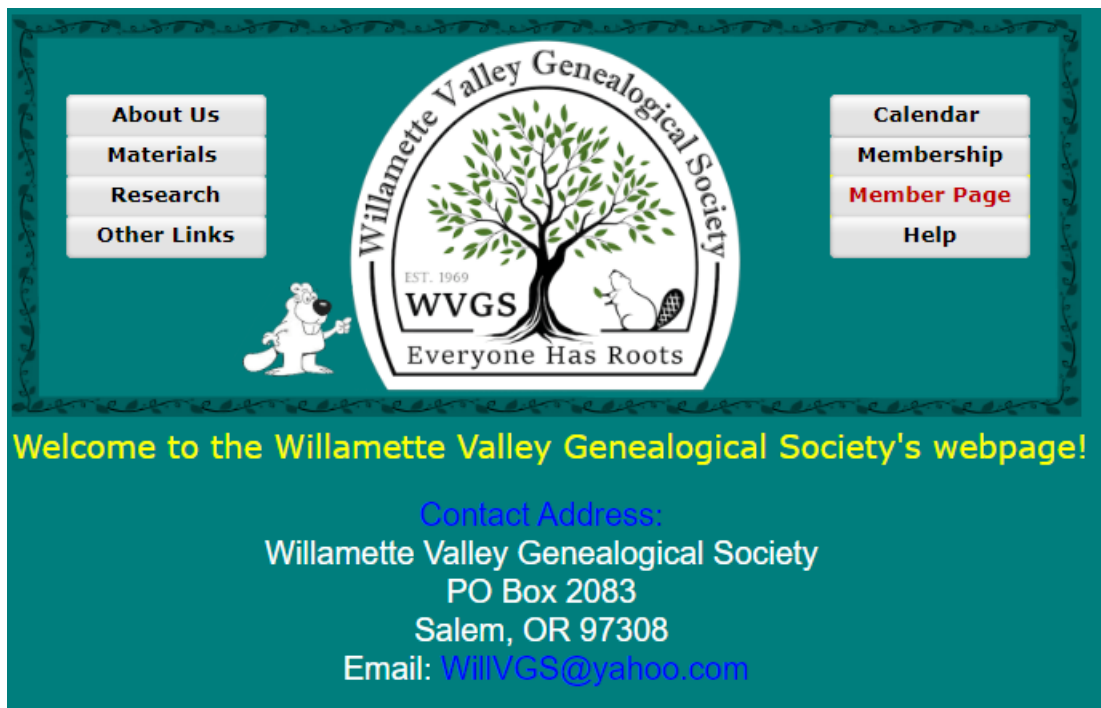
Genealogy Help

Come visit our volunteers at the Genealogy Desk at Salem Public Library. We have volunteers from 11 am to 6 pm Tuesday to Thursday, 11 am to 5 pm Friday and Saturday. Salem Public Library will be closed on Sundays beginning January 2024. Volunteers are there to help patrons, including members, for free with their genealogy questions. Volunteers have 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.



Willamette Valley Genealogical Society

Our website is wvgsor.org



About us:

About WVGS; WVGS Officers for 2023; The WVGS Salem Public Library Genealogy Department.

Materials:

Beaver Briefs Tables of Contents; Beaver Briefs Surname Index; Chemawa Cemetery Project; Shaw Cemetery Project; Materials available at the Salem Public Library; WVGS Publications for Sale.

Research:

Genealogical Research; How to send a Research Request; Fee Schedule for Research; DNA Counseling Request Form.

Calendar:

2024 Board and General Meeting Schedule; Monthly Meeting Information; Upcoming programs.

Membership:

Membership forms; Information on Membership.

Member Page (requires member password):

Member contact information; Newsletters and meeting minutes; Copies of all 55 years of Beaver Briefs; Exchange Publications; WVGS Bylaws.

Help:

Help with Adobe; How to Sign Up for Fred Meyer Rewards to help WVGS; coming soon—help with PayPal; Internet tricks.



WVGS Publications for Sale

• Marion County, OR Probate Records

Records cover first 2500 numbers. It ends about Sept. 1905, but many files contain related papers on heirs after that date.

" 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.

" 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

• Beaver Briefs Indices.

" 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, includes name, age, precinct.
39 pp. \$4.00

• The Salem (Marion Co., OR) Directory for 1871.

Alphabetical listing of business and residents, fold-out map.
22 pp. + map. \$2.00

• Excerpts From The Woodburn Independent

Excerpts from The Woodburn Independent newspaper, which was published weekly or twice weekly in Woodburn, OR, contains notices including area residents' names and area activities. This information can be useful in establishing that those mentioned were in the area at the time.

Some volumes are missing information from time periods that are not in the microfilmed newspaper records in the Woodburn City Library.

" Vol. 1 Dec. 1888-Dec. 1889. Includes the first issue. 103 pp. including surname index.	\$10.00
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Volumes 2-12 include surname and subject indexes.

" Vol. 2 Jan.—Dec. 1890. 151 pp.	\$15.00
" Vol. 3 Jan.—Dec. 1891. 272 pp.	\$15.00
" Vol. 4 Jan.—Dec. 1892. 316 pp.	\$15.00
" Vol. 5 Jan.—Dec. 1893. 187 pp.	\$15.00
" Vol. 6 Jan.—Dec. 1894. 266 pp.	\$15.00
" Vol. 7 Jan. – Dec. 1895. 223 pp.	\$15.00
" Vol. 8 Jan.—Dec. 1896. 223 pp.	\$15.00
" Vol. 9 Jan.—Dec. 1897. 212 pp.	\$15.00
" Vol. 10 Jan.—Dec. 1898. 284 pp.	\$15.00
" Vol. 11 Jan.—Dec. 1899. 335 pp.	\$15.00
" Vol. 12 Jan. 1900—Jan. 1901. 267 pp.	\$15.00



For Sale

" Complete Set of 12 volumes	\$150.00
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• Excerpts from The Oregon Statesman, Oregon City, OR

" Vol. 1: Mar. 1851—Jan. 1854. 90 pp surname index.	\$9.00
" Vol. 2: Feb. 1854—Dec. 1859. 195 pp. subject & surname index.	\$10.00
" Complete set of 2 volumes	\$15.00

• Marion County, OR 1895 Census.

" Volume 1, City of Salem. 143 pp.	\$12.00
" Volume 2, Marion County, (Other than City of Salem). Includes original Books 2 and 3 of the census. Book 2 enumerated residents of villages and towns; Book 3, rural residences. Alphabetical within village or town, or rural area. 400 pp.	\$20.00
" Volumes 1 & 2 as a set.	\$25.00

• The Asylum Cemetery 1883-1913. History of Oregon State Insane Asylum and Cemetery (destroyed in 1913). 1,539 burials plus some obits and commitment notices.

58 pp., indexed. \$6.00

• Claggett, Cemetery, Marion County, OR.

Keizer, Oregon. Includes many obits. Burials are alphabetical. 27 pp. \$3.00

• Cloverdale Cemetery, Marion County, OR.

Turner, Oregon. Includes many obits and Death certificates. Burials alphabetical. 300 pp. \$20.00

• Cox Cemetery, Marion County, OR. Also known as Sidney or Ankeny. Cemetery. Includes many obits and plot map. Burials alphabetical. 24 pp., single-sided.

\$3.00

• Capital Monument Records, Salem, Oregon

Details from contracts to place grave markers throughout the Willamette Valley, on the Oregon Coast, and in private burial grounds. Both volumes indexed.

"Vol. I, 1918-1947 Records. Published 1993. 388 pp.	\$20.00
" Vol. II, 1948-March 1961 Records. Published 2002. 320 pp.	\$20.00

" Vols. I & II as a set.	\$35.00
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• 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



WVGS Publications



For Sale

- **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., Oregon:** Pratum and Hopewell. 575+ burials. Includes obituaries and plot maps. 112 pp. \$10.00
- **St. Barbara's Cemetery, 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, includes surname index. 368 pp \$20.00
 - “ Vol. 1 & 2 as a set. \$25.00
- **Century and a Half of Stipp Memorial Cemetery (Macleay, Marion Co., Oregon).** Includes plot maps, photographs, obits (alphabetical) and index of collateral surnames. 126 pp. \$12.00
- **Terwilliger Funeral Home Records, Salem, Marion Co., Oregon.** Listed in Record Number sequence within Record Book, indexed by decedent's' and collateral surnames.
 - “ Vol. I, Record Books A-E, deaths 9 May 1909 through 18 October 1925, 1,440 decedents. Includes records of predecessor, Cottage Undertaking Parlor. 154 pp. + 7 pp. indexes. \$16.00
 - “Vol. 2, Record Books F-I, deaths 23 October 1925 through 28 August 1940, 1,200 decedents. Includes records of successor, Terwilliger-Edwards Funeral Home. 134 pp. + 8 pp. indexes. \$14.00
 - “ Vols. 1 & 2 as a set. \$25.00
- **Oregon, Linn County Cemeteries.** Includes maps of cemetery locations and basic information about the cemeteries, and inscriptions on markers. Indexed. Covers: Fox Valley (near Lyons); Houston (north end of Waverly Lake, Albany); Jordan [Catholic Church] (Jordan); Miller (Millersburg); and John Wisner (Kingston, south of Stayton). 47 pp. (single-sided) + index. \$5.00
- **Oregon, Linn County Coroner's Reports.** Alphabetical listing covering period prior to 939 through 1951. 38 pp. (single sided). \$4.00
- **Oregon, Linn County Delayed Birth Certificates.** Alphabetical listing covering births during 1860s through 1890s. 51 pp. (single-sided). \$5.00
- **Oregon, Linn County Naturalizations.** Alphabetical listing covering 1860s through ca. 1955. 61 pp. (single-sided). \$6.00
- **Oregon, Linn County Widows Pensions, 1923—1937.** Facsimile of portions of original pages. Indexed. 22 pp. including index (single-sided). \$2.00
- **Oregon, Benton County Cemeteries: Emerick, Powell, Oakridge.** 21 pp \$2.00
- **Oregon, Clackamas County Naturalization Records 1887-1906.** 73 pp \$7.00
- **Oregon, Clatsop County WPA Interviews.** 58 pp including index \$6.00
- **Oregon, Sherman County Marriages 1889-1906.** 23 pp \$2.00
- **Oregon, Union County Cemeteries. “A Guide to the Death, Burial and Cemetery** Records of Union County, Oregon”. 23 pp. (single sided) not indexed. \$2.00
- **Oregon, Crook County Military Rolls 1886—1887—1888—1889.** Facsimile pages. Listed in alphabetical order. 87 pp. \$9.00
- **Tetherow Wagon Train Constitution 1845** 15 pp \$2.00
- **Abstract of Biographies Appearing in “An Illustrated History of the State of Oregon”** 138 pp. including index. \$10.00
- **Marion County, Oregon, 1860 Census.** 180 pp. including surname index. Spiral bound. \$10.00
- **Marion County, OR 1870 Federal Census.** 247 pp. + all-surname index. \$10.00
- **Marion County, OR 1880 Federal Census.** Set of two volumes, both indexed. \$15.00
- **Tillamook County, Oregon 1880 Census** \$2.00
- **Union Co., OR 1880 Census.** 62 pp. + index. \$2.00



New WVGS Books



Family History Daily

After looking at newsletters from years past, we realized that we used to list new books that were added to our collection. Since Salem Public Library has been cataloging 5 titles per month (per our contract) this past year, we have decided to start this up again.

School days in the Wallowa: a history of the ninety-one schools and communities, past and present, of Wallowa County, Oregon by Irene Locke Barklow. 1992. Call number: 371.00979573 Barkl

Solving American pedigrees: American property records by Arlene Eakle. Call number: 929.1072073 Eakle

Spring Valley & Bethel cemeteries, Polk Co., Oregon by Fern Smith. 1968. Call number: 929.50979538 Spring

Surnames listed in the 1790 United States census.
Call number: 929.42 Surna

Tales of the public domain: a history of the United States Land Office in Oregon by Champ Clark Vaughan. 2021. Call number: 352.5709795 Vaugh



<https://familyhistorydaily.com/>

From Family History Daily: ***10 Things You Should Know About Every Ancestor In Your Tree***

1-4 Vital Statistics

Vital statistics are the most basic events that define a person's existence; in fact, the definition of the term vital statistics is "statistics relating to births, deaths, marriages, health, and disease." So it's fitting that the first four of our top ten facts are birth, marriage, death, and burial. These are the most basic details we all naturally try and gather as beginner researchers.

5-6 Faith-Based Records

For most of our ancestors, affiliation with a particular faith or church was a prominent and defining factor in his or her life. For genealogists, knowing more about your ancestor's religion and their involvement in pivotal religious ceremonies can offer great clues for further research and help to confirm other facts you've gathered...and that's why these are our number five and six recommendations.

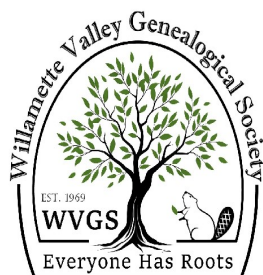
7-8 Occupational and Service Facts

What did your ancestor do for a living? Did they leave that job to serve in the military—or was being a soldier their lifetime occupation? Knowing your ancestor's usual occupation or industry and any military service they may have performed can give you great insight into their daily lives, talents, character, and perhaps even acts of heroism.

9-10 Geographical Information

The last two facts in our top ten—residences and migration—are certainly not among the least important. In fact, finding out where your ancestor lived at different times throughout his or her life is usually one of the first and most interesting searches you'll attempt as a beginning genealogist.

Read the complete article at: <https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/10-things-you-should-know-about-every-ancestor-in-your-tree/>



WVGS Membership Application - 2024 Calendar Year

☐ New Membership

or

☐ Renewal

☐ Individual(\$30/yr) \$ _____
☐ Family(\$40/yr) \$ _____
☐ Hard Copy Beaver Briefs..... (\$10) \$ _____
Individual Life Membership:
☐ Under age 70..... (\$250) \$ _____
☐ Age 70 and over(\$200) \$ _____
Please Print Clearly**Total enclosed \$ _____**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

May WVGS include your contact information in our directory in the members only pages?

If so, please check items for which permission is given: ☐ Your Name ☐ Your Address ☐ Your Email

Signature _____

Send this form and your check or money order to:

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

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 Find us on Facebook; www.facebook.com/wvgsor
 Scan the QR code at right
 Send an email to willvgs@yahoo.com

**Reminder Tax Deduction**

The Internal Revenue Service has determined that the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society, Ind. Is a 501 (c)(3) organization. Your donations to WVGS may be tax deductible. WVGS is an Oregon Non-profit Corporation. Your donations can be made in person at our monthly membership meetings or by sending a check to: Willamette Valley Genealogical Society, PO Box 2083, Salem, OR 97308.

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. Volunteers will help you. Volunteers have access to newspapers.com, Fold3 and GenealogyBank. Only volunteers have access to these paid sites.

Ancestry Library Edition



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Salem East LDS Family History Center 862 45th Ave NE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-371-0453	CLOSED	CLOSED	10:30 am- 4 pm	1 pm - 8 pm	9:00 am- 12:00 noon	CLOSED	2nd and 4th Saturday: 9:00-12:00
Salem LDS Family History Center 4550 Lone Oak Rd SE Salem, OR 97302 / 503-378-0383 ext 7	8:30 AM - 3:00 PM	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Oregon State Archives 800 Summer St NE Salem, OR 97310 / 503-373-0701	The Archives is open by appointment. To order records, please submit an online request form or to schedule an in-person appointment at 503-373-0701 (option 1) or Reference.Archives@sos.oregon.gov . Appointments are available Monday – Friday, 8:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (excluding holidays).						
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 –6 pm Tuesday-Thursday, 10 am—5 pm Friday & Saturday.						
Willamette Heritage Center Research Library 1313 Mill St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-585-7012	The Research Library and Archives is closed to drop-in researchers due to precautions over COVID-19. We are still open, but on a very limited basis and by appointment only. Please check out a description of our range of services during the pandemic here. To schedule an appointment, get help with a research or reference question or order an historical photograph please fill out the form (January 2024)						



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