

WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM

April 11th, Thursday 11:30 am to 1:00 pm WVGS Executive Committee Meeting. <u>Room 202</u> at Oregon State Library

<u>April 13th, Saturday</u> <u>10:00 am to 4:00 pm</u>

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society will meet in the Oregon State Library Building, 250 Winter St. NE. Metered, on-street parking in the vicinity is *free* on Saturdays (and the underground Capitol Mall Parking Structure is closed). Visitors are welcome at all events! *Use the Winter St. entrance*—<u>the</u> <u>mall entrance is locked on Saturdays</u>. Note— Name tags must be worn for security reasons. WVGS provides them for members and visitors on our meeting day. Please stop for yours in Room 103.

Schedule of Events

10:00am– 10:45 am <u>General Membership</u>

<u>Meeting</u> in Conference Room 103 (1st floor, opposite the elevator). A business meeting will be held to conduct society business.

10:45 am—11:00 am <u>Social Time Room 102</u> Join us for refreshments as we set up for the pro-

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11:00am-12 noon Program

Have you ever wondered "Are there groups in Oregon today that descend from the KKK?" or "Was the KKK in Marion County?"

Our speaker for April 13th will be **Historian John Ritter.** Dr. Ritter has been a Professor of History at Linfield College and Corban University. He will take a look back to the days in the 1920s when the Ku Klux Klan was a powerful force in Salem and in Oregon, highlighting an era in which The Klan was a viable political and social force that dominated state politics and Salem's social life.

Dr. Ritter says "I have lived in Salem my entire life growing up on a house on D street. I began researching various aspects of Salem history including the Ku Klux Klan, about 35 years ago. Salem history has always been my passion. I look forward to presenting to your group".

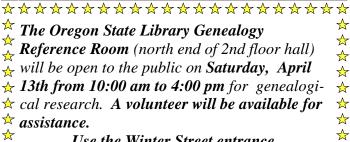
WVGS programs are always open to the public!

1 pm Beginners' Class

The Beginners' Class will be conducted by **Joan Kaiser in Room 202** (2nd floor to the right from the elevator). Pre-registration is not required. There is no charge, but we suggest a donation of up to \$3.00 toward the cost of printed handouts.

The Beginners' Class will be #3 in the series, **Maps, Wills and Probate Records, and Military Records.** Joan will cover the types of maps that help you track your ancestors, information that may be found in wills and probate records, and the importance of military records in genealogical research. **The class is open to the public.**

WVGS 2012 Treasurer's records were audited and no errors were found. Thank you Joan Kaiser for doing an excellent job as Treasurer! And thank you Ann Hill for doing the audit.



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and an order form.

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on Saturdays

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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 volun-

teer will call back. The greeting will also be updated

monthly with information about the upcoming meetings

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. **Remem**-

ber 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

Ancestry.com is available on all computers in the li-

brary, with 2 computers reserved specifically for genea-

If you plan on going to the State Library, State

Archives, or City Library <u>during the week</u>, 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

Upcoming Programs– Tentative Schedule

genealogy? Speaker will be psychic Clair.

NORPAC Label Redemption Program

This money-making program is just to cut out the **UPC**

nonprofit organization) mail them in once a year and re-

ceive 5 cents per label. Labels can be turned in at any

Saturday WVGS meeting, mailed to WVGS, or left at

code on FLAV-R-PAC, Santiam, and WESTPAC

products and turn them in to WVGS. We then (as a

May 11th: Can a psychic help you with your

History Library visit"

the Reference Desk at OSL.

June 8th: Don Garrett, "Preparing for a Family

and programs. The number is (503) 378-5708.

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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>
April 13th	Loreen Wells	Susan Niggli
May 11		Liz Tice
June 8th	Glenn Abernathy	

Vice President for Programs

Our 1st Vice-President for Programs, Kathleen O'Daniels, is planning to move later in the year. She has done a great job and programs are arranged for most of the rest of 2013. But we are still in need of a replacement, to make the final contacts, arrange for equipment, and get information on the program for the newsletter. Please consider helping out and working with Kathleen now!!

WVGS Meeting 2013 Dates

January 12 February 9 March 9 April 13 June 8OctobJune 8OctobJuly 13*NovAugust 10Dece

<u>13 Dates</u> September 14 October 12 *November 16 December 14

WVGS Officers for 2013 Elected Officers

President: Elizabeth Tice 1st Vice-President (Program): Kathleen O'Daniels 2nd Vice-President (Membership): Suzan Rempel Recording Secretary: Barbara Foster Corresponding Secretary: Dawn Carter-Noe 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*

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Willamette Valley Genealogical Society's DNA Project

WVGS has a DNA Project for both men and women.

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6. Click CONTINUE to complete the next screen.

7. Be sure to click only once when you are done

 Go to the State Library URL at: http:// oregon.gov/OSL/GRES/genealogy.shtml

2. Click on Genealogy Research on the left.

5. Scroll to the bottom of the next page and

3. Click on WVGS DNA Project.

so you order just one set.



WVGS News

The Winter Issue of *Beaver Briefs*, Vol. 45, No. 1 is ready for viewing and printing. It is a pdf document so if you do not have the reader, you will have to download that first.

To access Beaver Briefs:

- Go to the WVGS website: htt://oregon.gov/OSL/
- On the right side under "Services for..." is Genealogy. Click on Genealogy.
- Under Willamette Valley Genealogy Society at the top of the page is Beaver Briefs.
- Under Beaver Briefs is Beaver Briefs Login. Click on Beaver Briefs Login.
- Enter your password in the box and click on **Submit.**

This is our fourth year online. Don't miss out on it! For exchange societies, Life Members and 2013 members who have renewed, you have the same password. All members and libraries and societies on our exchange list have access to Beaver Briefs on-line. If you are unsure of your password, contact Liz Tice at eliztice@comcast.net

Fold3 Update

WVGS subscribes to **Fold3** for members to have access to military records. **Korean War Casualties are now available –** US Army soldiers wounded or killed.

Fold3 is available at the Reference Desk on the 2nd Floor of the Library.

Volunteer Opportunity!

Do you like solving mysteries...and detective work? We are looking for 3 volunteers to help people research their family history. The shifts available are Mondays 10-1, Mondays 1-5 and Fridays 1-5. Typically, a volunteer fills one shift per week. The Genealogical Research Center is a partnership project of the State Library and WVGS. This volunteer opportunity assists library patrons with genealogy research using CD's, databases, books, reference materials, online catalogs, and microfilm. The volunteer also helps staff the Reference Desk

It is helpful for the volunteer to have knowledge of or desire to learn about genealogy research, database search, ability to work with the public in person, by phone and email. Training is provided. Location is at the Oregon State Library, 250 Winter St. NE, Salem. To apply and for more information contact Robin Speer 503-378-5014, robin.d.speer@state.or.us.

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.

NEW! Discover close relatives and your ethnic percentages with Family Finder! Available to both males and females.

Family Finder uses autosomal DNA (inherited from both the mother and father, four grandparents, eight greatgrandparents, etc.) to provide you a breakdown of your ethnic percentages and connect you with relatives descended from any of your ancestral lines within approximately the last 5 generations.

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. If any of you have questions regarding DNA and which tests to order, please e-mail Emily Aulicino at: 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.

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<u>HB 5022</u>

Testimony was taken by the Joint Committee On Ways and Means Sub-Committee on General Government in the Oregon Legislature for House Bill 5022. This is the funding for the Oregon State Library. State Librarian MaryKay Dahlgreen presented plans for reorganization. The Governor's Budget proposal eliminates the Government Research Services team (GRES) and proposed consolidating services with the Oregon State Archives.

What is not mentioned is that after 100 years of having access to historical documents at the Oregon State Library, Oregonians could be losing this valuable collection. The Archives preserve documents, the GRES team is made up of research librarians and staffs the Reference Room.

Obviously, this also affects WVGS's partnership with the Oregon State Library. We meet there, store our society materials there, help provide and train volunteers, and are mostly responsible for the Genealogy Collection.

WVGS Members **Susan Bell, Joan Kaiser** and **John Cochran** gave testimony about the benefits of having public access and research help. The State Library offers a first rate genealogical collection for researchers statewide. The Reference Room is the public face of the Oregon State Library. I submitted a written document on behalf of WVGS. **Thank you to Sue, Joan and John!!**

What's next? As of the mailing date of the newsletter, the budget decisions have not been made. You still have time -

Contact members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Sub-Committee on General Government! The members of this committee are:

Representative Greg Smith (Co-Chair): 503-986-1457 900 Court St. NE, H-482 Salem, OR 97301 rep.gregsmith@state.or.us

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503-986-1728 900 Court St. NE, S-311 Salem, OR 97301 <u>sen.dougwhitsett@state.or.us</u>

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Representative David Gomberg 900 Court St. NE, H-371 Salem, OR 97301 Rep.davidgombert@state.or.us

Representative Nancy Nathanson: 503-986-1413 900 Court St. NE, H-280 Salem, OR 97301 rep.nancynathanson@state.or.us

Thank you! WVGS President Elizabeth Tice

You can find the Subcommittee's page at

https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2013R1/ Committees/JWMGG/Overview

If you click on the date on the right side of the page, you can view the testimony. Testimony for the State Library was given on 3/14/2012 (MaryKay Dahlgreen) and 3/18/2013 (public).

Click above the Agenda on Meeting Materials, then on the left side document symbol. You will be able to see the testimony that was submitted in writing.

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March Program

Truman Price, fiddler and historian, regaled us at our March meeting. Truman played songs that were of the Oregon Trail era, giving the history of the songs as well.

"Wait for the Wagon" was one of the songs Truman played. Many of the songs were minstrel songs of the early 1800s. Also songs had Irish roots, poems often set to Irish melodies.

Truman mentioned family groups such as the Hutchinson Family. Often songs were political also, especially before the Civil War. **The Laura Ingalls Wilder Songbook** has many authentic songs of the folk songs, hymns, dance songs, and ballads.

Truman was entertaining and very knowledgeable about the history of the songs of early Oregon. A great performance!

WVGS Member CLIFF BUTLER

Long time member, former officer and OSL volunteer Cliff Butler will be leaving us! The following is a shortened article by Robin Speer for the Volunteer newsletter:

A few times in our lives we are awestruck by and privileged to know someone who does amazing things for the world. This is one of those moments.

Cliff Butler has been a volunteer for the State Library and a member of the Willamette Valley Genealogy Society for the past 16 years. He has contributed his time and knowledge to help many people research their family history. His contribution includes 1,625+ volunteer hours and a published book about his family history that is now in our collection. Cliff became an early participant in the DNA project and discovered 12 cousins he did not know and now has a website for the family to keep connected.

Awe...there is much more to Cliff Butler and his life outside of his contributions to the State Library and Willamette Valley Genealogy Society. This is where the awesomeness comes in... Cliff had two professional careers before coming to Salem and beginning his long run of volunteerism. He is a retired military officer of 20 years – a Major for biology medical science with a specialty in medical microbiology and worked at the hospital on the military base in Colorado. His second career was spending the next 20 years doing the exact same job as a civilian (in the same hospital).

Cliff has 6 children, 8 grandkids, and 6 great-grandkids. His wife, Shirlee, passed a few years ago after 58 wonderful years of marriage.

• Since 1962, Cliff has been an active member of the American Society for Microbiology . The mission of the American Society for Microbiology is to advance the microbiological sciences as a vehicle for understanding life processes and to apply and communicate this knowledge for the improvement of health and environmental and economic well being worldwide.

- Since 1994, Cliff has volunteered as an Angler Education Instructor for Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. He has taught in elementary schools through the Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP). The kids learn about the life cycle of salmon and trout, their natural habitats and how to protect the environment. Cliff also enjoys teaching the students how to use a rod and reel, then take them on a fishing outing.
- Since 1994, Cliff has been a volunteer teacher for the 4-H Camp in the Salem area teaching kids how to fish and appreciate nature. Cliff is also a volunteer for the Marion County Medical Reserve Corps helping to prepare first responders in a large emergency.
- Since 1994 Cliff has been a volunteer Science teacher at Schirle Elementary School. The Salem/Keizer School District is the only district in Oregon to have this science program in the elementary schools. Cliff works with kids one day per week with a microbiology science project experiment (ex: check for bacteria on key boards, cel phones, door knobs).
- Since 1998, Cliff has been a volunteer Grand Awards Judge for the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) This is the 66th year and is the oldest and largest science fair in the world. Each May more than 1500 students from roughly 70 countries and territories are invited to compete in the fair for scholarships, tuition grants, internships, scientific field trips and the grand prize of \$75,000. All prizes together amount to a value of over \$4,000,000. Cliff is a judge for the microbiology division. Each year Cliff meets hundreds of bright and aspiring future scientists.

This year, Cliff is embarking on a new adventure. He is moving to Colorado so he can be near his family and spend time with his grandchildren. Cliff says that WVGS and OSL are very special to him and he is really going to miss the time he has spent in the reference room meeting interesting people. "I think I have gotten more out of my association with WVGS and OSL than I put in. I've certainly enjoyed it!" We are grateful to be beneficiaries of Cliff's passions. From caring about the environment, to teaching children to be good stewards of natural resources, to helping with family history research, to learning to enjoy nature, to inspiring young future scientists, to preparing first responders in our community – Cliff Butler has done and continues to do amazing and awesome things for the world!

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WVGS LIBRARY REPORT

WVGS Librarian Jim Willhite is enjoying sunshine and spring training, so we won't have a Library Report in March or April.

<u>PERIODICALS</u> 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, Oregon State Library

- Ash tree echo (1986-)
- California family researcher's directory (1997) California history Includes:
- Quarterly of the Calif. Historical Soc.; California Historical Society quarterly; California historical quarterly) (1922-1933,1937-1980)
- California vital statistics [microform] / State of California, Dept. of Health (Death, 1940-1984) (Bride, 1960-1981) (Groom, 1960-1981)
- Jotted line / Fresno Genealogical Society (1991,1994-1995,1997,2000-2003,2008-2009)
- Redwood researcher / Redwood Genealogical Society 1972-1975
- San Joaquin Genealogical Society newsletter (1998-2003)
- Santa Clara County connections (1994-1997,1999-2008)
- Siskiyou pioneer : in folklore, fact and fiction (1967-1994)
- Sonoma searcher (1994-)

<u>APRIL Periodicals 2013</u> List prepared by Lorraine Busch

- CA (Fresno), "The Jotted Line", Fresno County Genealogical Society, March 13
- KY, "Kentucky Explorer", Vol 27 No 9, March 13
- NC, "North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal", V39 No1, Feb. 2013
- NC, "NCGS News", North Carolina Genealogical Society, V37 No2, March 13

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- OH, "Ohio Genealogy News", Ohio Genealogy Society, V44, No1, Spring 13
- OR, "The Bulletin", Genealogical Forum of Oregon, V62 No3, March 13
- OR (Benton), "Benton County Genealogical Society Newsletter", V28 No2, Feb. 13
- OR (Benton), "Benton County Genealogical Society Newsletter", V28 No3, March 13
- OR (Crook), "The Meadowlark", Crook County Historical Society, Feb. 13
- OR (Deschutes), "The Homesteader", Deschutes County Historical Society, V39 Nos 2 & 3, Feb 13
- OR (Douglas), "Douglas County Pioneer" Genealogical Society of Douglas County, V27 No1, March 13
- OR (Lane), "Oregon Genealogical Society Journal", V51 No1, Spring 13
- OR (Linn), "The Heritage Newsletter", Linn Genealogical Society, V27 No3, March 13
- WA , "The Beacon", Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, March 13
- WA, "Clark County Genealogical Society Newsletter", V40 No7, March 13
- "The New England and Genealogical Register", New England Genealogical Society, V167 No 665, Jan 13
- "The Mayflower Quarterly", The General Society of Mayflower Descendants, V78 No4, Dec 12

Corresponding Secretary's Report

(We are going to try to have the Corresponding Secretary's Report in the newsletter each month. This a summary of research requests.)

Compiled by Dawn Carter-Noe

GENEALOGY RESEARCH REQUEST

FEBRUARY 2013							
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8	2/7/13	Death cert/obit Welton	email				
9	See Jan						
10	2/11/13	Naturalization Searle	email				
11	2/11/12	Info Ohm	email				
12	2/22/13	Obit Whifield	email				
13	2/5/13	Census Lee	mail				
14	2/23/13	Court, obit Johnson	email				
15		Obit Moursund	OSL				
16	2/26/13	Obit Manning	Phone				

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State Library Exhibit: The Early Exploration of the Pacific Northwest, 1778 - 1843

The Pacific Northwest was the last major piece of North American territory unclaimed for colonization in the 18th century. The first claims on the west coast were made by Spain and England. In the race to lay hold of the Pacific Northwest, many significant explorations and scientific discoveries were made.

The Oregon State Library is opening a new exhibit, "The Early Exploration of the Pacific Northwest, 1778 – 1843." Using books from the State Library's Special Collections this exhibit highlights many early expeditions in the Pacific Northwest, starting with the 1778 Oregon Coast explorations by James Cook of England to the United States Exploring Expedition led by Charles Wilkes in 1843. The exhibit will display many other key materials from persons and places such as Robert Gray, George Vancouver, Lewis and Clark and Astoria.

Oregon State Library's Special Collections houses manuscripts, photographs, older Oregon documents, Oregon maps, and books and periodicals on numerous Oregon-related topics. Many items in the collection require special handling or protection because they are rare or fragile. Apart from Special Collections, the State Library has an extensive collection of materials on Oregon-related topics including public documents from Oregon government agencies. The Oregon Documents Depository Program ensures continuing access to public documents, as state agencies are required by statute to provide the State Library with copies of their public documents for distribution.

Civil War Program

Still under consideration for September is a field trip to Mount Angel Abbey Library for a program on the Civil War. The American Civil War collection was begun and developed by Abbot Bonaventure Zerr, OSB. It contains over 5000 volumes and is one of the best civil war collections in the western United States.

We are thinking about having our own Civil War program for our regular meeting on September 14th. Members could bring in documents and files and relate stories and research issues relating to Civil War ancestors. We also would have books from the State Library Collection.

Then the week after our program, we would arrange for a visit to the Mount Angel Abbey Library in Mt. Angel, to see their collection.

We will discuss this at the April meeting, so please let us know your feelings on this arrangement.

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From OSL

New historic **Oregon newspaper** content has just been added to the Library of Congress' and National Endowment for the Humanities' Chronicling America website! Chronicling America is the nation's free, keyword-

searchable historic newspaper database

http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/ Content recently added includes:

- Ashland, OR. Ashland Tidings (May 30, 1912-June 6, 1917)
- Salem, OR. Daily Capital Journal (now available from Nov. 25, 1903-Dec. 8, 1916)
- Enterprise, OR. The News-Record (Aug. 31, 1907-Dec. 28, 1910)
- Enterprise, OR. Enterprise News-Record (Dec. 31, 1910-June 7, 1911)
- Toledo, OR. Lincoln County Leader (March 9, 1893-Dec. 28, 1922)
- Grants Pass, OR. Rogue River Courier weekly (Sept. 27, 1900-Dec. 26, 1913)
- Grants Pass, OR. Rogue River Courier daily (May 9, 1913-Dec. 31, 1918)
- St. Helens, OR. St. Helens Mist (June 19, 1914-April 22, 1921)
- Joseph, OR. Wallowa Chieftain (Jan. 2, 1902-Jan. 7, 1909)
- Enterprise, OR. Wallowa County Chieftain (Jan. 14, 1909-Dec. 29, 1910)

<u>Conferences</u>

Bend Genealogy Society Saturday April 27,2013 9:00 AM—4:00 PM At Bend Golf & Country Club Featuring *Christine Rose* Call BGS (541) 317-9553 www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs

Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference August 21-24, 2013 Fort Wayne, Indiana

Conference for genealogists of all levels Near the Genealogy Center at Allen County Public Library Www.FGSConference.org (Brochures available at the Reference Desk)

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If you are lucky enough to have traced your ancestors in America, Finnish parishes kept excellent records. Priests recorded births and baptisms, marriages, and deaths and burials, but also kept rippikirja, communion books, which list details about entire families, farm by farm. Rippikiria contain, for each family, each member's name, date and place of birth, occupation, and relationship to the head of household. They may also include notes on marriage or other events in a person's life, such as moves to another town (or country). Finnish parish records make extensive use of abbreviations, which can make them challenging to read. Each **rippikirja** covers five to ten years. After that period, the priest would begin a new book, copying over any information that still applied to the family. Rippikirja and other parish records are available online through several portals:

- HisKi Project of the Finnish Genealogical Society http://hiski.genealogia.fi/historia/indexe.htm, free HisKi is a searchable index of parish and other records. As with any index, there are errors, and names have not been standardized—and not all years or parishes are available.
- Finland's Family History Association www.sukuhistoria.fi/sshy/index.htm, partly fee-based The FFHA website has images of records for a wider range of years than HisKi, arranged by parish. The records are not indexed and so are not searchable. The FFHA also has court and military records.
- National Archives of Finland http://digi.narc.fi/digi, free

The National Archives has more than 14 million records in its digital archive and continues to digitize and post materials. Although the site is not search able, researchers can find plenty of information, including military, passport, and probate records and historical maps, which show farm names.

• *KATIHA database* www.karjalatk.fi/katiha/index.php, free This database, available only in Finnish, is an index to all parish records of Karelia (Karjala). It includes most records through 1911, with death records to 1950. Most of Karelia became part of the USSR in 1944 and remains part of Russia today.

Can't read Finnish?

 Historismi.net www.saunalahti.fi/hirvela/indexuk.html This site has a dictionary in English, Finnish, and Swedish words and abbreviations used in Finnish church records, as well as lists of occupations, causes of death, and Finnish and Swedish names and their English equivalents.

Astoria, Oregon, a fishing community on the American frontier, happened to be a magnet for Finnish immigration. Located at the mouth of the Columbia River on the far northwest tip of the state, Astoria was cut off from population centers by the mountains of the Coast Range to the East and the waters of the river to the North, and sat perched upon the hills looking toward the Pacific Ocean in the West. It was a hamlet which developed in isolation, a community where newly arriving Finns could readily find others who spoke their language. While some worked in the area's timber industry, most of the Finns in Astoria caught steelhead and salmon on the Columbia, working independently as small proprietors on their own boats.

Fishing for Finnish Ancestry?

- One site to find records is Clatsop County, Oregon: Family History & Genealogy, Census, Birth, Marriage, Death Vital Records & More at http:// www.linkpendium.com/genealogy/USA/OR/ Clatsop/
- A Naturalization List for Clatsop Count, from 1850 to 1906 is at http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/ ~orclatso/naturalization.htm
- Ancestry.com has Oregon, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1888-1957, for ships arriving in Astoria, Portland and other ports in Oregon.
- The Finnish-American Historical Society of the West in Portland, Oregon is dedicated to preserving the cultural heritage of America's Finnish settlers. http://www.finamhsw.com/index.htm

From *American Ancestors Winter 2013* Other helpful resources across America:

- **FamilySearch.org** has searchable databases of Finnish birth, marriage, and death records for selected parishes and time periods from 1682 to 1909. No links to images of records are available though.
- Family Search's Research Wiki for Finland, https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/ Finland. Be sure to consult the Finnish Genealogical Word List. A comparable wiki for Sweden, https:// familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Sweden, can help with the many Finnish records that are written in Swedish.
- **The Finnish-American Historical Archives** has one of the most comprehensive collections of Finnish Americana in North America. Collections include family histories and some online databases.

http://www.finamhsw.com/index.htm

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<u>Membership</u> We have started our 2013 Membership roster on April 1st. Membership lists will be available at the meeting on April 13th. We no longer publish the Membership List in Beaver Briefs , since it is on- line now. New members in 2013: Lorraine & Tom Busch, Robert & Judy Oliver, Barbara Hunter, Denise Sproed, and Carolyn Wagner.	MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel Membership for March 2013 is 19 Life Members, 60 single memberships, 12 family memberships (24 in- dividuals), and 3 Historical/Genealogical Societies for a total of 106 members.					
ANNUAL DUES for the calendar year 2013 are \$20 for a single membership, \$25 to include spouse/family. LIFE MEMBER- SHIP 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 <u>at a cost of \$6.50 to cover the postage</u> <u>for 4 annual issues mailed to a member.</u> Send your check and <u>the form below</u> to WVGS, PO Box 2083, Salem, OR 97308-2083, enclosing a SASE if you would like a membership card and receipt mailed to you. <i>Please notify us of address changes or correc-</i> <i>tions—the Post Office will <u>not</u> forward BEAVER BRIEFS or NEWSLETTERS</i> . Members' address labels show dues expiration date following EXP. Dues received after labels are printed will be reflected in the following months' labels.						
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP Pro-rated Amounts for new members only who join: Jan-Mar: \$20 Apr-Jun: \$15 Jul-Sept: \$10 Oct-Dec: \$5	FAMILY MEMBERSHIP Pro-rated Amounts for new members only who join: Jan-Mar: \$25 Apr-Jun: \$18.75 Jul-Sept: \$12.50 Oct-Dec: \$6.25					
WVGS MEMBERSHIP FORM Please ☑ if this is a □NEW of	r RENEWAL membership					
NAME	MAIDEN NAME					
MAILING ADDRESS: STREET:	SPOUSE'S NAME					
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE:	TEL. AREA CODE & NO.					
COUNTIES OF INTEREST - INCLUDING STATE ABBR.	E-MAIL ADDRESS:					
May WVGS include the following in our published membership rosters? (please ☑ each item) YOUR MAILING ADDRESS: □YES □NO YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER: □YES □NO YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS: □YES □NO						
Amount enclosed - \$ for Annual Dues (\$20 individual or \$25 family membership), includes Beaver Briefs on-line						
<pre>\$ for postage to receive copies of Beaver Briefs in the mail (\$6.50)</pre>						
\$payment for Life Membership □ Under age 70 □ Age 70 or Over						
\$other (please identify)						
\$TOTAL ENCLOSED						
SIGNATUREDateDate						

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NAME-ADDRESS-PHONE	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Woodburn LDS Family History Center 1000 Country Club Rd. [back– ring bell] Woodburn, OR 97071 / 503-981-4731	CLOS	SED	9 am— 1 pm	CLOSED	5 pm - 9 pm	CLOSED	12 pm- 5 pm
Salem East LDS Family History Center 862 45th Ave NE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-371-0453	CLOS	SED	9 am— 4 pm	2 pm— 9 pm	CLOSED	9 am— 2 pm	CLOSED
Salem LDS Family History Center 4550 Lone Oak Rd SE Salem, OR 97302 / 503-378-0383 ext 7	4pm— 7pm	CLOSED	9am— 9pm	6pm— 9pm	3pm— 9pm	1st Friday 6pm-9pm	CLOSED
Oregon State Library 250 Winter St NE Salem, OR 97301-3950 / 503-378-5013	CLOSED	Genealogy/Reference Room, 2nd Floor 10 am—5 pm (CLOSED State Holidays)				April 13th ONLY 10 am—4 pm	
Oregon State Archives 800 Summer St NE Salem, OR 97310 / 503-373-0701	CLOSED	8 am—12 am and 1 pm—4:45 pm (CLOSED State Holidays)				CLOSED	
Salem Public Library 585 Liberty St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-588-6052	Open 1 pm– 5 pm Sept-May	CLOSED 10 am—9 pm 10 am— (CLOSED City Holidays)			ó pm		
Marion County Historical Society 1313 Mill St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-364-2128	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED 12 pm—4 pm		By appt.		



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