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WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM

November 6th, Thursday 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
WVGS Executive Board Meeting. We will meet at the Broadway Commons in the Monmouth Room 203. The Broadway Commons is at 1300 Broadway Street NE, Salem.

November 8th, 2014

Please note the new location!
General Meeting—November 8th,
10 am to 1 pm

Our November General Meeting will be held the **Salem Book Bin East, at 2235 Lancaster Dr. NE. Please thank the Book Bin for this free space .**

The Oregon State Library is now closed on Saturdays as our partnership has ended.

We cancelled our speaker for November due to the uncertainty of our situation. We will have a business meeting to elect officers for 2015 and to conduct business. We will have an update on progress on moving to Salem Public Library.

The meeting will start at 10:30 am. You can buy coffee and a muffin at the Book Bin.

Nominations for WVGS Officers for 2015

Nominations for Officers for 2015 are:

President: *Elizabeth Tice*

1st Vice President (Program):

2nd Vice President (Membership): *Suzan Rempel*

Recording Secretary: *Barbara Foster*

Corresponding Secretary (Research): *Tony Hoff*

Treasurer: *Lauren Teubner*

Salem Public Library

In spite of the sadness about the Reference Room closing at the Oregon State Library, we are looking forward to having Salem Public Library as a partner. Our books will be housed at the Salem Public Library, with WVGS retaining ownership. And we won't have to pay rent!

Space will have to be made on the first floor so this won't happen immediately. WVGS will be responsible for providing genealogy volunteers. Most of our 4500 books will be circulating. We will have desk space, computers and tables to work with patrons.

Starting in January 2015, we can rent one of the meeting rooms in the basement for our Saturday meetings for a reasonable cost.

According to our agreement with Ancestry, we can have access for 20 users on Ancestry.com, Institution Edition (this has been confirmed by Ancestry). We will have costs involved in the move and in purchasing new equipment.

Members will have a final vote on this when a written agreement is finalized.

2015 Dues

Members decided at the October general meeting that it was **not** necessary to raise dues for 2015. Although our situation is unsettled and we don't know what it will cost to move, we have more that \$24,000 total in all our accounts. We've been very frugal this year, and also have not purchased many books.

So, good news, dues for 2015 will be the same. Please use page 7 to renew your membership.

**WVGS News****MEMBERSHIP REPORT** By Suzan Rempel

Membership for September 2014 was 19 Life Members, 70 single memberships, 9 family memberships (18 individuals), and 3 Historical/ Genealogical Societies for a total of 110 members.

Welcome new member Jane Brown of Eugene, Oregon!

Newsletter

For October we did a trial e-mail newsletter to as many members and societies as we have e-mail addresses for. We sent the newsletter from our Yahoo mail account to 71 of our 99 members and to 34 societies. We still had to mail hard copies to some members and societies as well as libraries.

Our cost for the October newsletter was \$35, instead of the usual \$100. Bulk mail rate is only 18 cents but requires 200 newsletters to be mailed each time. So even paying 49 cents for a stamp for the ones we mail by USPS, we save more than \$70. In addition, our Bulk Mail Permit costs \$195 per year.

We discussed the results at our October meeting and decided to continue with e-mailing newsletters.

If you would prefer a hard copy, please let me know. Or if we don't have your e-mail and you're willing to get your newsletter by e-mail, let me know.

NORPAC Label Redemption Program

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

WVGS News**Willamette Valley Genealogical Society's DNA Project**

WVGS has a DNA Project for both men and women through **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 Website

Our website has been part of the Oregon State Library's page. With the partnership ending, we have a new site at **www.wvgsor.org**

However we have not had time to re-design the site. It is functional and you can find our newsletters and Beaver Briefs there, as well as other information.

Thank you to WVGS member Ann and husband Dennis for taking on the webmaster task. We will need help with content and design though. If you are interested, let an officer know.

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): *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*



WVGS News

Collections Committee

The Collections Committee, comprised of 16 members, is working in the Reference Room at the Oregon State Library. The first task is to identify and separate WVGS's books, periodicals, CDs and microfilm/microfiche from OSL. Then each collection will have to be weeded. The cataloger at OSL will remove items from the OSL catalog and make a database for Salem Public Library.

In addition we have our society records, supplies and materials stored in the Annex. We also have a 4-cabinet Surname File that has to be sorted through.

And eventually, books will have to be arranged by Dewey Decimal number, ready for moving! But there's many tasks before we get to that point.

Many thanks to the members who are willing to work on this project for the benefit of our society. It will be several months before we are established at Salem Public Library.

A few items more—

WVGS members can help our society by:

- Without a 1st Vice-President for Programs, we'll have no programs for next year.
- We will need a Volunteer Coordinator for Salem Public Library.
- We will need to revise our constitution and by-laws.

December meeting:

Usually in December we have a short general meeting, potluck and auction. We have not found a place to do that. So our December meeting will be at Izzy's on Lancaster Drive.

We will still have a short meeting in one of the Banquet Rooms. Then we'll have lunch. You can order individually off the menu. More info in the December newsletter.



Beaver Briefs

The latest issue of **Beaver Briefs, Vol. 46, No. 4** 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: **www.wvgsor.org**
- Under **WVGS Publications for Sale** at the *bottom of the page* is **Beaver Briefs**.
- Under **Beaver Briefs** is **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. All members and exchange societies and libraries can access our publications online.

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Other Societies

Since we're in the process of getting ready to move, it's difficult to make publications from our exchange societies available to our members. They'll be available at the next meeting, so here's some interesting articles:

Ohio Genealogy News, Fall 2014, Ohio Genealogical Society, Ohio

"Find A Grave Memorial Helps Leave No "Stone" Unturned" by Corinne Konecy.

Corinne says "thanks to the online contributions of a graveyard enthusiast, I now know a lot more than the final resting place of Jacob George and his wife Frances "Fanny" Sipes."

Corinne goes through the process she used to identify this family and ten of their eleven children. She started by stumbling upon Jacob George on Find A Grave, continued with FamilySearch, including census and probate, and used Ancestry.com

A trip to Morrow County, Ohio to the Courthouse and the cemetery itself, helped put the family together. She has documented her sources very well—a help to researchers in any state.

Lane County Historian, Fall 2014, Lane County Historical Society, Oregon

The first article is titled "Baseball in Lane County". By the 1870s baseball games were noted in written documents and in 1877 the University of Oregon's baseball team played Monmouth College. The article is a history of baseball in Lane County.

Other articles about baseball concern Eugene's Civic Stadium, the Eugene Emeralds baseball team, the UO's state-of-the art baseball facility and local heroes who made good.



Other Societies

Douglas County Pioneer, September 2014, Genealogical Society of Douglas County, Oregon

This volume has Part II of Bob Zybach's series on "The Search for Letitia Carson in Douglas County". Letitia Carson had an amazing and obscure life as a black woman in Oregon from 1845 to 1888. In Oregon black immigrants were not allowed to own land, file suit or even reside within the Territory's boundaries for more than six months. Yet Letitia sued for her husband David Carson's estate twice—and prevailed both times!

Bob Zybach has written a fascinating article about this individual as well as Oregon history. Part III is yet to come.

The Heritage Newsletter, October 2014, Linn Genealogical Society, Oregon

Ever wonder about some of the local names? Linn County residents referred to Oakville Road as Poor Farm Road. Susan Messersmith gives the history of the poor farm in Linn County.

Tobucksy News, September 2014, The Pittsburg County Genealogical and Historical Society, Oklahoma

Did you know that more than a decade before Oklahoma entered the Union in 1907, Jewish businessmen were opening stores in towns like McAlester, Hartshorne, and Wilburton in south-eastern Oklahoma?

Mennonite Family History, October 2014, Mennonite Family History, Pennsylvania

Dwight Wrightsman details five Mennonite Families in Pennsylvania: "Five Mennonite Families from Zweibrücken on the Ship Hope (1733) Who Became Brethren: reinhart/Rinehart, Gunbacher/Crumpacker, Stouder, Flory and Langenegger/Longenecker".



Research

Why Virginia Church Records Are Important

By Arlene Eakle

Why Church Records Are Important for Hard-to-Find Virginia Ancestors...

Church records can be one of the most important sources you search for hard-to-find Virginia ancestors. Here's what I know about them—

- Church records provide births, marriages, and deaths on a fairly consistent basis. Some churches do better in one or more vital record categories than others. The creation of these records depends upon whether the civil government has ascribed by law that the church should the vital records, as you will find in Virginia and Maryland. Or upon the theology of the denomination like the Baptist faith which does not baptize infants.
- Church records identify parents' names and prove family relationships by recording witnesses, godparents, and sponsors. I recommend that you read carefully a little book written by John T. Humphrey's *Understanding and Using Baptismal Records*, Available, PO Box 15190, Washington DC 20003. He personally read and transcribed (translating into English) over 100,000 baptismal records for Pennsylvania. And for the first time, a full chapter on the sponsors described how often they were related to the child and the child's family. Very significant little volume.
- Church records describe migrations and state places of origin for both individuals and groups. Admissions to the congregation, dismissals from the congregation to another congregation, biographical sketches, memorials, funeral sermons are part of this storehouse of evi-



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dence. Please continue into these records, don't just search the vital events.

- Special populations were picked up better in church records than in any other record category—Quakers marriages are discussed in both the men's minutes and the women's minutes and everyone attending the marriage signed the certificate! Huguenots who blended into the predominant religion or the neighborhood congregation with the most important people in the community—protecting their own congregation from outsiders, yet being buried in the cemeteries nearby regardless of denomination. Native Americans, who were Christianized early, recording their Indian name and their new Christian name in the same book. Amish who avoided civil affiliations in any way they could, yet considered their own congregation as sovereign. Roman Catholics in the British Isles who were proscribed by law—they could not vote or hold public office, they paid double and triple taxes, they could not travel more than 6 miles in any direction or have more than 6 adults in their home at any one time, their children could not inherit—they were penalized for their religion until 1829!
- Biographical databases are now available for church leaders, ministers, members including itinerant preachers and missionaries both domestic and foreign. Many of these databases are now available on the internet. Do a *Google* search for your church denomination.



Washington Research

Washington Databases

Lower Columbia Genealogical Society, Washington
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~walcolgs/>

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.

- **Cemetery Indexes**

The online cemetery indexes are 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 1983-1989, Volume 2. The data fields are the deceased's full name and page number.

- **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. The databases include surname indexes, transcriptions of the records, and lists of abbreviations used in the census for all years. The data fields include page number, last name, first name, age, sex, race, occupation, marital status, and birthplace. There are also two databases related to the 1910 federal census for Cowlitz County: a surname index and a compiled transcription organized by precinct/town.

- **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 records are alphabetized by groom's surname with a companion index to the bride's names. The second set covers 1900 through 1925, with databases sorted by bride's surname and groom's surname.

- **Additional resources** include a naturalizations index covering 1859 through 1920, two Probate Court records indexes, and a wills index.

Longview Obituary Index

<http://longviewlibrary.org/genealogy/index.php>

- The Longview Public Library has made an obituary index available on its website. The database covers 1871 through 2013. The alphabetical index can be browsed by last name or by year. Newspaper title abbreviations are provided on the obituary webpage.



Washington /NW Oregon Research

Obituary Index, Port Angeles, Washington

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~walcolgs/>

- The city of Port Angeles is located in northwestern Washington. It is the county seat of Clallam County. The North Olympic Library has made an obituary index available on its website. It covers the period from 1916 to the present. The database can be searched by name and limited by date range. The fields in the database are publication title, deceased's name, birth/death dates, page and column numbers, and subject.

Cemetery Database for Hoquiam, Washington

http://cityofhoquiam.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/cemetery_db.pdf

- The city of Hoquiam is located in Grays Harbor, which is on the coast. The city has made an interment database containing nearly 15,000 records available on its website. Click on the Interment Records link in the contents list to download an alphabetical index to burials. Fields in the database are last name, first name, birth date and year, death date and year, burial location fields, and notes

Rainier, Oregon Obituary Index 1905 -1998

<http://www.oregongenealogy.com/columbia/obituary-index.htm>

- **Mainly from the *Rainier Review***

This obituary index is from a card file at the Rainier City Library, Rainier, Columbia County, Oregon. Library volunteers diligently extracted this information from local newspapers over many years.

Washington State Digital Archives

<http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/>

- **Washington State Digital Archives** includes state and county records, including births, deaths, marriages, land records. Many documents can be downloaded for free.

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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.

Membership Application

- 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.

WVGS MEMBERSHIP FORM Please ☒ if this is a ☐NEW or ☐RENEWAL membership

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email: _____

Amount enclosed -

\$ _____ for Annual Dues (\$25 individual or \$30 family membership), includes Beaver Briefs on-line

\$ _____ for postage to receive copies of Beaver Briefs in the mail (\$6.50)

\$ _____ for one-time payment for Life Membership ☐ Under age 70 (\$250) ☐ Age 70 or Over (\$200)

\$ _____ other (please identify) _____

\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Additional Donations

- ☐ **Patron \$100**
☐ **Sustainer \$250**
☐ **Benefactor \$500**
☐ **Corporate/Trust \$1,000**

- See our website for information on Life Membership or pick up a Life Membership form from an officer.

- **Pro-rated** Amounts for new members who join after March 31st:

SINGLE

Apr-Jun: \$18.75

Jul-Sept: \$12.50

Oct-Dec: \$6.25

FAMILY

Apr-Jun: \$22.50

Jul-Sept: \$15.00

Oct-Dec: \$7.50

SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

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		10 am— 2 pm	7 pm- 8:30 pm	4 pm - 8 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
Salem East LDS Family History Center 862 45th Ave NE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-371-0453	CLOSED		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 Appt.	9 am— 9pm	CLOSED	10 am- 1 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 (CLOSED City Holidays)			10 am—6 pm	
Willamette Heritage Center Research Library 1313 Mill St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-364-2128	CLOSED	CLOSED	12 pm—4 pm				



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