

# WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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### WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM

May 9th, Thursday 11:30 am to 1:00 pm WVGS Executive Committee Meeting. Room 202 at Oregon State Library

# May 11th, Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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> mall entrance is locked on Saturdays. 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 General Membership

Meeting 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 program.

#### 11:00am-12 noon Program

Claire is a professional Psychic Medium from Portland, who will present an alternative concept to assist genealogy researchers in their quest for tracking their family histories. Claire is well known in the Portland area and along the Oregon coastal region from Lincoln City to Newport. She has been a Clair-voyant since childhood and turned professional in her late 40's. She has assisted thousands of people during this time to connect them with their passed relatives, organize homes through Feng Shue, and conduct healing exercises. She is a gifted woman with a keen sensibility and avid ability for help-

ing people find solutions for a myriad of problems.

Claire initially became involved with WVGS about two years ago when one of our members contacted her for the purpose of extending genealogy research. Bob Baldwin was writing his family history book but had some genealogy walls that he needed to break down. After they completed the project Claire was invited to make a presentation to WVGS about her skills and abilities. Since then a few members have contacted her for assistance with their problems and also came away with renewed hope.

Her life's work is to now assist you with your healing and Spiritual development and to dedicate her life to helping others. As a Spiritual person, there are many healing modalities she offers. You can learn more about these modalities and her product line by going to <a href="www.Goddessofspirit.com">www.Goddessofspirit.com</a>, <a href="www.Earthcreatesart.com">www.Earthcreatesart.com</a>, <a href="www.Sapphirecenter.net">www.Sapphirecenter.net</a>.

WVGS programs are always open to the public!

### Beginners' Class

The Beginners' Class usually conducted by **Joan Kaiser in Room 202** will not be held again until September.

Joan says "I do not plan to have a formal Beginners Class after the meeting on May 11, but will be available in the afternoon to help folks with their questions. The same can be said for the summer months.

The fourth class in the series is "Preparing to do research on site," and that might be of interest in June. Usually a person doesn't look for those tips until they are preparing for a trip that includes genealogical research."

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The Oregon State Library Genealogy

Reference Room (north end of 2nd floor hall)

will be open to the public on Saturday, May

11th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for genealogical research. A volunteer will be available for

ssistance.

Use the Winter Street entrance.



#### **WVGS News**

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#### **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- Tentative Schedule**

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

#### **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.

#### 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:

May 11 John Cochran George Cropsey
June 8th Glenn Abernathy Liz Tice

July 13th Joan Kaiser

#### 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	<b>May 11</b>	September 14
February 9	June 8	October 12
March 9	July 13	*November 16
April 13	August 10	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. 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.
- 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.

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.

#### **Ouestions?...**

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.

#### WVGS Receives Award!!

The Willamette Valley Genealogical Society was selected for the 2013 David Duniway Historian Award by the Willamette Heritage Center, in recognition of our distinguished and long-term contributions to public understanding and appreciation of the cultural history of the Willamette Valley.

Our award was presented during the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Heritage Awards dinner April 19th. President Elizabeth Tice accepted the award on behalf of the Society with members Jim Willhite, Joan Kaiser, Sue Bell, Tom Branigar, Glenn Abernathy, Joyce Preis, and Charlien Tice attending, along with OSL Librari-

#### Fold3 Update

WVGS subscribes to **Fold3** for members to have access to military records. **Fold3** is available at the Reference Desk on the 2nd Floor of the Library.

General orders are essential for coordinating an effective military. Whether for something as basic as distributing sweet potatoes to hospitals or more critical like penalties for those who aid deserters, orders issued to the Confederate Army in the U. S. Civil War were key to smooth operations and troop communications. These orders are compiled in 1,648 pages of image documents from the General Orders and Circulars of the Confederate War Department, 1861-1865, recently added to the Fold3 Civil War Collection.

#### **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 1-5 and Fridays 1-5. Typically, a volunteer fills one shift per week. The Genealogical Research Center is a partner-ship 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.

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# Funding for the Government Research Services Team at the Oregon State Library

Decisions on eliminating the GRES team at the Oregon State Library have not been made. This is the department that WVGS and the Genealogy Collection fall under. Our status and the public's access to the Library's historical collections are not known at this time.

At our April meeting, we formed a committee to investigate our options and make recommendations to WVGS members and to the Library. The Committee will be meeting before the May meeting. If you would like to serve on the committee, please contact President Liz Tice, eliztice@comcast.net or 503-363-0880.

#### Oregon Heritage Vitality 2010/11

Following on the recommendation of the Oregon Heritage Commission, the 2011 Oregon Legislature approved HB 3210 to create a Legislative Task Force on Oregon Heritage Vitality. The Task Force reviewed existing information, conducted surveys and took public testimony before submitting its findings and recommendations to the Legislature in September 2012. The study identified eight major challenges facing organizations and eight recommendations for the 2013 Oregon State Legislature.

See the summary at http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/HCD/OHC/pages/vitalitytaskforce.aspx

In addition the Oregon Heritage Commission in January 2011, gave these suggestions:

- Focus your organization on key purposes. Shed unsuccessful ones.
- Partner with other organizations, including arts, cultural, educational, tourism, humanities and economic development groups. Find ways to jointly solve challenges and promote heritage.
- Deliver history in a more compelling way that resonates with more people.
- Take better advantage of grants and other support programs that already exist.
- Develop short- and long-term goals to focus energy and follow through to generate a sense of accomplishment and motivation
- Create a strong cadre of volunteers committed and trained for your organization's key purposes and needs.
- Gather the latest demographic information about your audience, city and county. Determine if your organization reflects that community and how you can meet your community's needs.
- Create a communications plan that effectively uses the print, electronic and digital media in your community.
- Enjoy what you do and celebrate your successes.

The Winter Issue of *Beaver Briefs*, Vol. 45, No. 2 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:

CDECIAL FEATURES

- 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

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#### **April Program**

Our speaker for April was Dr. John Ritter, historian. Dr. Ritter presented a program about the history of the KKK in Salem and the Willamette Valley. He has had an interest in the KKK, researched and talked to members. His talk was accompanied by a slide show.

Dr. Ritter looked back to the 1920s and 30s when the Klan was a political and social force in Oregon. It was a fascinating part of Oregon history and Dr. Ritter gave a very interesting talk. For more information:

"The Ku Klux Klan in Oregon" Eckard Toy, In Experiences in A Promised Land: Essays in Pacific Northwest History, University of Washington Press, 1986.

### **Genealogy Class** A partnership between Willamette Valley Genealogical Society and

#### Senior Center 50+

The Center 50+ will have a Genealogy Class in the Computer Lab at the Center 50+ in partnership with the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society.

When: Mondays, June 3 to July 1, 2013 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where: Center 50+ 2615 Portland Rd NE Salem, OR 97301

**Contact:** Ethan Young / 503-588-6303 / eyoung@cityofsalem.net

Instructor: Elizabeth Tice, current President of Willamette Valley Genealogical Society and amateur genealogist for over 15 years

Cost: \$30

WVGS will receive a portion of fees. Students who want to retake the same class within a year can do so for only \$5. They still need to fill out a new registration card.

# **Genealogy Class**

The class will cover the basics of genealogy, using a software program, and sources for records as we work backwards in time. You will have time to enter information in a genealogy program and to search online.

Bring a thumb/flash drive if you wish to save your work.

#### Class 1 Organizing on the Computer, Genealogy Software Programs and 20th Century Vital Records

a. What you might need d. Research sources

b. Genealogy programs e. 20th Century sources

c. Genealogy software f. Entering information on your parents & grandparents using Family Tree Builder or Gramps (installed)

#### Class 2 Entering information on your parents and grandparents on My Heritage and Gramps and 20th Century sources: census, military, immigration

a. Using Family Tree **Builder or Gramps** 

c. Military: WWI & WWII

b. 1900-1940 Census d. Immigration &

Naturalization

#### Class 3 Finding information on your ancestors in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

GEDCOM files

a. Importing/exporting d. Canada & British Isles &

Ireland

b. Vital records

e. Military: Civil War

c. 1790-1880 Census

#### Class 4 Ancestry before 1800: Revolutionary War ancestors, land records, early New England records, county and town histories, Google books and archive.org

a. Military: Revolutionary War c. Early New England

b. Land Records

d. Books on the Web

#### Class 5 Genealogy sites: RootsWeb (and other family trees on the web), FamilySearch and USGenWeb; Native American research, GenForum.

a. RootsWeb

d. Other family trees

b. US GenWeb

e. Native American

c. FamilySearch

f. Genforum



#### WVGS LIBRARY REPORT

#### WVGS LIBRARY REPORT FOR MAY 2013 NEWSLETTER

By Jim Willhite and Susan Niggli

#### **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, Oregon State Library

- Canadian Historical Review (1920-1981)
- Genealogists in the United States and Canada (1983)
- Sound Heritage Victoria British Columbia (1974-1979)
- Colorado Genealogist (1952-1984)
- Pinon Whispers (1993-)
- American Genealogist (1938-2001). Indexes: 1992-1993.1996-1997. 1999
- Connecticut Genealogy News/Connecticut Society of Genealogists (2008-)
- Connecticut Historical Society Bulletin (1992,1994)
- Connecticut Nutmegger (1968-)
- Nase dejiny: The Magazine of Czech Genealogy and Culture (1983-1989)

# May Periodicals 2013 List prepared by Lorraine Busch

- Ark-LA-Tex, "The Genie", ARK-LA-TEX, Genealogical Association, V47 No1, First Quarter 13
- CA (Fresno), "Ash Tree Echo", Fresno County Genealogical Society, V48 No1, March 13
- CA (Fresno), "The Jotted Line", Fresno County Genealogical Society, April 13
- IA (Des Moines), "Des Moines County Genealogical Society Newsletter", V41 No1, Spring 13
- IL (LaSalle), "The Genie's View", The LaSalle County Genealogy Guild, Jan/Feb 12
- KS, "Kansas Review", Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, V27 No3, Feb 13
- KY, "Kentucky Explorer", V27 No10, April 13



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- OH, "Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly", V53 No1, 13
- OR, "The Forum Insider", Genealogical Forum of Oregon, V24 No7, April 13
- OR (Crook), "Family Roots Seeker", Crook County Genealogical Society, April/May/June 13
- OR (Clackamas), "Clackamas Legacy", Clackamas County Family History Society, V26 No1, Jan-Feb -March 13
- OR (Clatsop), "Cumtux", Clatsop County Historical Society, V 32, No4, Fall 12
- OR (Deschutes), "The Homesteader", Deschutes County Historical Society, V39, N4, April
- OR (Grant), "Grant County Genealogical Newsletter", V19 No2, April-June 13
- OR (Lane), "The Artifact", Lane County Historical Museum, No 207, Spring April 13
- OR (Linn), "The Heritage Newsletter", Linn Genealogical Society, V27 No4, April 13
- OR (Washington), "The Genea-Log", Genealogical Society of Washington County, V22 No2, April 13
- OR, (Linn), "Distant Trails" Sweet Home Genealogical Society, April 13
- PA "The Heritage", North East Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, V22 No1, Spring 13
- TX," The Explorer", Texana/Genealogy Dept. San Antonio Public Library, Vo 18, 12
- WA, "Tri City Genealogical Society Online Bulletin", V53 No1 Online8, March 13
- WA (Clark), "Clark County Genealogical Newsletter", V40 No 8, April 13
- WA (Grant), "Big Bend Register", Grant County Genealogical Society, V34 No1, March 13
- WA (Olympia), "Olympia Genealogical Society Ouarterly", V39 No2, April 13

#### **PURCHASES AND DONATIONS**

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

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#### WVGS News



#### Research

3) Books listed for Sale Table can be purchased by members at any time from Susie, Liz, or Jim (when they are available) or at a scheduled WVGS Book Sale.

# BOOKS PURCHASED BY WVGS FOR OSL'S COLLECTION

- Mayflower Marriages from the Files of Ernest Bowman. \$ 52.50
- Mayflower Increasings from the Files of Ernest Bowman, Second Addition \$22.00
- Mayflower Births & Deaths from the Files of Ernest Bowman, 2 Vol. set \$100.00
- Mayflower Deeds & Probates \$60.00
- Female Index to Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England by James Savage \$37.95

Total plus \$18 S&H = \$290.45

#### **BOOK DONATED TO WVGS BY Sue Bell**

 The Handwriting of American Records for a Period of 300 years

# 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.

#### **Everton's Genealogical Helper**

We received a donation of *Everton's Genealogical Helper, issues* from 1973-1999. They are available for FREE until the May 11th meeting. After that, they will be recycled. See Jim, Liz or Susie.

#### **Native American Genealogy**

Quoting from the FamilySearch Wiki on American Indian Genealogy:

"The Key to success in American Indian genealogy is the cross-disciplinary approach. One cannot just be a genealogist who pours through public records. Only the very lucky will find a census record with a notation that so-and-so was a Choctaw Indian. The task requires an expanded thought process where one must investigate all possibilities without tiring of the effort. The history of the family, community, county and state must be known. Church and local records must be examined for any clue regarding family origins. A successful researcher must also have an intimate knowledge of tribal history and culture."

Special books in the Oregon State Library that may help with Northwest Native American genealogy: Many of the Federal Documents are in the Library's collection. These include hearings before the Select Committee on Indian Affairs. A few examples:

- Hearing Before the Select Committee on Indian Affairs One Hundredth Congress 1988 contains testimony by tribe members of the Northwest about their grandparents and greatgrand parents.
- Report of the commissioner of Indian affairs to the secretary of the interior 1868, 1909-1920, contains reports from Indian agents
- Indian affairs in the Territories of Oregon and Washington Reprint of the 1858 edition

Other books in the Library's collection:

- The Rolls of Certain Indian Tribes in Washington and Oregon 1969, contains enrollment lists, statements by members, genealogies, pictures.
- Catholic Church records of the Pacific Northwest early French Canadian trappers of the Hudson Bay Company married Indian women. Records often give their tribe, earliest 1838 to 1898 in St. Paul, OR.

And don't forget that Ancestry.com, available for free on the Reference Room computers has Indian Census Rolls for various years and tribes.

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#### Alaska Archives

The Alaska State Archives has made a number of resources available on its website. Click on the For Researchers link to access them. The resources include but are not limited to:

#### • Territorial Governors Letterpress Books

This online collection contains the digitized images of letters of territorial governors for the period from 1884 to 1919. This is a work in progress. You can view the books file by file (scroll to the bottom of the page to find the links) or click on the By Subject

#### Probate Index

The probate index comprises approximately 17,000 probate cases. The cases were administered in the district court system, which served Alaska from 1884 until the Alaska State Court system was established in 1960. The types of cases indexed include estates, guardianship of minors, adoptions, search and rescue, and sanity hearings

#### Naturalization Records

The naturalization database serves as an index to 6,045 records created in the district courts of Juneau, Petersburg, Skagway, Wrangell, Nome, and Cordova. The index is arranged alphabetically by surname.

#### Military Service Records

The Alaskan Legislature passed an act in 1923 that required compiling a list of all Alaskans who served in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps during World War I. The Secretary of Alaska placed the list in the Territorial Auditor's Office of all Alaska Territory residents who served in these branches between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918. The data has been transcribed to spreadsheets and converted to PDF files. The data fields in the Service Personnel Information file include the individual's name, age, residence, place and date of entry, branch of service, service record, and date, place, and type of discharge. There is a second file that contains information about individuals who died while in the service.

http://archives.alaska.gov/

#### Family Tree is Available to All Users

April 12, 2013 By Matt Wright

After months of hard work, the enhanced FamilySearch.org experience has been launched to the world. At the core of the new experience is Family Tree, the future replacement for new.familysearch.org. Family Tree is a single, universal pedigree that offers new ways to discover, preserve, and share your family story:

- Collaborate on common family lines
- Make corrections and add sources
- Add ancestor photos and stories

View your ancestors in an interactive fan chart All of these Family Tree features are live today and are available to all users of the site. Note that photos and stories tools will be made available to a certain number of new users per day to ensure that the system continues to runs smoothly.

#### The Digital Public Library of America

The Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) brings together the riches of America's libraries, archives, and museums, and makes them freely available to the world.

The DPLA offers a single point of access to millions of items—photographs, manuscripts, books, sounds, moving images, and more—from libraries, archives, and museums around the United States. Users can browse and search the DPLA's collections by timeline, map, format, and topic; save items to customized lists; and share their lists with others. Users can also explore digital exhibitions curated by the DPLA's content partners and staff.

The DPLA contains metadata records—information describing an item—for millions of photographs, manuscripts, books, sounds, moving images, and more from libraries, archives, and museums around the United States. Each record links to the original object on the content provider's website.

http://dp.la/

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### **September Program**

We are planning on having a program at our September 14th meeting on the Civil War. This program would be about materials at the Oregon State Library on the Civil War and presentations by members on their Civil War research.

On September 21st we will make arrangements for a group tour of the Mt. Angel Abbey Library to see their 5,000 plus book Civil War collection.

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT** By Suzan Rempel

Membership for March 2013 is 19 Life Members, 64 single memberships, 12 family memberships (24 individuals), and 3 Historical/Genealogical Societies for a total of 110 members.

Welcome new members Harriett Barnett of McMinnville and Mary Jo Stoutenburg of Salem.

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 at a cost of \$6.50 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.

#### 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 or ☐RENEWAL membership				
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May WVGS include the following in our published membership rosters? (please   YOUR MAILING ADDRESS: □YES □NO YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER: □YES □				
Amount enclosed - \$ for Annual Dues (\$20 individual or \$25 family membe	rship), includes Beaver Briefs on-line			
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## Salem Area Research Facilities

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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	9 am- 12 noon
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)			May 11th 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	CLOSED 10 am—9 pm 10 am—(CLOSED City Holidays)		5 pm		
Marion County Historical Society 1313 Mill St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-364-2128	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED 12 pm—4 pm		By appt.		

Memorial Day May 27th



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