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**Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting Day!**

· Time: February 10, 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.
- Program: *Uncovering Oregon's Black History: A Presentation by Oregon Black Pioneers*, in partnership with Salem Public Library  
12-1 p.m. Saturday, February 10, 2024 in Loucks Auditorium at Salem Public Library

We will have a presentation, **Uncovering Oregon's Black History**, by Mariah Rocker from Oregon Black Pioneers. This presentation will discuss how people of African descent have lived and worked in Oregon since before the founding of the earliest English-speaking settlements in the Americas. Despite this, the popular narrative of our state's history excludes the experiences of African Americans before the mid-20th century. This erasure is the result of historic legal and social marginalization that contributes to the ignorance of Oregon's Black heritage, as well as influences contemporary disparities in housing access, community investment, and policing. For this presentation, Oregon Black Pioneers will attempt to correct the record by highlighting key individuals and events that characterize Oregon's unique and centuries-old Black history.

**WVGS programs are always open to the public.**

**There will be a Board meeting on Thursday February 8th, 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 January 14, 2024 was 1 society, 27 Life Members, 226 single memberships, and 23 family memberships (46 individuals) for a total of 300 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. 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.



## Oregon Black Pioneers

Visit Oregon Black Pioneers at <https://oregonblackpioneers.org/>



# Preserving the History of Black Oregonians

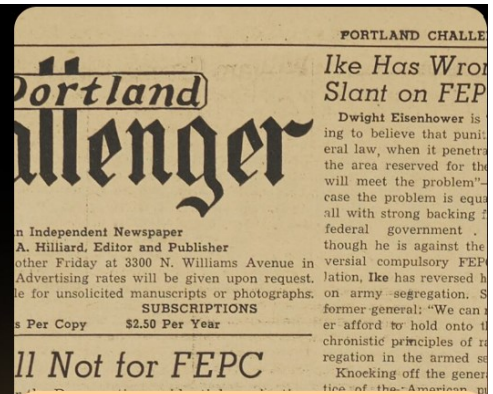
## Collections



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Historic Black  
Newspapers Collection

## Online Exhibits

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The Black  
Pioneers



All Aboard!  
Railroading and  
Portland's Black  
Community



A Community on  
the Move



Racing to  
Change: Oregon's  
Civil Right's Years





## Geneanet on Alsace-Lorraine



## Alsace-Lorraine

If you have ancestors from Alsace-Lorraine, you know how difficult research can be with records in Latin, German and French and boundary changes.

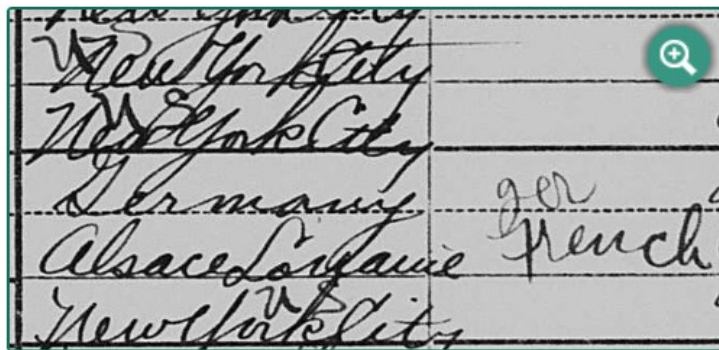
**Read more in this article from Geneanet.**

### Finding Your Ancestors From Alsace-Lorraine

From Geneanet

<https://en.geneanet.org/genealogyblog/post/2023/08/finding-your-ancestors-from-alsace-lorraine>

Alsace and Lorraine are two distinct regions in eastern France, each with a long and storied history, and coveted by empires and states. “Alsace-Lorraine” refers specifically to the lands where Germanic dialects are spoken: upper and lower Alsace and the Moselle valley in Lorraine.



*In the 1920 US federal census, enumerators were instructed to note the country of origin and spoken language of each person counted. With the anti-German sentiment of World War I, some immigrants from “Alsace-Lorraine” would point out they were French speakers, even if they spoke Alsatian at home.*

An example is Hans “Johann” Stephen (Stephan) Dürrenberger. He was baptized 25 Jan 1711, Mertzweiller (Lutheran), Alsace. He arrived in Philadelphia 11 Sep. 1738 on the *Robert & Alice* from Rotterdam, with two brothers. He leased 150 acres adjacent to his father-in-law, Phillip Duffort in German Valley, Morris Co., New Jersey in 1747.

From Eugene and John Singer’s 1996 book “A Singer Family of Colonial Vermont and Canada”:

Hans Stephan Dürrenberger (Terryberry) (1711 - 1776)  
Anna Clara Dufford (1718-1794)

Stephan and Anna Clara, daughter of Phillip Duffort of Langensultzbach, were married 31 January 1736 in Gundershoffen, Germany. (This surname appears in records variously as Duffort, Dufforth, Tufford and Tuffort).

Stephan (in the Passenger List as Stofe Terberger) came to America from Germany on the ship *Robert and Alice* which sailed from Rotterdam, Holland making a call at Dover, England and arriving at Philadelphia 11 September 1738. On board were 159 German Palatines.

His brothers Hans Michael and Hans Jacob, and father-in-law Phillip Duffort are also listed as passengers. It is likely that his wife, Anna Clara and infant son Johann George were also aboard, but females and children were customarily not listed as passengers.

The records are in German, Dürrenberger is definitely

The Dürrenberger family is thought to have been Calvinists from Switzerland who went to Mertzweiler in the Alsace region of Germany sometime about 1650. They are mentioned in archives in Basel, Switzerland.

Germanic, but all of the children anglicized their surname to Terryberry. Yet, Terryberry/Derryberry is supposedly the proper French version of the surname.

Again from the Singer brothers’ book:

Stephan settled in German Valley and is listed in the book “The early Germans of New Jersey : their history, churches, and genealogies” by Theodore Frelinghuysen Chambers as speaking German.

In my family my father said he was part French based his family tradition that Stephen Terryberry was French! Liz Tice



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Beaver Briefs

To Connect with Other Members:

- Go to our website: [www.wvgsor.org](http://www.wvgsor.org)
- Click on the Members Page and sign in
- Find the Member Help and click on that.



## The WVGS Member Help Program

The WVGS has compiled topics from the membership application form into a list members can use to see what assistance is being offered. If after reviewing the topic list you see something you would like help with, click the Member Assistance Request Form button below. You need only leave your name and a description of what you would like help with.

All requests go to the program's administrator, Dave Bruey, who in turn will contact the society member offering the help. Click the check box in the request form if you are willing to exchange contact information with the member offering the help; otherwise, all communication will go through the program administrator in order to protect the privacy of both you and the applicable member.

[Member Assistance Topics](#)
[Member Assistance Request Form](#)

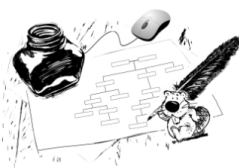

- ♦ Have you wondered if other WVGS members are researching the same families as you?
- ♦ Or have found some other resources for those surnames?
- ♦ Or have you broken through a brick wall and would like to share how you did it?

Share your discoveries with other members at our meetings. If you are not interested in writing up an article on your research, contact us at [willvgs@yahoo.com](mailto:willvgs@yahoo.com) and we can include your questions or research in a short article in an upcoming newsletter or a longer article for Beaver Briefs..

*Let's share information and ideas and connect with others. It is not all on the internet!*



### Beaver Briefs



Volume 56, Number 1  
Winter 2024

Available to members at [www.WVGSOR.org](http://www.WVGSOR.org)

### First Issue of Beaver Briefs is coming soon! Contents:

1. Rachel A. Brooks, Black Pioneer of 1843, "First Black Woman in Marion County"
2. London 1632, "They died from what?"
3. My Mother: A Triumphant Immigrant Daughter, Including a Personal History of the Mennonites
4. "Killed by Indians"
5. DNA & the Truck Driver, Digging for the match
6. Oregon Oddities and Items of Interest



### 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.

**Tennessee atlas of historical county boundaries** by Peggy Tuck Sinko. 2000. Call number: 976.80223 Tennessee

**Tetherow Wagon Train Constitution, 1845** by Bernita Jones Sharp. 1979. Call number: 929.3795 Tethe

**Texas land survey maps for Red River County** by Gregory A. Boyd. 2009. Call number: 976.42120223 Boyd

**Those before us: birth and death records of those who are buried in Wallowa County, Oregon, 1799-1984** by James E. Rogers. 1984. Call number: 929.50979573 Those

**Tombstone inscriptions in the Falls City Pioneer Cemetery 1893-1967** by Dorothy Murphy. 1967. Call number: 929.50979538 Tombs

## Registration for RootsTech 2024 is still Open!



Join the Genealogical Community at RootsTech in Salt Lake City  
February 29 – March 2 2024.

**ONLINE EVENT IS FREE!**

Don't miss this exciting family history conference where you can connect with fellow enthusiasts and uncover the fascinating stories of your ancestors.

We hope to see you at RootsTech 2024!

[REGISTER NOW FOR ONLINE OR IN-PERSON EVENT](#)

**Bend  
Genealogical  
Society**  
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gy.org/](https://bendgenealogy.org/)

## YDNA: Sweet Icing on a Bitter Cake: How Y-DNA May Benefit Your Research

*With Wendi Babst*

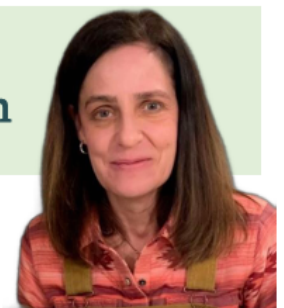
SPECIAL PROGRAM EVENT

Tuesday, **January 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 10am (PT)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Hybrid Meeting - In-Person at Williamson Hall is free to all

Zoom is free to members and \$5 for non-members



Y-DNA--what is it?

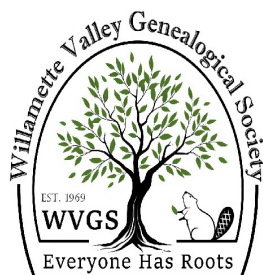
How can it help you in your genealogy research? Where can you test?

Who should be tested? Should you join a surname study?

What Y-DNA results do and do not tell you? These are the questions that Wendi will be addressing in her presentation on a basic introduction to Y-DNA as it applies to genealogical research. Wendi will present a case study that included a surprise DNA discovery and a happy ending.

***If you are interested in DNA or want to learn about DNA,  
you don't want to miss this program!***





## 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

**For more Information:**

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 Find us on Facebook; [www.facebook.com/wvgsor](http://www.facebook.com/wvgsor)  
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**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](mailto: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 <a href="mailto:Reference.Archives@sos.oregon.gov">Reference.Archives@sos.oregon.gov</a> . 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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