

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY **NEWSLETTER**

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## WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM

April 10th, Thursday 11:30 am to 1:00 pm WVGS Executive Committee Meeting. Room 202 at Oregon State Library

## April 12th, 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—the 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- 11:00 am General Membership Meeting in Conference Room 103 (1st floor, opposite the elevator). A business meeting will be held to conduct society business.

11:00 am- 11:15 am Social Time Room 102 Join us for refreshments as we set up for the proaram.

## 11:15 am—12 noon Program Program:

## How to explore family history through the photographs, letters or interviews

Vesper Geer was the 4th generation owner of the Geer homestead in Salem, the oldest frame-built house in Oregon to remain in the same family. Vesper was born in the kitchen of that old house in 1917, and passed away there on New Year's Eve, 2010.

Through a documentary written and directed by Michael Turner, tells the story of Vesper Geer. It

chronicles her love for the small farm and her struggle to keep it in the family through her photographs, letters, journals, audio tapes and video recordings.

#### Presenter:

Michael Turner is the artist-in- residence at GeerCrest Farm and Historical Society. His first feature length documentary, The Life of Vesper Geer, was constructed entirely of archival materials and premiered at the 2012 Oregon Heritage Conference in Salem. He won Best Documentary for the film at the 2012 Teeny Tiny Film Festival.

Program is open to the public—please join us.

## 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 #1 in the series. Beginning Genealogy. Joan will talk about how to start, recording information, and places to look for information. She also will cover how to develop a record keeping system and how to get organized organization is the key!

The class is open to the public.

The Oregon State Library Genealogy **Reference Room** (north end of 2nd floor hall) will be open to the public on Saturday, April ★ 12th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for genealogi-☆ cal research. A volunteer will be available for \* assistance.

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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://www.oregon.gov/OSL/Pages/index.aspx, 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**

April 12th—How to conduct oral interviews
May 10th -

June 14th—Mission Mill tour and lunch

July 12th—How to Preserve Your Family Treasures

**August 9th- Diseases of the Time** 

September 13-Crafting your Genealogy

#### **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:

10 am—1 pm 1 pm—4 pm

April 12th George Cropsey
May 10th Glenn Abernathy

June 14th

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT** By Suzan Rempel

Membership for March 2014 was 19 Life Members, 78 single memberships, 12 family memberships (24 individuals), and 3 Historical/ Genealogical Societies for a total of 124 members.

Welcome new member Lynn Rankin of Salem! And members Addie Rickey and Jackie Jardine-Moore became Life Members.

#### **WVGS Meeting 2014 Dates**

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

### WVGS Officers for 2014 Elected Officers

President: Elizabeth Tice

1st Vice-President (Program): Bonita Anderson &

Carol Wolfe

2nd Vice-President (Membership): Suzan Rempel

Recording Secretary: Barbara Foster
Corresponding Secretary: position open

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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## **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.
- 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. 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.

Emily Aulicino has just written a new book on genetic genealogy—Genetic Genealogy: The Basics and Beyond. She wrote the book to provide genealogists with the knowledge and confidence to use DNA testing for their family research. The books guides genealogists through the introductory level to a more advance level. Available through AuthorHouse, Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble for \$19.95.

Our Greatest Natural Resource – Volunteers! **April 16, 2014** 

Oregon State Library - Room 103

We are planning a celebration and invite our Genealogy Volunteers to participate in several activities. If you are signed up as a substitute or Saturday volunteer, you are invited too!

Program with light snacks is at 10:00 AM Lecture is at 12:00 with Kim Stafford speaking about his father's life and achievements - William Stafford, the Oregon Poet Laureate and famous poet.

**Exhibition** of William Stafford's many published books and writings is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Please RSVP to Robin Speer (503-378-5014) <u>robin.d.speer@state.or.us</u>

### **Saturday Volunteers Needed**

Thanks to the excellent job Robin Spear has done on recruiting volunteers, we have all our positions filled—two volunteers each shift! None of the new volunteers are WVGS members.

Members can still help out. We need help on Saturdays in order to be able to be open. We only have a few members who are currently helping. You can contact Robin Speer if you have not filled out the paper work. We really need members on Saturday to assist with research and help at the Genealogy Desk!

Thanks to all of you who cut out UPC labels from NORPAC products this year. We turned in \$20.45 worth. Keep it up for 2014!

#### **Corresponding Secretary's Report**

The Corresponding Secretary is responsible for handling research requests that come to WVGS. For February 2014 we had 3 research requests: 2 were referred by the Oregon State Library and 1 by phone to WVGS. However we were able to complete only 1 of the 3 requests, receiving \$10. Thank you member Tony Hoff for offering to help out by going to the Archives when needed.

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## **WVGS News**



#### **Events**

## **March Program**

Our March Program was presented by **Hannah Allan**. Hannah is a BYU Family History and Genealogy graduate and is a Reference Assistant and onsite genealogist for the Oregon Historical Society. Hannah spoke about how to improve your searching and analysis. We start large and need to narrow down what we need to find. Constantly analyze, looking for holes and misinformation. Focus on the missing pieces.

Hannah recommended using info you have, know the records in the area, revisit sources, complete whole families not just the direct ancestor. In searching databases, use keywords, search for sites and resources in your place of research, search for other family members, use wild cards \*, try name variations. Consider how terms and names would have been written in the actual text at the time period you are searching for.

Hannah was a very knowledgeable, entertaining and enthusiastic speaker, giving lots of ideas for searching for those missing pieces. Thank you, Hannah for a wonderful program.

#### **Boy Scout Merit Badge**

Did you know that Boy Scouts can earn a Merit Badge in Genealogy? Thanks to Alice Laviolette of the Oregon State Library who sent a flyer to the local Boy Scout Council! For help in fulfilling the requirements for a Genealogy Merit Badge, contact:

WVGS at Oregon State Library, Reference Room on 250 Winter St in Salem, across from the Oregon State Capitol. Email us at willvgs@yahoo.com or phone the Genealogy Volunteer at 503-378-5708. Call to schedule a tour or drop by to work one-on-one with a volunteer.

#### Save the date!

We are planning a garage sale Friday, August 15th and Saturday, August 15th. We will need donations and help on the 15th and 16th. 1st VP Carol Wolfe is in charge and will be forming a committee to help her. Donations will be accepted after May 15th. Please think about donating items and helping out with this fundraiser.

#### **Oregon State Library Poetry Month Presentation**

Wednesday, April 16, 12:00 – 1:00 PM
William Stafford in Oregon
Kim Stafford, Oregon poet and professor

Location: Oregon State Library, 250 Winter ST, Room 103 Details: Admission is Free. Please note lunches are no longer for purchase.

For National Poetry Month the Oregon State Library invites you to "William Stafford in Oregon."

2014 marks the centennial of the birth of Oregon poet William Stafford, 1914-1993. He wrote all but one of his sixty books while living in Oregon, and served as the state's poet laureate under three governors. In this presentation, we will hear a range of poems about Oregon, as a celebration of Stafford's literary affection for the state.

Kim Stafford is the Son of William Stafford, he is a Poet and Essayist. Kim has taught writing at Lewis and Clark College since 1979.

For more information contact: Robby Pietz (503) 378-2814 robby.pietz@state.or.us

### Summer Genealogy Fest

Pack your genealogy passport and plan to repack your genealogical toolbox!

2 August 2014 Lane Community College, Center for Meeting and Learning, 4000 East 30th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97405

Featuring: Thomas W. Jones

Planning "Reasonably Exhaustive" Research Can a Complex Research Problem be Solved Solely Online? Debunking Misleading Records. Will Your Family History Have Lasting Value?

Watch for the "Ask an Expert" session sign-ups at check-in!

"Treasure" Tables, Vendor tables and Book Vendor on-site!

Co-Hosts: Genealogical Council of Oregon (GCO) & Oregon Association of Professional Genealogists (OR APG)
Watch for updates and follow us on:

http://www.facebook.com/orgco http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orgco2/

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## WVGS Library Report



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## WVGS LIBRARY REPORT FOR APRIL 2014 NEWSLETTER

By Jim Willhite and Susan Niggli

The Oregon State Library and WVGS have a large collection of periodicals. The most recent issues are published in the newsletter and kept in the Microfilm Room. Past issues are in the stacks. If there is a periodical from an area that you are researching, come in and request a box or two of the periodicals. You can sit and peruse them.

#### **April Periodicals 2014**

By Lorraine Busch

- CA (Fresno), "The Jotted Line", Fresno County Genealogical Society, Feb 14, and March 14
- CO, "Piñon Whispers", South Eastern Colorado Genealogical Society, V34 no3, Fall 13
- KS, "Kansas Review", Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, V38 No2, Nov. 13 and V38 No3, Feb 14
- KY, "Kentucky Explorer", V28 No9, March 14
- OH, "Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly", V53, No4, 13
- OR, 'The Forum Insider", Genealogical Forum of Oregon, V 25, No6, Feb 14
- OR (Benton), "Benton County Genealogical Society Newsletter", V29 No3, March 14
- OR (Clatsop), "Cumtux", Clatsop County historical Society, V33 No4, Fall13
- OR (Deschutes), "The Homesteader", Deschutes County Historical Society, V39 No4, April 14
- OR (Lane), "Lane County Historian", Lane County Historical Society. V59, No1, Spring 14
- NC, "NCGS News", North Carolina Genealogical Society, V38, No2, March 14
- WA, "The Beacon", Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, Feb 14

#### **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.
- 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.

## BOOK DONATED TO OSL COLLECTION BY THE AUTHOR - Lorraine Hall Keith

• Stumpens Mill to Prairieville - A Miller Family of Lee and Whiteside Counties, Illinois, and their Descendants

# BOOK DONATED TO OSL COLLECTION BY Dorsey Drane

• A Rockaway in Talbot-Travels in an Old Georgia County, 4 Volumes, author William H Davidson

#### **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.

# <u>Oregon State Library Transformation</u> From the February 2014 Legislative Session:

The Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means will be establishing a Legislative workgroup "to modernize the delivery of state library services by improving access to public information, eliminating duplicative services and costs, increasing utilization of digital resources and increasing collaborative partnerships across entities. The workgroup shall recommend draft legislation for introduction in the 2015 legislative session for the reorganization of state library services, which should, where possible, incorporate national best practices pertaining to library reorganizations".

So what does this mean? The process has been taken out of the hands of DAS, a state agency not responsible to the public. Meetings of legislative workgroups are usually open to the public and legislators can be contacted.

Generally the feeling is that this is a positive move. WVGS will be working with State Librarian MaryKay Dahlgreen on a plan for the Reference Room that could be presented at some time. In addition, I will be meeting with the Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Oregon State Library to discuss where we're at in the process.

Perhaps a bit of a crack in the wall!

Elizabeth Tice, WVGS President

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#### **WVGS**



#### WVGS Beaver Briefs

# New Volunteers at the Oregon State Library Monday Morning:

Calli Hardwick-Wood is a native Oregonian from Vernonia. She graduated from Western Oregon University with degrees in History and Art History, and married Drew Wood last year. In between her two jobs, she is finding time to volunteer. Her interest is in history, but also genealogy. Her paternal grandfather died when her father was young, so she wants to fill in the holes in the family history. She also has Oregon Trail ancestors, multiple Civil War and Revolutionary War ancestors on her father's side. Her mother has family from Greece and Italy.

Calli is looking forward to hands on experience with reference materials and helping others with their research and to take pride in their families.

## **Wednesday Afternoon:**

Ted Raszka is from the small town of Wilsonville, Connecticut. After military service, he had a printing business in Arizona. In 2000 when he retired, Ted and his wife Claudia moved to Oregon. He previously volunteered at the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum in McMinnville. He is second generation Polish on both sides. He got interested in genealogy several years ago, doing a collage of his family. He's impressed with the information available at the Oregon State Library. Ted and his sister are working on genealogies of people buried in the Wilsonville cemetery.

#### Friday Afternoon:

Kim Gorman was born in Salem and grew up in Monmouth. She is an Oregon Trail descendant and her mother is a member of DAR. Kim is working on her Master of Library and Information Science and is proud of her son, Warner Strausbaugh, who is Editor in Chief of the "Daily Barometer" at OSU. Kim's parents have done extensive genealogy. Her mother has English and Prussian ancestors, her father Irish. They are giving her their brick walls to work on!. Kim wanted an opportunity for real world experience at a library.

We are lucky to have these new enthusiastic volunteers. Come meet them! We also have three more new volunteers to be introduced to you next month.

The latest issue of **Beaver Briefs**, **Vol. 46**, **No. 2** is **almost** 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 bottom 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**.

If you are unsure of your password, contact me, Liz Tice, at **eliztice@comcast.net**Only renewals who have paid \$6.50 for postage for 2014 will receive this issue in the mail.

This Spring issue will be ready shortly!

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#### Research



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#### **Norwegian Research**

Joan Kaiser, our volunteer on Thursday afternoons, was recently showing me books at the Oregon State Library on Norwegian immigrants that list her grandfather, Olaf J Toft. We have the original three volumes of **Nordmændene i Amerika** in Norwegian, and also the English translations. To see what other books we have on Norwegian genealogy, go to the Oregon State Library website, <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/">http://www.oregon.gov/</a> **OSL/.** Search the online catalog using "Norwegian genealogy" as the keywords.

The **Norwegian digital archive** site is **http://www.arkivverket.no/eng/Digitalarkivet** (English version). This is a free site that includes:

#### Censuses

The censuses offer an overview of the population as it was at a given time. The 1801 census is the first census in Norway to state name, age and profession.

#### **Emigrants**

Emigrant lists from 1867-1930 are searchable in the Digital Archives.

#### **Digitized Parish Registers**

The Digital Archives give access to digitized parish registers.

#### **Other Material**

The Archives also contain Probate Material as well as Judicial Material and tax lists.

Don't forget to check Ancestry.com (free access at Oregon State Library) and FamilySearch.com

#### Ancestry.com

Go to the Search Tab, select Europe, then click on Norway. You will find births, baptism, marriages and burials—warning: they're in Norwegian!

#### FamilySearch.com

Go to Search Records, then down the page to Continental Europe. Select Norway, there are four databases.

#### Genealogy.about.com

You can also go to a site like **about.com** to get information on Norwegian immigration, genealogy and links **http:// genealogy.about.com/od/norway/** 

#### Washington State Resources

Lower Columbia Genealogical Society, Washington
Cowlitz County is located in southwestern Washington. Its
county seat is Kelso. The Lower Columbia Genealogical Society has digitized a number of Cowlitz County resources from
volumes in the Longview Public Library. Click the Cowlitz
County Resources link in the contents list on the left side of the
homepage to access the resources.

- Cemetery Indexes
  Indexes taken from two books published by the Lower
  Columbia Genealogical Society: Cowlitz County, Washington, Cemetery Records Thru 1983, Volume 1 and
  Cowlitz County, Washington, Cemetery Records 19831989, Volume 2. Census Transcriptions.
- The census records for 1871, 1883, 1885, and 1887 are drawn from Cowlitz County, Washington Territory Auditor's Census, published by the Lower Columbia Genealogical Society.
- Marriage Records Abstracts and Index Researchers will find two sets of Cowlitz County marriage records databases. One set comprises abstracts of records from 1854 through 1900. The second set covers 1900 through 1925.
- Additional resources include a naturalizations index covering 1859 through 1920, two Probate Court records indexes, and a wills index.

## Experienced Research Volunteers Needed

Family History-Oregon State Prison

Diane Reinwald is starting a Volunteer Help program at Oregon State Prison to help inmates received Family History Research. Because inmates CAN NOT do research while in prison, Diane will be RECRUIT-ING VOLUNTEERS with RESEARCH EXPERIENCE to help with the individual inmates research. The Idaho prison system found inmates are less likely to reoffend if they have stronger family ties. In addition there is a great need for the children of inmates to develop family connections, which they often miss out on with a parent in prison.

If you are interested and have research EXPERI-ENCE in Family History, contact Diane at FHPrison@comcast.net or phone #503-390-2256



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#### **Free Handy Tools for Genealogists**

**Census and Genealogy Research Forms** - All kinds of forms, charts, and research logs.

- Family Search https://familysearch.org/learn/ wiki/en/Research\_Forms - Links to just about any kind of genealogical form you might need.
- Family Tree Magazine -http:// www.familytreemagazine.com/FREEFORMS More free research and census forms.

**Cloud Storage** - Back up your stuff to the cloud, collaborate and share with fellow researchers, and make it available from any computer or mobile device.

- Microsoft One Drive https://onedrive.live.com/ about/en-us/ - 7 GB free.
- Google Drive https://drive.google.com/- 15 GB free (if you have both Gmail and Gdrive).
- Flikr http://www.flickr.com/ free storage now offering 1 terabyte of free (photo) storage!

**Date and Money Calculators** - Useful for figuring birth dates from age information on tombstones and all kinds of other calendar purposes.

- Ancestor Search Calendar and Calculator Tools http://www.searchforancestors.com/utility/ Several different useful calendar and date calculator tools on this page.
- Inflation Calculator http://www.westegg.com/ inflation/ - Want to know what \$75.00 in 1810 is worth today? Some other types of money calculators.

**Photo Dating** - Date your old family photos and photopostcards.

- How to Date, Identify, and Authenticate Photographs
   http://www.cycleback.com/photoguide/ Excellent series of articles describing old photographs.
- Fashion Era http://www.fashion-era.com/
   Dating\_Costume\_History\_Pictures/
   how\_to\_date\_photographs\_top.htm Dating old photographs by clothing and hairstyles.
- Playle's Real Photo Post Card Stamp Boxes -http:// www.playle.com/realphoto/photoall.php -Dating photo post cards by the manufacturer code in the stamp box.
- About.com Dating Cabinet Cards http:// genealogy.about.com/od/photo\_dating/p/ cabinet\_card.htm - Very brief quick guide to dating cabinet cards.

#### **State Libraries and Archives**

Every state in the U.S. has a state library and/or Archive. Some of these are so incredibly extensive that they should be considered national treasures. The best example is the Washington State Digital Archives that has almost 110 million records preserved and over 35 million of them searchable online for free. The problem is that few people and even few genealogists know these resources exist.

Go to Cyndi's list for links to state libraries and archives: http://www.cyndislist.com/us/state-level-records-repositories/

### **Major Private and Public Libraries**

Here is a list of some major libraries and repositories across the U.S.:

- Allen County Public Library
- Brigham Young University Harold B. Lee LibraryBrigham Young University Hawaii Joseph F. Smith Library
- Church History Library
- FamilySearch Library
- Houston Public Library Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research
- Mid-Continent Public Library Midwest Genealogy Center
- The Newberry Library
- The New York Public Library
- Library of Congress
- National Archives (US)
- National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Library
- New England Historic Genealogical Society Research Library
- Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

## U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services to Hold Online Webinars

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is offering online webinars designed for beginning and advanced historical and genealogical researchers. The webinars introduce attendees to the USCIS History, Library, and Genealogy programs and services. The online sessions will be conducted by agency historians, librarians, and program representatives.

You can learn more at the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) Historical Research Branch (HRB) History and Genealogy Webinars page at <a href="http://www.uscis.gov/HGWebinars">http://www.uscis.gov/HGWebinars</a>.

You can learn more about the USCIS History and Genealogy Program at http://www.uscis.gov/

historyandgenealogy.

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### Mailing Address:

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society
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Salem, OR 97308-2083
Email: willvgs@yahoo.com
For more information:
WVGS Web Site Address:

http://oregon.gove/OSL/GRES/genealogy.shtml

The Willamette Valley Genealogical Society was organized in December 1968, to create and foster the study of family history, to aid in the publication of local history, and to aid in the establishment of materials in local genealogical library collections. It is an Oregon Non-Profit corporation, and was determined by IRS to be a 501 (c) (3) organization. Your donations may be federal tax-deductible.

Date

### **Membership Application**

SIGNATURE

- Members will receive a monthly newsletter informing them of programs, activities, and genealogical news.
- Members receive online access to Beaver Briefs, a quarterly bulletin featuring Marion County genealogy and history.
- Members benefit from research assistance, monthly programs, and access to WVGS's books, periodicals and CDs.
- Help for beginners at the Beginner's classes.

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\$	for postage to receive copies of B	eaver Briefs in the mail (\$6.50)
\$	for one-time payment for Life Memb	pership ☐ Under age 70 (\$250) ☐ Age 70 or Over (\$200)
\$ \$	for one-time payment for Life Memb	
\$	other (please identify)	
\$	other (please identify)TOTAL ENCLOSED	
\$	other (please identify)TOTAL ENCLOSED  Additional Donations	See our website for information on Life Membership or pick up a Life Membership form from an

## Salem Area Research Facilities

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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	CLOSED		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	By Apptmt	9 am— 9pm	CLOSED	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)				Apr 12th 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)			6 pm		
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