# Willamette Valley Genealogical Society

## Helps Family Historians with Their Research

WVGS arranges volunteers to staff the genealogy help desk at Salem Public Library. Patrons receive assistance at no charge. Inquirers from anywhere in the world can receive assistance via the Internet for a fee.



# **Provides Monthly Programs**

WVGS meetings include presentations and activities of interest to family historians. Meetings are open to the public. In the photo at right, a member helps a visitor digitize her family photos.



## **Maintains a Specialized Library**

WVGS maintains and develops a library of over 5,000 volumes for family history researchers. Some holdings have been digitized for worldwide access.



# Offers Classes for Family Historians

WVGS provides classes on how to research family trees. Classes are usually free of charge or with small fees depending on the policies of the venue.



#### Serves a Worldwide Audience via the Internet

The WVGS website at wvgsor.org provides a tremendous quantity and variety of genealogical materials available free to the public.



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In federal regulations, WVGS is a 501(c)(3) organization.

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# Willamette Valley Genealogical Society

#### Become a Member!

In addition to the public benefits stated on the other side of this paper, our members enjoy the following members-only benefits.



#### **Member Mutual Assistance:**

Our members' skills range from novice to expert. Each member brings different abilities and knowledge to the group, and everyone benefits.

#### **WVGS Publications:**

Members receive monthly newsletters containing research tips, family history articles, member stories, and more. Members receive the quarterly periodical *Beaver Briefs* with articles on genealogy and history.

# **Scholarships:**

Members may receive scholarships to take genealogy courses with an agreement to share with other members what they have learned.

#### **Social Involvement:**

Many members attend monthly meetings and work together on projects of their choice. Of course, involvement is voluntary.

# Website Member Pages:

Members can access past issues of the Newsletter and *Beaver Briefs* as well as minutes of meetings, bylaws, and other WVGS information.

## The New Member Experience:

New members are offered a menu of choices to become as involved as they wish, including new member orientations to WVGS and to family history research at whatever level is appropriate to their expertise.

# Why Our Members Like WVGS

We learn history and research methods.

We share our knowledge and camaraderie.

We assist our fellow members and the public.

In particular,

we receive *Beaver Briefs* periodicals and Newsletters, and some of us write articles for them;

we attend monthly meetings and educational programs, and some of us present programs;

we take classes, and some of us offer them;

we join special interest groups and can create them;

we receive and give assistance to other members;

we use the massive information on the exclusive Member Page of our website;

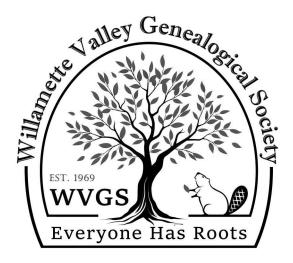
we plan and work together on projects; we serve in elected and appointed positions.

Some of us are beginners, and some are experts. Everyone brings what they have to offer and takes away what they find useful.

Please see our handout that states our activities on one side and the benefits of membership on the other side.

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We help our members and the public discover their ancestors and learn their family histories.

**Membership Application** 

# Willamette Valley Genealogical Society, Inc. New Member Application Form for 2026

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