



*September 2011*

## WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM

***The Oregon State Library Genealogy Reference Room*** (north end of 2nd floor hall) will be open to the public on ***Saturday, September 10th*** from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for genealogical research. A volunteer will be available for assistance.

***Use the Winter Street entrance.***



## WVGS News

Oregon State Library

Call the Genealogy Volunteer at the Reference Desk by dialing the Volunteer phone number. Also patrons can leave a message at that number and the next volunteer will call back. The greeting will also be updated monthly with information about the upcoming meetings and programs. The number is (503) 378-5708.

This newsletter is available on the internet through our website at OSL in PDF format. In addition you can look at earlier issues as well as the current one. Remember you can find WVGS at <http://oregon.gov/osl>, then clicking on Genealogy on the right side of the screen. Also a research request form is there, as well as information on our DNA Project. Also on the website is a complete list of publications available from WVGS and an order form.

Ancestry.com is available on all computers in the library, with 2 computers reserved specifically for genealogical research.

*If you plan on going to the State Library, State Archives, or City Library during the week, be sure you have lots of quarters for parking. Parking is metered at all the places and the staff does not make change. Be prepared! On street parking in the Capitol area is free on Saturdays*

Upcoming Programs

Sep. 10: Claire: "Alternative Sources/Resources - A Psychic Perspective"

Oct. 8: Michelle Lindquist: "The History of Claggett Cemetery"

Nov. 12: Glenn Harrison & Dick Spray: The History of the Old South Santiam Wagon Road

Dec. 10: Annual Christmas Potluck & Auction

NORPAC Label Redemption Program

This money-making program is just to cut out the UPC code on FLAV-R-PAC, Santiam, and WESTPAC products and turn them in to WVGS. We then (as a nonprofit organization) mail them in once a year and receive 5 cents per label. Labels can be turned in at any Saturday WVGS meeting, mailed to WVGS, or left at the Reference Desk at OSL.

## WVGS News

Saturday Volunteers

Our agreement with Oregon State Library states that WVGS will provide Genealogy Volunteers whenever the library is open. This includes the Saturday that the Library is open for our meeting and to the public. It is important that our members help out or the library cannot be open for genealogy research. The following members have signed up to volunteer:

|              |                   |                  |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
|              | <u>10 am—1 pm</u> | <u>1 pm—4 pm</u> |
| September 10 |                   | Noeline Briski   |
| October 8    | Glenn Abernathy   | Liz Tice         |

Retirement Gift Fund

In this day and age of reducing State personnel WVGS is collecting monies for a gift fund for retirements and departures of those people we have worked with over the years who have been special friends to WVGS and assisted us in our endeavors. Please send or bring your donations to our treasurer Joan Kaiser.

WVGS Meeting 2011 Dates

|             |           |              |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| January 8   | May 14    | September 10 |
| February 12 | June 11   | October 8    |
| March 12    | July 9    | November 19  |
| April 9     | August 13 | December 10  |

WVGS Officers for 2011Elected Officer

President: Elizabeth Tice  
 1st Vice-President (Program): Bob Baldwin  
 2nd Vice-President (Membership): Suzan Rempel  
 Recording Secretary: Barbara Foster  
 Corresponding Secretary: Linda Doran  
 Treasurer: Joan Kaiser

Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor: Elizabeth Tice  
 Beaver Brief Editor: Sue Bell  
 Librarians: Jim Willhite and Susie Niggli  
 Periodical Librarian: Lorraine Busch  
 Volunteer Coordinator: Susie Niggli  
 Beginners' Class: Joan Kaiser  
 Publicity: George Cropsey



## WVGS News

### Willamette Valley Genealogical Society's DNA Project

**WVGS has a DNA Project for both men and women.  
To join under WVGS:**

1. Go to the State Library URL at: <http://oregon.gov/OSL/GRES/genealogy.shtml>
2. Click on Genealogy Research on the left.
3. Click on WVGS DNA Project.
4. Click on the Family Tree DNA icon in the middle of the page.
5. Scroll to the bottom of the next page and complete the form.
6. Click CONTINUE to complete the next screen.
7. Be sure to click only once when you are done so you order just one set.

**You will receive a confirmation in your e-mail box that your order was taken. Remember: Only men can order the Y-DNA test, but both men and women can order the mtDNA.** It is cheaper to order the Y-DNA 37 marker test as it will tell you that you have a common ancestor within genealogical time for persons you match. Lesser tests (12 markers) provide information on older ancestors prior to 600 years ago. However you may wish to start small and upgrade. For the mtDNA order both the HVR1 and HVR2 panels (mtDNA plus) as this will give you the best information on your ethnic origins. Again, you can start small and upgrade, if needed.

#### **Questions?...**

More information on Genetic Genealogy can be found at the following website by linking to its various pages (Click LEARN on the right side of the page):

**[www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com). If any of you have questions regarding DNA and which tests to order, please e-mail Emily Aulicino at: [aulicino@hevanet.com](mailto:aulicino@hevanet.com). Emily is WVGS' Project Administrator.**

**The DNA Project is open to anyone, not just WVGS members. You are not charged until you send in your test kit. You can do the DNA testing through WVGS and submit it to other groups.**

#### **Dawn Carter-Noe**

Dawn, a Genealogy Volunteer on Friday mornings, has now replaced Janine Hunter. She is scanning Oregon State Library materials for Ancestry. You might not see her often as she's back in the stacks. We'll miss her as a volunteer in the Reference Room.

## WVGS News

### **Genealogy Information Volunteer Needed**

This volunteer position assists library patrons with genealogy research using CD's, databases, books, reference materials, online catalogs, and microfilm. Qualifications: Good knowledge and background in genealogy research, database search and research experience, ability to work with public in person, by phone and email. Training provided. Shifts available: Friday mornings 10:00-1:00 and Friday afternoons 1:00-5:00. Location is at the Oregon State Library, 250 Winter St. NE, Salem. For more information contact Robin Speer, Volunteer Program Coordinator, 503-378-4014, email:

[robin.d.speer@state.or.us](mailto:robin.d.speer@state.or.us)

#### **Richland, Washington**

**Washington State Genealogical Society  
2011 Annual Conference  
September 16-17, 2011**

Featured Speaker: Patricia Walls Stamm

**For details: [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs)**

#### **Spokane, Washington**

**October 1, 2011**

**Eastern Washington Genealogical Society**

The Eastern Washington Genealogical Society will host **Dr. George Schweitzer**. His topic will be "Civil War".

Contact Donna Potter Phillips for more info

**[Donna243@gmail.com](mailto:Donna243@gmail.com)**

Or **[www.ewgsi.org](http://www.ewgsi.org)**

#### **Medford, Oregon**

**October 21-22, 2011**

**Dr. Stephen Morse**

**Friday evening and Saturday seminars**

At the Jackson County Library Services, Medford Branch

**Phone: 541-512-2340**

**Web: [rvgslibrary.org](http://rvgslibrary.org) or [gpgenealogy.org](http://gpgenealogy.org)**

#### **Genealogical Forum of Oregon**

**GFO Fall 2011 Seminar**

**29 October 2011**

**Milwaukie Elks Lodge**

**13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd, Milwaukie, OR**

**Featured Speaker:**

**Debra Mieszala, Certified Genealogist**

**Website: [www.gfo.org](http://www.gfo.org)**

## WVGS News

**August Program**

Our speaker for August was **Gwen Carr**. Gwen spoke about Oregon Northwest Black Pioneers. She gave an excellent presentation, tracing African-American settlement in Oregon. The earliest recorded Black person in Oregon was Marcus Lopez who served with Robert Gray on the *Lady Washington* and was killed in Tillamook Bay. Gwen mentioned early Black settlers such as James Beckworth who was with Kit Carson and Moses Harris with Jesse Applegate.

Oregon struggled with slavery issues, declaring slavery illegal but approving Black exclusion laws. Research African-Americans in Oregon is difficult to a lack of documentation. The Oregon Northwest Black Pioneers association continues to work on research. The website is **[www.oregonnorthwestblackpioneers.org](http://www.oregonnorthwestblackpioneers.org)**.

**Perseverance: Black Pioneers in Oregon** is the organizations recently published book, extensively researched and illustrated. The book is 280 pages, cost is \$25, available through their website.

Thank you, Gwen, for a different perspective on Oregon history with Salem examples in particular. We received many comment on the excellent presentation.

**NEW ACTIVITY FOR HISTORY LOVERS....**

Have you every had the urge to learn how to repair a book....preserving history for the ages? We have a new Volunteer Book Mending Team that meets on Tuesdays from 9-11. You will learn techniques for mending books and documents. You will be part of an enthusiastic team of volunteers. Call Robin Speer at the State Library 503-378-5014 for more details and to sign up.

AND...

Do you like solving mysteries and detective work? We are looking for volunteers to help people research their family history on Fridays. It is rewarding and fun! There are two shifts available on Fridays: 10:00-1:00 and 1:00-5:00. Call Robin Speer at the State Library 503-378-5014, email [robin.d.speer@state.or.us](mailto:robin.d.speer@state.or.us).

Robin Speer  
Volunteer Program Coordinator  
Oregon State Library  
503-378-5014

## WVGS News

**Greetings from Emily Aulicino!**  
**WVGS DNA Project Administrator**

September is an active month in the Portland area for Genealogy and Genetic Genealogy.

First, from **Sept 10 to Oct 8** the local genealogical society (Genealogy Forum of Oregon at [www.gfo.org](http://www.gfo.org)) is having an Open House to celebrate their new move to the Ford Building at 2505 SE 11th (11th and Division) in Portland. Each day of the week has an Interest Group doing presentations on their subject. You can view the calendar at the above website. This calendar can be printed.

ALL EVENTS are FREE to the public as well as access during this time to the library and the computers and all they hold. (Ancestry.com, etc.)

I will be doing three presentations **Sept 13** (Tues) from 10 to 4:30 with breaks) on three DNA topics...the basics, understanding the differences between DNA testing for genealogy, forensics and health issues, and the last one on the new Family Tree DNA Family Finder Test.

From **Friday to Sunday (Sept 16, 17 and 18th)** the **Irish Interest** group will have wonderful presentations including history, the language, music, dancing, genealogy, and genetic genealogy. I will be speaking at 2 pm on Saturday and although scheduled for 2 pm on Sunday (same presentation), I'm hoping to change that to an earlier time as I would like to see Bennett speak....

SO...On **Sunday, at 1:30 to 4:30 pm** (with a break) September 18th at Ahavath Achim, 3225 SE Barbur Blvd, Portland, OR, **Bennett Greenspan, President of Family Tree DNA**, will present. The cost is \$8 for non-members of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Oregon and \$5 for members. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to the Jewish Genealogical Society by emailing [JGSOregon@gmail.com](mailto:JGSOregon@gmail.com) or calling Barbara Hershey at 503-249-1976.

**Discussion Issues for the September Meeting**

Two important issues will be discussed at the September meeting:

- 1) Due to a recent problem, we will be reviewing our **Research Policy**. One part is to meet with Robert and Alice of the Oregon State Library to have a clear policy on handling requests.
- 2) The second part is to review WVGS's Research Policy. Our minimum fee is **\$10 per hour**, on the low side and we will discuss increasing this.

If you would like to have input into this issue, be sure to attend the September meeting at 10 am on September 10th at the Oregon State Library, Room 102.





## WVGS LIBRARY REPORT

**MISSING DNA PAPERS:**

After the July meeting member Jim Johnson is missing his DNA results from World Family Tree. If you were at that meeting would you be kind enough to check your stuff to see if it by chance they were picked up and went home with the wrong party. Thank You – Jim Willhite

**WVGS LIBRARY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2011****NEWSLETTER**

By Jim Willhite

**PERIODICALS****Featured Periodicals**

WVGS is each month bringing a few issues of OSL's Genealogical and Historical Periodicals from the stacks for your review. OSL has a complete list by state. If you find something of interest, check to see if the Library has additional issues. We started with the "A's". For most of the periodicals we have additional issues in the stacks, so ask at the Reference Desk if you would like to see any of the periodicals.

List prepared by  
Eugene Newbill, OSL

- South Dakota History (Pierre, SD), v.3 no.3 – v.15 no.4 (1973 – 1985)
- Southern Queries (Durham, NC), various issues (1996 – 1997)
- Star Geneal Journal, Morgan Area Genealogical Association (Jacksonville, IL), v.1 n.1 – v.5 n.4 (1993 – 1997)
- Tales & Trails / Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society (The Dalles, OR), various issues (1995 – 2007)
- Timber Trails / Yamhill County Genealogical Society (McMinnville, OR), v.1 n.1 – v.12 n.2; v.18 n.3 – v.27 n.3 (1980 – 1991; 1998 – 2007)
- Tobucksy News / Pittsburg County Genealogical and Historical Society (McAlester, OK), v.14 n.1 – v.25 n.3 (1997 – 2008)
- Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly (Topeka, KS), v.2 n.1 – v.7 n.1 (1973 – 1977)
- The Trackers / Mt. Hood Genealogical Forum (Oregon City, OR), v.13 n.1 – v.13 n.4 (1973)
- The Trails / Randolph County Genealogical Society (Chester, IL), v.6 n.1 – v.14 n.4 (1996 – 2004)
- Trail Breakers / Clark County Genealogical Society (Vancouver, WA), v.1 n.1 – v.32 n.1 (1975 – 2006)



## WVGS LIBRARY REPORT

**August Periodicals 2011 Received at****The Oregon State Library**

Prepared by Lorraine Busch

- CA (Santa Clara), "Newsletter", Santa Clara Historical and Genealogical Society, V56 No 7, July 11
- CA (Fresno), "The Jotted Line", Fresno County Genealogical Society, Aug 11
- CT, "The Connecticut Nutmegger", Connecticut Society of Genealogists, V44 No1, June 11
- IA (Des Moines), "2011 Membership Book", Des Moines County Genealogical Society
- IL (Will/Grundy), "Newsletter", Will/Grundy Illinois Genealogical Society, V29 No10, 11
- IL (LaSalle), "The Genies's View", LaSalle County Genealogy Guild, July/Aug 11
- OR (Deschutes), "The Homesteader", Deschutes County Historical Society, V37 No8, Aug 11
- OR (Lane), "The Artifact", Lane County Historical Museum, No 200, July 11
- MI (Calhoun), "Generations", Calhoun County Genealogical Society, V23 No5, May-June 11
- NY, "The New York Researcher", New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, V22 No2, Summer 11
- PA, "Legacies", Historical Society of Pennsylvania, V11 No1, May11
- PA, "Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine", Genealogical Of Pennsylvania, V47, No1 April 11
- PA, "PMHB", Historical Society of Pennsylvania, V135 No3, July 11
- WA, "Seattle Genealogical Society Bulletin", Seattle Genealogical Society, V60 No2, Spring/Summer 11
- WA, "The Sounder" Snow-Isle Genealogical Society, V25, No2, Second Quarter 11
- WA, "Tri City Genealogical Society Online Bulletin", Tri City Genealogical Society, V51 No2, July 11
- WI, "WSGS", Wisconsin State Genealogical Society, V57 No2, April 11
- VT, "Vermont Genealogy", Genealogical Society of Vermont, Special Publication Number 13 Vital Records of Springfield VT, V16 No1 Spring11

**WVGS LIBRARY REPORT**

- "American Ancestors", New England Historic Genealogical Society, V 12 No 3 Summer 11
- "Flemish American Heritage", V29 No2 July 11
- "The Highlander" July-Aug 2011
- "New England Historical and Genealogical Register", New England Genealogical Society, V165 No659, July 11
- "Rodziny" Journal of the Polish Genealogical Society of America, V34 No.2, Spring 11
- "Rodziny" Journal of the Polish Genealogical Society of America, V34 No3, Summer 11

**PURCHASES AND DONATIONS**

The following purchases and donated material to OSL may not be immediately available. The books and microfilm have to be cataloged and put into the OSL system and the CD's installed on the hard drive before they are available for use. Books, Tapes, & Videos from the WVGS collection will be available for check out at the next meeting.

**Books donated to Oregon State Library  
BY FRANCES EDDY**

- Effingham County Illinois Census for the years 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880
- Old Settlers Annual Effingham Illinois 1912
- The Adjutant General's Report of Effingham County Illinois for 1831-32, 1846-1848, 1861-1866 and 1898-1899
- Effingham County Tax Records 1852
- Portrait and Biographical Records of Effingham County, Illinois 1893
- Delinquent tax Records 1845-1855 Effingham County Illinois
- Effingham County Illinois Tax Records 1854-1858
- 1890 Tax Lists Effingham County Illinois Vols 1 & 2
- Effingham County Illinois Public Domain Land Records, Vol 1 A through J 1830-1905 and Vol 2 K through Z 1830-1905
- Effingham City and County Directories 1912
- Effingham City Directories 1895-1900
- Effingham County, Illinois Naturalization Records 1849-1906
- Effingham County Illinois Marriages, Eight books, 1833-1877, 1878-1882, 1883-1888, 1889-1894, 1895-1900, and 1901-1905, 1906-1910, 1911-1915.

**WVGS LIBRARY REPORT****Books donated to Sale Table or Other Society  
by FRANCES EDDY**

- Fiftieth Anniversary 1853-1903 Effingham County Illinois
- Wills and Estate Settlements 1836-1882 Effingham County Illinois
- Effingham County, Illinois City and County Directories 1924-1925

**BOOKS PURCHASED FOR WVGS AND  
OSL COLLECTIONS**

- 150 Years of Oregon Veterans \$ 39.95
- Married Well and Often, Marriages and Marriage References for the Counties of Lancaster, Northumberland, Old Rappahannock, Richmond, and Westmoreland VA. \$52.00 + 2.50 P&H
- Black in Oregon, Perseverance, A History of African Americans in Oregon's Marion and Polk Counties \$25.00
- African American Genealogy Research by Michael Hit \$7.95
- The Royal Descents of 600 to the American Colonies two Vols. \$75.00 +5.00 P&H
- Ancestors in German Archives A guide to family History Sources two vols. \$90.00 + 8.00 P&H
- Georgia Land Lottery Research – (Contributor WVGS Member Jim Johnson) \$30.00
- Norwegians in America Their History and Record, Georgia Land Lottery Research Vol. 1 – (Contributor WVGS Member Jim Willhite) \$29.95

**Book & Periodical donated to Oregon State Library  
by Jim Johnson**

- The Saga of Daniel J. Fry
- Georgia Genealogy Society Quarterly, summer 2011

**SUGGESTED PURCHASES -  
DONATIONS WANTED**

Donors pay half and, WVGS's book fund pays the remaining half. Donations are tax deductible in accordance with section 501(c)(3) of the US Tax Code. The books go into our collection for use of our members, with donor's getting first use. When the books are no longer being checked out they are donated to the Oregon State Library for use of the public.

BOOKS – Suggestions Please  
CD's - Suggestions Please



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**Collections at the Oregon State Library**

Are you at the point in your research where you want to look at ***original records***? The following collections are original copies of other state records, kept in the Genealogy Annex on the second floor. **Ask the Genealogy Volunteer to retrieve them for you.**

**State Records**

- **The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, 1636-1776 Volumes 3 Part 1 & 2, 4, 6-11, 13-15**

The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut, from April 1636 to October 1776" is a very extensive collection of records from the towns of Connecticut and the colonial legislature. Researchers in the nineteenth century painstakingly transcribed documents from original manuscripts and then created the pages of these books with handset type. The results were printed as a collection of fifteen volumes, totaling thousands of pages. The first volume was published in 1850 with the final volume becoming available in 1890.

These books list births, marriages, and deaths but also contain a lot more information of interest to genealogists and historians alike. "The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut" is rich in historical, social, economic, political, and cultural data relating to the colony of Connecticut. For example, users can find information on what types of punishments were handed down to lawbreakers in 17th century Connecticut, what people were growing on their farms, and what was happening in Connecticut during the dawn of the American Revolution.

- **The Public Records of the State of Connecticut, 1776-1796 Volumes I – V, VII, VIII**

Volumes covering the Revolutionary War period include appointment of officers to militia units; acceptance of accounts; memorials by citizens who lost property during the war, etc.

- **Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War, Volumes I – XVII**

Prepared by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, this is an indexed compilation of the records of the Massachusetts soldiers and sailors who served in

the army or navy during the Revolutionary War. This is a 17 volume series, and contains an alphabetized list of all surnames. There are over 175,000 records in this database, which give, when available, the name and age of the individual, town of residence, the date and location of enlistment, areas and length of service, date of discharge, and description of their physical features.

- **Suffolk (Massachusetts) Deeds, Volume I-VI, VII, X, XIV**

These printed editions of the first 14 volumes of manuscript records of Suffolk County deeds covering 1629-1697." Each volume contains indexes of grantors, grantees, other persons, and places. They contain original manuscript records of deeds from 1629-1886, bound into 1,706 volumes, and housed in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds office. The materials are primarily land transactions.

- **Rhode Island Vital Records, 1636-1850, Volumes 1-21**

These **Vital Records** were obtained from various sources such as town and church records, Revolutionary rolls, and several newspapers. The first six volumes contain town vital records, arranged by county; volume 7 contains Quaker records; later volumes include church, military, and newspaper records.

- **Rhode Island Colonial Records, Volume 2-8**

These records were originally published between 1856 and 1865 in ten volumes as *Records of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations* and *Records of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations in New England*. These volumes cover over a century and a half of information on the inhabitants of the Ocean State, from its earliest settlement in 1636 until the end of the Revolutionary era in 1792. Much can be learned about the early settlers of towns, those who served in the colonial militias and during the Revolutionary War, individuals who petitioned the General Assembly for grievance, those involved in probate and court matters, persons receiving payment for service to the colony and state and much, much more.



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- **New Jersey Archives: Documents Relating to the History of the State of New Jersey, 1st Series Volumes 2-42, 2nd Series Volumes 2-5**

This set contains general data and proceedings, will abstracts, patents, deeds, newspaper abstracts, and marriages. Most volumes are individually indexed. The first ten volumes of New Jersey Archives contains the earliest records of colonial New Jersey.

- **Pennsylvania Archives**  
1st Series Volumes 1-12, 2nd Series Volumes 1-19, 3rd Series Volumes 3-30, 3rd Series Maps 1-26, 4th Series Volumes 1-12, 5th Series Volume 1-8, 6th Series Volumes 1-15, 7th Series Volumes 1-5, 8th Series Volumes 1-8, 9th Series Volumes 1-10

The Pennsylvania Archives are a 138 volume set of reference books compiling transcriptions of letters and early records relating to the colony and state of Pennsylvania. The volumes were published in nine different series between 1838 and 1935 by acts of the Pennsylvania legislature. Contents of the archives include Letters between key government figures in Pennsylvania, Papers of the Governors, Marriage Licenses issued prior to 1810, Militia and Continental Muster Rolls including French-Indian War, Revolution and War of 1812, Revolutionary Diaries, County Tax Lists (typically of the Revolutionary era), Oath's of Allegiance, Ship Lists (compiling German immigrants during 18th century), Land related records, Election returns.

- **State Papers of New Hampshire, Probate Volume I and IX**

The nine volumes (31-39) of the *New Hampshire State Papers* include the *Probate Records* for most of the provincial period. Wills for each period are published in full and where possible, are accompanied by related documents. We have only Volume 1 (31) and 9 (39).

**Civil War**

- **Report of the adjutant general of the state of Illinois, 1861-1866, Volumes 1-8**

The following histories of Illinois Civil War regiments and units originate from the volumes of the nine volume publication, Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Illinois (1900-1902). The histories, some written shortly after the war's end, are the work of numerous authors throughout the intervening years. Includes rosters of officers and enlisted men, 1861-1866 and The original Muster and Descriptive Rolls.

- **Report of the adjutant general of the state of Indiana, 1861-1865, Volumes 1-8**

These volumes contain detailed information on the Indiana volunteer units. Volumes 2-8 contain rosters of officers and men by regiment and give the soldier's name, with date, place, and cause of death in the war.

- **Report of the adjutant general of the state of Iowa, 1861-1865, Volumes 1-6**

*Roster and Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of the Rebellion: Together with Historical Sketches of Volunteer Organizations, 1861-1866.* This book provides each soldier's name, rank, and often the date and place he was mustered out and histories of the regiments. The soldiers are listed by company but not alphabetically. Volume 6 has names of soldiers from later wars, as well.

- **History of Pennsylvania Volunteers, 1861-1865, Volumes 1-5**

Pennsylvania Civil War regimental rosters, regimental histories, POW lists, and regimental losses. Transcripts of the preface, regimental histories and muster rolls of regiments. Each of the following regiments has the history of the organization and service of the regiment followed by muster rolls for the Field and Staff Officers, Regimental Band (if any), the Companies from Company A to Company K, and Unassigned Men (if any).



**Miscellaneous Research****Miscellaneous Research**

Members send me a variety of research suggestions and sites so here they are from all over "the Net" (note: I haven't checked them all out):

**FamilySearch on YouTube**

**FamilySearch** has unveiled a newly updated **YouTube** channel giving viewers an informative, fun and fascinating look at several different aspects of genealogy through a growing number of videos in five playlists.

High-quality videos are available for the rookie genealogist and the seasoned veteran alike. The Genealogy in 5 Minutes playlist demonstrates how, in just a few minutes, individuals with little or no genealogy experience can make some headway on their family's history.

The Woven Generations playlist features powerful, personal experiences from those who have found success or inspiration through family history work. Additionally, FamilySearch sent camera crews to Virginia, Ohio, California, Indiana and other locations for a closer look at how FamilySearch works with societies and archives to provide access to more records online and to further mutual interests in family history. These videos can be found in the Societies and Archives playlist.

These videos and others are available at **YouTube.com/FamilySearch** and can be powerful tools in introducing the excitement of family history to a friend or family member. They will also enrich the life of a veteran genealogist. Check out the videos today and share them with your family and friends!

**How do you find a long-lost cousin?**

Here are just a few ideas of resources that may help to locate living relatives:

- Search a Research Wiki --  
[https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/How\\_to\\_Find\\_Descendants\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_States](https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/How_to_Find_Descendants_in_the_United_States)  
<http://wiki.geni.com/> <http://www.wikitree.com/>  
<http://www.werelate.org/> Search online Trees --  
<https://familysearch.org/#form=trees>  
<http://www.ages-online.com/> <http://www.geni.com/>  
<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1030>
- Search message boards --  
<http://boards.ancestry.com/>

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>  
<http://genforum.com/>  
<http://www.cyndislist.com/queries/>

- Try a Google Search for an ancestor (to locate a webpage for that ancestor) or for the name of a cousin (to locate that cousin).
- Use Social media sites to try to locate cousins.
- Contact known cousins for addresses of other cousins you may not know.

**Here is the introduction to the Encyclopedia found on the Internet: (There is no charge for perusing the volumes.)**

**ENCYCLOPEDIA OF VIRGINIA BIOGRAPHY**  
**by LYON GARDINER TYLER**

Published 1915, in New York, by the Lewis Historical Publishing Company. This work is in five volumes. The fourth and fifth volumes are numbered as if they were one, and the index to both is in the fifth volume.

I am just starting work on transcribing these volumes. Address comments to me, Fred Spradlin, [fspradlin@earthlink.net](mailto:fspradlin@earthlink.net) via email. I do not intend mimicking the look of the books. In my original, each page has two columns, which might make reading a long biography cumbersome. Each volume has its own index of the subjects of the biographies. My approach will include transcribing the index first, and then add links to the biographies as their transcription is posted.

Volumes I and II convey the history of the state, through the biographies, up to 1861. Volume III brings that up to 1915. Volumes IV and V are supplemental, and reputed to have been prepared by "staff writers" sometimes from data provided by the families.

**WARNING!** ... I've been informed that there are significant "errors in fact" to be found in the biographies included in these volumes. Apparently, Tyler did none of the research into the facts, but merely supervised the preparation of the final results. Perhaps this should be put into the category of the popular "Heritage Books" of contributory history ???

... You should be aware that the volumes are already "online" in their original format, at [books.google.com](http://books.google.com) ...

**Miscellaneous Research****Should you use flour to read a gravestone?****Dick Eastman weighs in:**

William Jerry (Champ) Champion has created a YouTube video that shows a quick and easy way to read and photograph grave markers that are worn or have become discolored. In years past, genealogists have used a variety of materials to improve legibility of tombstones, from shaving cream to chalk and a variety of other materials. However, most of those methods reportedly damage the stone to some extent. Many of the materials are abrasive and also may leave chemicals behind that cause long-term damage. However, Champ claims the use of flour creates no damage.

Not everyone agrees. Some so-called "experts" will tell you that flour is harmful because it can penetrate into small pores of the stone, and, when wet, the flour will swell and can cause flaking of the stone. Some also claim that flour contains yeast, which encourages the growth of lichens and micro-organisms that can then live and grow in the stone, causing expansion and cracking. Technically, flour does not contain yeast when first ground. However, yeast floats in the air most everywhere and may land on flour, where it may flourish.

I do question the qualifications of all these so-called "experts." I therefore turned to the Association for Gravestone Studies' web site as this is the nationally-recognized expert organization. I'd believe whatever the Association for Gravestone Studies says. The Association's web site at <http://www.gravestonestudies.org/faq.htm> has a long list of things to never do, and it cautions, "Don't use shaving cream, chalk, graphite, dirt, or other concoctions in an attempt to read worn inscriptions." Flour is not mentioned although it might qualify as an "other concoction."

**Blue Earth County Historical Society, Minnesota**  
**[www.bechshistory.com/](http://www.bechshistory.com/)**

Blue Earth County is located in southern Minnesota. Mankato is its county seat. The Blue Earth County Historical Society (BECHS) has made a number of indexes available on its website. You can view a collection of county photographs that have been digitized and made available by the Minnesota Digital Library. The originals of the 1,426 images are part of the BECHS photograph collection. Cemetery Index Burials in seventy-eight cemeteries have been transcribed and included in this alphabetical index. It contains only the full name of the deceased. Complete information is available in the BECHS Research Center in book form.

**Miscellaneous Research**

- **Marriage Index** This is an alphabetical index to marriage announcements published in the Mankato Free Press in 1947 and 1948.
- **Minnesota State Census** This database comprises an alphabetical index to the Minnesota State Census of 1865 for Blue Earth County.
- **Obituary Index** Like the Marriage Index above, this database indexes obituaries published in the Mankato Free Press in 1947 and 1948.
- **Social Notes** This database contains indexes to articles published in Blue Earth County newspapers from 1875 to the 1940s. These articles have been clipped from the original papers, and are in scrapbooks at the Historical Society. They have been indexed by town and are listed in chronological order. The towns covered in these scrapbooks are Beauford, Cambria, Caroline, Ceresco, Cray, Cream, Danville, Decoria, Eagle Lake, and Garden City.
- **Wills Index** This database provides an alphabetical index to wills that were donated to the society. It indexes only Blue Earth County residents. The wills date from 1858 to 1973. Researchers can request a copy of a will for a fee.

**Last minute information**  
**From the Oregon State Library**

Our first lecture of the fall season will take place on **Wednesday, Sept. 7, from 12 noon – 1:00 in room 102/103.**

**Topic: 100 Years of the Oregon Blue Book**  
**Speakers: Darrell Jabin and Julie Yamaka**  
**(from Oregon's Secretary of State Office).**

For more information please click on the link to our handout, below:

<http://library.state.or.us/services/training/BlueBook.pdf>

Hospitality

Thank you to Marilyn O'Neill and Ann Hill for volunteering to work with Noeline Briski. We will continue to have a short social time with refreshments from 10:45 am to 11 am in between our Business Meeting and Program.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

In August, membership for 2011 was 19 Life Members, 82 single memberships, 13 family memberships (26 individuals), and 4 Historical/ Genealogical Societies for a total of 131 members.

ANNUAL DUES for the calendar year 2011 are \$20 for a single membership, \$25 to include spouse/family. LIFE MEMBERSHIP fees are \$250 for those under 70 years of age, \$200 for those 70 or over. Membership brings you the quarterly BEAVER BRIEFS and the monthly NEWSLETTER, and for Willamette Valley residents, the opportunity to check out books from the Society library. BEAVER BRIEFS is available to members on the WVGS website or at a cost of \$6.00 to cover the postage for 4 annual issues mailed to a member. Send your check and the form below to WVGS, PO Box 2083, Salem, OR 97308-2083, enclosing a SASE if you would like a membership card and receipt mailed to you. *Please notify us of address changes or corrections—the Post Office will not forward BEAVER BRIEFS or NEWSLETTERS.* Members' address labels show dues expiration date following EXP. Dues received after labels are printed will be reflected in the following months' labels.

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