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Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting Day!

· Time: March 9, 2024, 10:30 am to 1 pm

- Place: Salem Public Library, 585 Liberty St. SE, Salem, Oregon
Free parking in the Library Parkade.
- 10:30 am –11:45 am General Membership Meeting in the Collaboration Room, Lower Level
A business meeting will be held to conduct society business.
- 12 noon to 1 pm Program: “DNA: Square One”
Speakers: Kerry Wymetalek & Rik Vigeland

The program will provide a DNA overview, including a brief history, the types of DNA tests, providers, and what they can do for your Genealogy research. This will be very helpful if you are trying to decide if you want to take a DNA test, and/or you need help deciding which service you should use. You will also learn what sort of results you might reasonably expect. There will be opportunities for questions, and you will hear about the experiences other members have had.

WVGS programs are always open to the public.

There will be a Board meeting on Thursday March 7, 2024 at 11:30 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 630 Hood St NE, Salem, Oregon. Members are welcome.

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 February 14, 2024 was 1 society, 27 Life Members, 227 single memberships, and 23 family memberships (46 individuals) for a total of 301 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.

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 5 pm Tuesday to Thursday (library is open until 6 pm), 11 am to 5 pm Friday and Saturday. Salem Public Library is closed on Sundays and Mondays. 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.



Irish Ancestry?

Irish genealogy resources



1. National Archives

The NAI's in-house Genealogy Service offers a free, short personal consultation service by professional genealogists, which can be invaluable to help you get started. It also maintains a wide range of searchable online records including census records of 1901 and 1911.



2. General Register Office

The GRO registers all civil birth, adoption, death, marriage and civil partnerships in the Republic of Ireland. At its Dublin office, you can search its collection of registers and buy photocopies of records. You can also order copies of certificates online.



3. National Library

The library offers a free walk-in advisory service for those looking to trace their family history, as well as genealogy workshops and talks. You'll also find microfilm copies of most surviving Roman Catholic parish registers, and other records that can be used as census substitutes.

Irish Genealogy

Irish Genealogy.ie
EXPLORE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Gaelige English

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Update to the Civil Records

An additional year of historic Births, Marriages and Deaths (index entry and register image) are now available to view on the website www.irishgenealogy.ie website. The records now available online include: Birth register records – 1864 to 1921; Marriage register records – 1845 to 1946 & Death register records – 1871* to 1971.

18. Marriage celebrated at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Peter & St. Paul in the Parish of St. Peter & St. Paul in the City of Dublin, in the County of Dublin, on the 18th day of April 1921, between the Rev. Canon John J. O'Connell, Rector, and Miss Mary J. O'Connell, daughter of the late John J. O'Connell, of the Parish of St. Peter & St. Paul, in the City of Dublin, in the County of Dublin, and Miss Mary J. O'Connell, of the Parish of St. Peter & St. Paul, in the City of Dublin, in the County of Dublin.

The best place to start with tracing your Irish ancestry is searching Irish Genealogy, where you can view Irish civil records for free. At present there are indexes to births (1864–1922), marriages (1845–1947) and deaths (1871–1972). There are also some church records, including both Catholic and Church of Ireland registers from County Carlow, Cork and Ross, Dublin and County Kerry.

*MyHeritage Photo Tools**MyHeritage Photo Tools*

MyHeritage Blog

www.myheritage.com/photo-enhancer

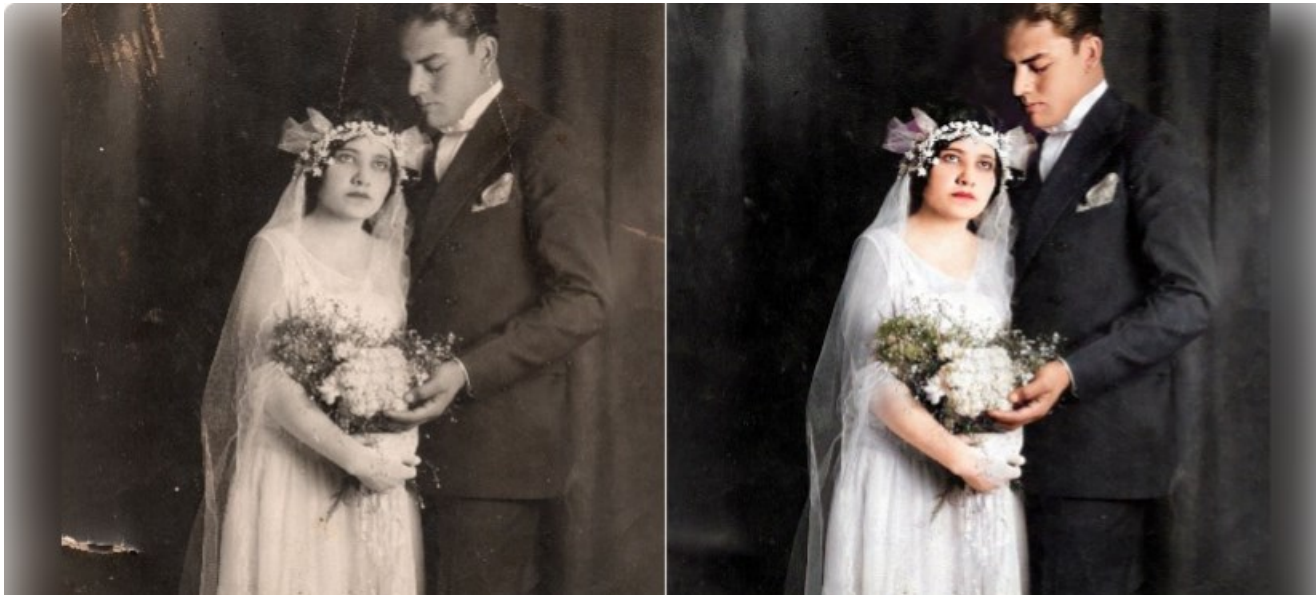
From MyHeritage: We're excited to present the MyHeritage Photo Enhancer, a powerful and innovative new feature that enhances photos and brings blurry faces into sharp focus.

Try the MyHeritage Photo Enhancer.

Perhaps you have old photos that look grainy or blurred, or photos of large family gatherings with many faces that are too small to recognize clearly. The MyHeritage Photo Enhancer aims to solve these age-old problems and produces phenomenal results that let you see your ancestors more clearly than ever before.

Pricing of MyHeritage Photo Enhancer

The free sign-up of MyHeritage Photo Enhancer allows the user to process a maximum of 10 images (with a watermark). To process unlimited images that are watermark-free, a paid subscription is available for \$199 for the first year and then for \$299 per year after that.



MyHeritage's photo features give you the opportunity to reminisce and create a deeper connection to your family history.

- **Photo Repair:** fixes scratches and creases in photos
- **MyHeritage In Color™:** colorizes black and white photos and restores colors in faded color photos
- **Photo Enhancer:** brings blurry faces into sharp focus



DNA



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From US News & World Report:

DNA Testing Company Will Allow Customers to Opt Out of Helping FBI Amid Privacy Concerns

FamilyTreeDNA drew heat from privacy advocates after it was revealed that the company let the FBI access its database. A popular private DNA-testing service will now allow customers to bar law enforcement from accessing their genetic data after drawing criticism for giving the FBI access to its database.

The decision exposes the ethical and legal conundrums surrounding at-home DNA testing and illustrates the tension between protecting users' privacy and aiding law enforcement in catching violent criminals.



OUR COMMITMENT:

We won't share your DNA

We believe your DNA belongs to YOU and only you . . . period. For that reason, we will never sell your DNA to third parties.

"At-home DNA testing site FamilyTreeDNA — which was widely criticized for working with the FBI without telling its customers — will now offer users the option to prevent law enforcement from accessing their data. "



American Ancestors offers a guide to using DNA for genealogy.

<https://www.americanancestors.org/portable-genealogist-using-dna-genealogy>

Portable Genealogist: Using DNA in Genealogy

\$7.95

Advances in DNA research over the last decades have had huge implications for the field of genealogy. By testing your DNA and comparing the results to a database of other individuals, you can better understand your origins, confirm lines of descent, test hypotheses, and connect with distant relatives. When it comes to studying your own DNA, understanding your options and test results are crucial. This Portable Genealogist will guide you through the process of selecting a DNA testing service, understanding the results, and making connections to the genealogical research you've already completed. Two case studies demonstrate DNA's impact on genealogical research.

The four-page laminated guide can fit easily in your research binder.

By Christopher C. Child



New WVGS Books



Opportunities

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.

United States Census of Jackson County, Oregon, 1880 by United Census Office. 1964. Call number: 979.527 Unite

Tracing Derry – Londonderry roots by Brian Mitchell. 2014. Call number: 941.62 Mitch

Tracing your Alabama past by Robert Scott Davis. 2003. Call number: 929.10720761 Davis

Wasco County, Oregon cemetery records: records from cemeteries outside The Dalles area by Daphne Hon Ramsey. 1979. Call number: 929.379562 Ramse

Union County, Oregon cemetery records, LaGrande High School Commencement 1904, Index to Union & Wallowa illustrated history 1981. Call number: 979.501 Union

Remember: WVGS books cannot be checked out. They are available for use at Salem Public Library.

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon in Portland will have an open house



2024 Open House: March 16–24

- Join us for **20 free classes online and 3 free classes in-person!**
- The **research room** will be open every day throughout the event
- **Library tours** are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday afternoons
- Beginning research help is every afternoon in the GFO Library

All Open House events are free – a great chance to see what GFO is all about!



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) \$ _____
☐ Additional Donation..... \$ _____
Total enclosed \$ _____

Please Print Clearly

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

For more Information:

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



Note: Membership includes emailed color versions of our Beaver Briefs Quarterly, and access to all previous Beaver Briefs (along with other materials) in our Members Only pages on the web. **B&W hard copies for your calendar year are available to members for an additional \$10.00 postage and handling. Non-members may receive this year's Beaver Briefs in B&W hard copy for \$20.00.**

**Note: We will have a 2024 membership form on our website soon, and you will be able to pay with PayPal.
 But for now members will have to print the form in the newsletter or on the webpage and mail it to us at the address above with your check.**

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



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	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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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