

WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Volume XLV Number 8 Salem, Oregon

August 2023

President: Doug Crosby

Newsletter Editor: Elizabeth Tice- WVGS email: willvgs@yahoo.com

WVGS Web Site <http://www.wvgsor.org> Facebook: www.facebook.com/wvgsor

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting Day!

- Time: August 12, 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: Darrell Jabin, Oregon's Traveling Historian
Darrell Jabin; Oregon's Traveling Historian, has been sharing stories about Oregon and Oregon history since 2009. He has made dozens of trips around the state discovering stories about the people, places and events that made Oregon unique. He has shared these stories in award-winning videos, on social media and in more than 350 presentations. Darrell describes himself as a "curious sort." He has lived in Oregon for 50 years and in Salem the past 35 years.

The program is open to anyone.

There will be a Board meeting on Thursday August 10, 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, 23 Life Members, 221 single memberships, and 22 family memberships (44 individuals) for a total of 291 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.

WVGS Web: www.wvgsor.org

Autosomal DNA Q&A with Denise Sproed

By Appointment Only

Salem Public Library
 The WVGS Desk (Main Level, Southeast)
 585 Liberty St. SE
 Salem, Oregon

Go to the '**Research**' page to submit an appointment request.



Research

NATURALIZATION RECORDS FROM QUEENS & THE BRONX

The County Clerk's offices of Queens and Bronx County, New York, have recently created a searchable database containing over 250,000 naturalization records. This new resource covers immigrants who arrived in Queens County from 1795-1952 and Bronx County from 1914-1952. Search the database by name, petition number, year of arrival and country of origin.

<https://nynaturalizations.com/>



Are you ready to join us?

We invite you to help transcribe these records to unlock the details and stories found within these rich records.

- New to the Citizen Archivist program? Learn how to [register](#) and [get started](#). Be sure to review our tutorial [Get Started Transcribing](#).



Help transcribe military pension files from the Revolutionary War!

In celebration of the 250th anniversary of American independence, the National Archives and the National Park Service are collaborating on a special project to transcribe Case Files of Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Applications Based on Revolutionary War Service, ca. 1800 - ca. 1912. These Revolutionary War Pension Files consist of applications and other records pertaining to claims for pensions and bounty land warrants.

These records may contain valuable details about Revolutionary War veterans and their families, such as rank, unit, period of service, age, residence, date and place of marriage, and date and place of death of spouse. Also within these records, you may find copies of marriage or other family records, information pertaining to military activities or details about soldier's lives, along with letters, diaries, family trees, or even photographs. <https://www.archives.gov/citizen-archivist/missions/revolutionary-war-pension-files>



WVGS Information



Classes

I am sorry to report that we have lost two wonderful members recently, Betty Ellison and Lorraine Purnell

Betty Jean Ellison

SEPTEMBER 8, 1928 - JUNE 5, 2023



Lorraine Purnell

JUNE 10, 1925 - MARCH 31, 2023



IN THE CARE OF
Virgil T Golden Funeral Service

We will be repeating our series of genealogy classes at the Salem Senior Center this fall.

Genealogy Classes Fall 2023

- Willamette Valley Genealogical Society will have a series of genealogy classes on a variety of genealogy topics. You sign up for each one separately-some or all of them. Each one will have a presentation and hand-out on the topic. You may bring your own laptop/tablet. \$10 for each class. This is a repeat of the Spring 2023 classes.
- The Genealogy Classes at the Center 50+ are in partnership with the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society.
- Six separate classes will be held— sign up for all or some. Cost is \$10 for each 3 hour class.
- **When: Mondays, Sept 25, 2023-Oct 30, 2023**
 - Class 1: Sept 25, 2023, 10 am– 1pm How to Get Started on Genealogy
 - Class 2: Oct 2, 2023, 10 am-1pm Ancestry.com and FamilySearch
 - Class 3: Oct 9, 2023, 10 am—1 pm Vital Records
 - Class 4: Oct 16, 2023, 10 am-1 pm Military Records & Land Records
 - Class 5: Oct 23, 2023, 10 am –1pm Immigration & Ethnic Sources
 - Class 6: Oct 30, 2023, 10 am-1pm Googling and Free Sites
- **Cost: \$10 per class**
- **Where: Center 50+**
 - 2615 Portland Rd NE, Salem, OR 97301
- **Contact: Senior Center 503-588-6303**
Register online at <https://egov.cityofsalem.net/center50Plus/>



Old Photographs



Old Photographs

Have you inherited photos with people you have no idea who they are?



Maureen Taylor, The Photo Detective, helps clients with photo-related genealogical problems. Her pioneering work in historic photo research has earned her the title "the nation's foremost historical photo detective" by The Wall Street Journal and appearances on The View, The Today Show, Pawn Stars, and others. Learn more at [Maureentaylor.com](https://maureentaylor.com) <https://maureentaylor.com/>

- Sign up for a newsletter.
- Watch her YouTube Channel.
- Like the Photo Detective Facebook Page so you get notified of Facebook Live videos.
- Need help organizing your photos? Check out the Essential Photo Organizing Video Course.
- Need help identifying family photos? Check out the Identifying Family Photographs Online Course.
- Have a photo you need help identifying? Sign up for photo consultation.

E-Books & Cheat Sheets:

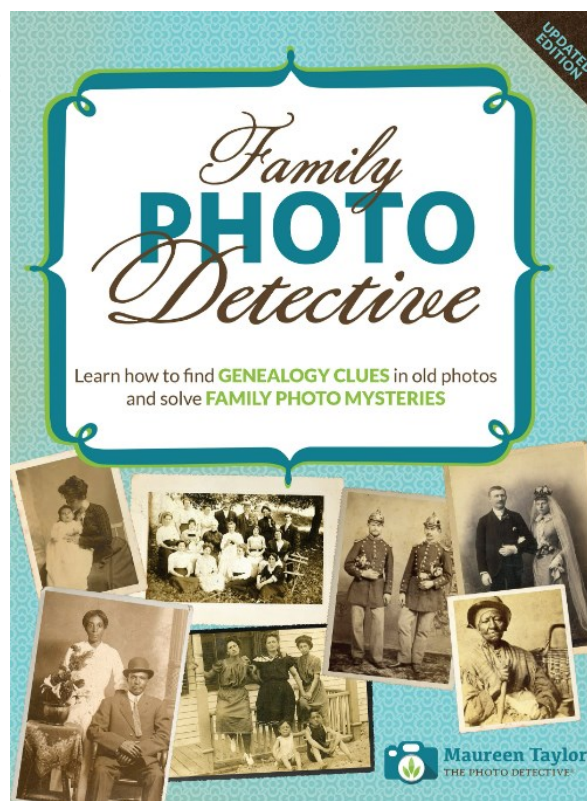
Vintage Dress-Up

Identifying Family
Photographs – The
Handbook

Photo Worksheets

Dating Old Photos
Cheat Sheet

Cheat Sheet Bundle





Military Records



Slavery in Connecticut

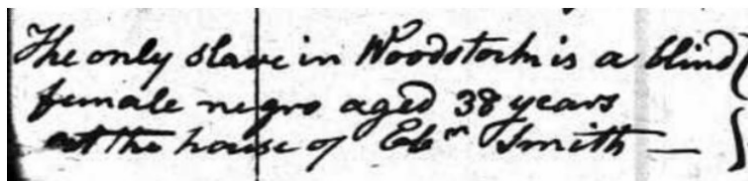
The Night 17 Million Precious Military Records Went Up in Smoke

- On July 12, 1973, a disastrous fire at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) destroyed approximately 16-18 million Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF).
- No duplicate copies of these records were ever maintained, nor were microfilm copies produced. Neither were any indexes created prior to the fire. In addition, millions of documents had been lent to the Department of Veterans Affairs before the fire occurred. Therefore, a complete listing of the records that were lost is not available. However, in the years following the fire, the NPRC collected numerous series of records (referred to as Auxiliary Records) that are used to reconstruct basic service information.
- Read about it at The National Archives at <https://www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center/fire-1973>
- Or from AP at <https://apnews.com/article/military-records-fire-veterans-2f8337c58bc87c10179a2cf6ee54136a>
- Or in the July 16, 2023 issue of the Statesman Journal

Branch	Personnel and Period Affected	Estimated Loss
Army	Personnel discharged November 1, 1912 to January 1, 1960	80%
Air Force	Personnel discharged September 25, 1947 to January 1, 1964 (with names alphabetically after Hubbard, James E.)	75%



Read about "The Last Woman Enslaved in Woodstock, Connecticut" on the blog Vita Brevis. Jenny Smith died of heart disease at Woodstock on 8 July 1855, aged 72 years, the last person enslaved in Woodstock and one of the last remaining in Connecticut.



Rufus C. Malbone (ca. 1824-1884) of Putnam, Connecticut, was an African-American farmer and laborer. He was buried beside his horse Dolly, who was shot and buried thirteen days after his death, with her inscription on the same monument reading "Dolly his faithful horse October 25, 1884."





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.

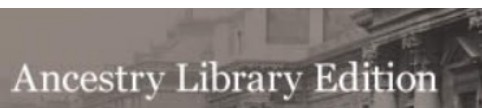
SIGNATURE of New Member _____ Date _____

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/						



August 2023 Newsletter

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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