



WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. RESEARCH POLICY

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Document Research

Searches for the following 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 off-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.

- **Obituaries from the *Salem Capital Journal*, *Oregon Statesman*, *Statesman Journal*, *Portland Oregonian* and other Oregon newspapers, as available**
- **Published biographical and historical volumes.**
- **Marriage and birth records as available.**
- **Oregon naturalization, probate, and military records as available.**
- **Copy of Oregon Death Certificate (1903-1966).**
- **Copy of delayed birth certificates as available.**

General Research

We will conduct searches using resources such as Ancestry.com, censuses, city directories, Oregon Donation Land Claims, newspapers, and other sources such as those listed above and below. **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.

- **Oregon Death Index, 1898-2008.**
- **Oregon Marriage Index 1906-2008, including 1925-1945.**
- **Oregon Divorce Index, 1925-1939, 1946-2008**
- **Family Histories and our Surname File.**

Marion County, Oregon Resources

- **Probate Records, Vols. 1-4, Abstracts of First 2,500 Probates of Marion County.**
- **Marriage Records, Vols. I-IX, 1849-1900.**
- **Marion County Censuses from 1895 and 1905, including City of Salem.**
- **Cemetery records for many Oregon cities and counties.**
- **Other available records, as appropriate.**
- **A search of all volumes of WVGS's quarterly, *Beaver Briefs*.**
- ***Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest*, 1838-1911**

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