



# WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM

**December 11th, 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.

**December 13, 2014**  
**Please note the new location!**  
***General Meeting—December 13th***

**Izzy's Pizza**  
**11 AM to 3 PM**  
**2205 Lancaster Drive, NE**  
**Salem, Oregon 97305**  
**503-399-0915**

We normally have a short meeting in December and then a potluck and auction. We are not able to do that this year as we are still without a home. Our December meeting will be at Izzy's Pizza in their Banquet Room.

We will have a short business meeting to install officers for 2015. There will time for a no-host lunch from Izzy's buffet.

Sue Bell recently wrote an article in Beaver Briefs about "Deltiology", the study and collection of post-cards. So for our program we'll have show and tell with any old, valuable, unique or treasured post-cards that you have.

We haven't had time to socialize lately so come, have lunch and let's enjoy each other's stories.

### Donations

WVGS is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit. A Christmas donation to our society for moving expenses would be gratefully accepted.

### Officers for 2015

The following officers were elected at the November meeting:

**President:** *Elizabeth Tice*  
**1st Vice President (Program):** *John Cochran*  
**2nd Vice President (Membership):** *Suzan Rempel*  
**Recording Secretary:** *Barbara Foster*  
**Corresponding Secretary (Research):** *Tony Hoff*  
**Treasurer:** *Lauren Teubner*

**John, Tony and Lauren** are all new officers and we are happy that they are willing to donate their time to our society.

**John** will be working on programs for 2015. Our January meeting will be our first meeting at Salem Public Library and our program will be to tour what will be our new space. After that we have no programs lined up so John will appreciate any suggestions that you have.

**Tony** will be handling research requests for us. We are still able to use microfilm at the Oregon State Library for obituaries and the librarians there will be forwarding requests to us. Tony also will go to the Archives for death certificates.

**Lauren** will be taking over from our long-time Treasurer Joan Kaiser. She has experience with bookkeeping and will handle our finances and monthly reports.

And thanks to Sue Rempel and Barbara Foster for continuing with their positions!

### 2015 Dues— Don't forget to renew!

**WVGS** members at the October meeting decided that at this time there is no need to raise our membership dues. Our current bank balance, for all accounts, is over \$24,000. We know that we will have moving expenses, but how much is yet to be determined. So we decided to keep dues the same at 2014.

You can start mailing in your renewal (use page 7 of this newsletter)

**Single: \$25**

**Family: \$30**

**Life Membership: \$200 or \$250**



**WVGS News**

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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** By **Suzan Rempel**  
 Membership for November 2014 was 18 Life Members, 71 single memberships, 11 family memberships (22 individuals), and 3 Historical/ Genealogical Societies for a total of 114 members. Only 13 renewals for 2015 so far.

**WVGS Website**  
**Among the changes** we have had to make is our website. We have always been part of the State Library's web page.  
 We have our own site, **www.wvgsor.org**. It was just copied from the OSL page, so still looks like a bare basic page. Please bear with us! We will be designing the page soon. If you would like to be on a committee to help with suggestions, please let an officer know.

**Newsletter**  
 We will send most newsletters to our members and exchange societies by email from our Yahoo email account (willvgs@yahoo.com). We still have libraries, members and societies that we mail hard copies to.

We have a webmaster, Dennis Hill. We have had to redo all our brochures and forms. Dennis has posted the new ones to our site. He also has transferred past newsletters from 2007 on and the current newsletter each month. He will be working on Beaver Briefs, making it accessible with a member's password.

If any member 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 your e-mail address. The same is true for our exchange societies and complimentary newsletters.

WVGS documents are separated from the Oregon State Library databases. Most of our documents will have to be updated as we finish sorting our materials.

We also are emailing the Beaver Briefs to members. If you want a hard copy, the cost is still an additional \$6.50 for postage.

Information about our meeting each month will be posted there, as well as the 2015 Calendar,  
 Thank you, Dennis, for your work.

**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.

**WVGS Meeting 2014 Dates**

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

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 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*

**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.**

**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 Updates**

**WVGS at Salem Public Library**

**• Memorandum of Understanding**

We still don't have an agreement with the City of Salem or Salem Public Library. The last word was that the proposed agreement has been sent to the City Attorney. We will then have to review it, publish the agreement in the newsletter and then have a vote at a general meeting.

**• Meetings**

For 2015 WVGS will have Board Meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month (except January) at the Broadway Coffeehouse. Officers are expected to attend, but any member may also attend.

Our General Meetings will be held the 2nd Saturday of the month as usual (except January) at Salem Public Library in a basement room, Anderson A or B. Hours will be from 10 am to 1 pm. This will cost us \$30 each month.

In January 2015 **only** our meeting will be on the **third Saturday, January 17th**. Our program will be to tour our new space in Salem Public Library.

**• Salem Public Library Hours**

**Mon.** Closed

**Tues. - Thurs.** 10:00 - 9:00

**Fri. - Sat.** 10:00 - 6:00

**Sun.** 1:00 - 5:00

**• Parking at Salem Public Library**

Parking at the Library is an issue! The Library Parkade is metered parking at \$.75 an hour. Parking is free after 6 pm. The Pringle Parkade is free on week-ends and after 6pm. Otherwise you will have to find street parking in the residential areas. Genealogy volunteers will have parking passes.

**• 2015 General Meeting Calendar**

Place: Salem Public Library, Anderson Room A  
1300 Broadway NE, 585 Liberty St SE, Salem

*January 17 (3rd Saturday)	July 11
February 14	August 8
March 14	September 12
April 11	October 10
May 9	November 14
June 13	December 12



**WVGS Updates**

**Summary of WVGS Material Disposition at OSL**

**1. Pedigree Charts**-Jim Willhite has the pedigree charts and index cards that go with them. Most information was entered into a database years ago, we have 2 notebooks and microfilm of the notebooks. Storage for now, we will have to decide whether to keep these (members did these by hand, are out of date).

**2. Obituary File**-These index cards were in the Alcove. They were filmed by Ancestry and are on ancestry.com, we have the images on a hard drive. Give away the cards.

**3. To be given away**-Un-cataloged books that we don't want or are duplicates, old forms such as census recording, family association newsletters, CDs, microfilm, books withdrawn from OSL not going to SPL.

**4. Surname File (in the 4 cabinets)** -Jim Willhite, wife Pat and Sandy Graham cleaned these out. We have 6 boxes which should fit in one 4-drawer cabinet for SPL. The included genealogies will be cataloged for SPL and put back. We probably will receive some back from OSL.

**5. Periodicals**- Jerry Rodgers and Charlien Tice selected mostly statewide periodicals for us to keep. All have to be withdrawn from the OSL catalog, except Oregon which they are keeping. We'll store ours for now and have to figure out how to make them available.

**6. WVGS Publications** (that we publish and sell)-We'll reduce the amount of extras by offering them to members cheap! Then store. We'll need someone to be in charge of these.

**7. WVGS materials**- Records for treasurer, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, Beginner's class, and other supplies will have to be stored and sorted.

**8. Ancestry equipment**-Computer and monitor may be used at SPL. SPL plans on setting up the scanning equipment in their technology area. The second set is being used by OSL and we'll leave it on "Permanent Loan".

**9. CDs/Microfilm**-Barb Hunter, Patt, Miller, Lynn Rankin, Dee Iltis, Lauren Teubner and Barbara Foster did a good job on sorting these. We are taking some to SPL, the rest are give-aways. They don't take up much space. We're keeping the ones that are installed on the "98 Computer" (which OSL has already given us). That computer will be set up at SPL.

**10. Books**-We have too many for SPL!. In January we'll work on computers to look for duplicates at SPL, ancestry.com, and others places. Hopefully we'll be able to weed it down to our allotted space. Discards will be offered first to members at a give-away and then along with OSL's books to members again and other societies.



## WVGS News

### There's More!

- **Volunteers**

We will need a volunteer coordinator and genealogy volunteers at Salem Public Library. The busiest days at the Library are Tuesday and Sunday. We would also like to have volunteers on Saturday and one weekday evening. We need the Volunteer Coordinator to organize the volunteer program soon. Our move won't come until late spring, at best. Please help out!

- **Storage**

We will have to store materials for awhile, and perhaps permanently. Salem Public Library has no space for storage of our materials, publications, or periodicals.

- **Projects**

We are storing some materials for awhile. There will be lots of upcoming projects of organizing, sorting, and making databases.

- **Grants**

Are you experienced with applying for grants? We need money for book repair and moving expenses.

### Oregon State Library

- **Policy** According to the State Library policy, "Collections are available for public use and for check-out **Monday through Friday from 1pm to 4pm.**" However genealogy questions and researchers are referred to WVGS and the computers are not available to the public who want to use Ancestry.com, Institution Edition. To read the policy, go to [www.oregon.gov/osl/GRES/Documents/FAQ\\_for\\_Public\\_Access\\_Updated.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/osl/GRES/Documents/FAQ_for_Public_Access_Updated.pdf)
- **Oregon State Penitentiary Warden Joseph J Janes** One of the donated items we found in our materials was Warden Joseph Janes' personal ledger of inmates sentenced to the Oregon State Penitentiary from the early 1900s. In his second ledger he recorded the next of kin. We donated these to the Oregon State Library. They have now been scanned and are available at [www.oregon.gov/osl/GRES/Documents/FAQ\\_for\\_Public\\_Access\\_Updated.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/osl/GRES/Documents/FAQ_for_Public_Access_Updated.pdf) and [www.oregon.gov/osl/GRES/Documents/FAQ\\_for\\_Public\\_Access\\_Updated.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/osl/GRES/Documents/FAQ_for_Public_Access_Updated.pdf)



## Genealogy Class

### Start on Your Genealogy

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, January 5, 2015 to February 5, 2015  
from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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

**Contact:** Alvin Scott / 503-588-6303 /  
[ascott@cityofsalem.net](mailto:ascott@cityofsalem.net)

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

**Cost:** \$30

**Class is limited to 12 students plus 3 with their own laptops. Preregistration in the Computer Lab at the Center 50+ is required. You must pay in advance to reserve a spot! Basic computer skills are needed. WVGS receives 60% of the fee.**

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

**Class 1** The basics of getting started, Organizing your recordkeeping; Genealogy programs; importance of sources; where to find 20<sup>th</sup> Century Vital Records; and local resources.

**Class 2** 20th Century Census and Military records; Records on Ancestry.com; Immigration and naturalization

**Class 3** Finding information on your ancestors in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century; Canada, including French Canadian; British Isles & Ireland; 19th Century Vital records and 1790-1880 Census; Military: Civil War

**Class 4** Ancestry before 1800: Revolutionary War ancestors; Land records; Early New England records; County and town histories; and where to find histories and genealogy books on the internet.

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





## How To

### **10 Steps for Finding Your Family Tree Online** by Kimberly Powell, Genealogy Expert, about.com

From cemetery transcriptions to census records, millions of genealogy resources have been posted online in recent years, making the Internet a popular first stop in researching family roots. And with good reason. No matter what you want to learn about your family tree, there is a pretty good chance you can dig up at least some of it on the Internet. It's not quite as simple as finding a database that contains all of the information on your ancestors and downloading it, however. Ancestor hunting is actually much more exciting than that! The trick is learning how to use the myriad of tools and databases that the Internet provides to find facts and dates on your ancestors, and then going beyond that to fill in the stories of the lives they lived.

While each family search is different, I often find myself following the same basic steps when beginning to research a new family tree online. As I search, I also keep a research log noting the places I've searched, the information I find (or didn't find), and a [source citation](#) for each piece of information that I find. The search is fun, but less so the second time if you forget where you've looked and end up having to do it all over again!

- **Step 1: Begin with Obituaries**

Since family tree searches generally work their way back in time from the present, searching out information on recently deceased relatives is a good place to start your family tree quest. Obituaries can be a gold mine for information on family units, including siblings, parents, spouses, and even cousins, as well as the date of birth and death and place of burial. Obituary notices may also help lead you to living relatives who can provide further information on your family tree.

There are several large [obituary search engines](#) online which can make the search a bit easier, but if you know the town where your relatives lived you will often have better luck searching the obituary archive (when available online) of the local paper. If you aren't sure of the name of the local paper for that community, a search for *newspaper* and the *city, town or county name* in your favorite search engine will often get you there. Be sure to search



## Search Online

out obituaries for siblings and cousins as well as your direct ancestors.

- **Step 2: Dig Into Death Indexes**

Since death records are usually the most recent record created for a deceased individual, they are often the easiest place to begin your search. Death records are also less restricted than most records by privacy laws. While monetary restrictions and privacy concerns mean that the majority of death records are not yet available online, many online death indexes are available through both official and volunteer sources. Try one of these major databases and indexes of [online death records](#), or do a Google search for *death records* plus the name of the county or state in which your ancestors lived.

If you're researching American ancestors, the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) contains details of more than 77 million deaths reported to the SSA since about 1962. You can search the [SSDI for free](#) through several online sources. Details listed in the SSDI generally include the name, date of birth and death, zip code of last residence, and social security number for each listed individual. Further information can be obtained by requesting a copy of the individual's Social Security Application.

- **Step 3: Check Out the Cemetery**

Continuing the search for death records, online cemetery transcriptions are another huge resource for information on your ancestors. Volunteers from around the world have traipsed through thousands of cemeteries, posting names, dates, and even photos. Some larger public cemeteries provide their own online index to burials. Here are a number of free cemetery search databases online which compile links to online cemetery transcriptions.

**RootsWeb's** country, state, and county sites are another great source for links to online cemetery transcriptions, or you can try a search for your family's surname plus cemetery plus location in your favorite Internet search engine.

- **Step 4: Locate Clues in the Census**

Once you've used your personal knowledge and online death records to trace your family tree back to people who lived around the beginning of the twentieth century, census records can provide a treasure trove of information on the family. Census records in the [United States](#), [Great Britain](#), [Canada](#), and many other countries are available online



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## Search Online

-- some for [free](#) and some through subscription access.

In the United States, for example, you can often find living and recently deceased family members listed with their parents in the 1940 federal census, the most recent census year open to the public. From there, you can trace the family back through previous censuses, often adding a generation or more to the family tree. Census takers weren't very good at spelling and families aren't always listed where you expect them, so you may want to try some of these [search tips for census success](#) .

- **Step 5: Go On Location**

By this point, you've probably managed to narrow down the search to a particular town or county. Now's the time to head to the source for more detailed information. My first stop is usually the county specific Web sites at USGenWeb, or their counterparts at WorldGenWeb - depending upon your country of interest. There you may find newspaper abstracts, published county histories, biographies, family trees, and other transcribed records, as well as surname queries and other information posted by fellow researchers.

You may have already come across some of these sites in your search for cemetery records, but now that you've learned more about your ancestors, you can dig even deeper.

- **Step 6: Visit the Library**

In the spirit of location, my next step in the family hunt is to visit the Web sites for [<http://genealogy.about.com/od/libraries/>]local libraries and historical and genealogical societies in the area in which my ancestor lived. Often you can find links to these organizations through the locality-specific genealogical sites mentioned in step 5. Once there, look for a link labeled "genealogy" or "family history" to learn about the available resources for genealogical research in the area.

You may find online indexes, abstracts, or other published genealogical records. Most libraries will also offer online searching of their library catalog. While most local and family history books aren't available for online reading, many may be borrowed through interlibrary loan.

- **Step 7: Search Message Boards**

Many great nuggets of family history information are exchanged and shared via message boards, groups, and mailing lists. Searching the archives of the lists

and groups which pertain to your surnames and areas of interest may yield obituaries, family histories, and other pieces of the genealogy puzzle. Not all of these archived messages can be found via traditional search engines, however, necessitating manual searching of any lists of interest.

**RootsWeb's** genealogy mailing lists and the Ancestry/RootsWeb message boards include searchable archives, as do most genealogy-related organizations using Yahoo Groups or Google Groups . Some may require you to join (free) before searching the archived messages.

- **Step 8: Ferret Out Family Trees**

Hopefully, by this point, you've found enough names, dates, and other facts to help you distinguish your ancestors from others of the same name -- making it a good time to turn to the family research already done by others. Thousands of family tree have been published online, the majority of them included in one or more of these **Top 10 Pedigree Databases**.

Be warned, however. Many online family trees are basically works in progress and may or may not be correct. Be sure to verify the validity of a family tree before incorporating it into your own family tree, and cite the source of the information in case you find conflicting data as your research progresses.

- **Step 9: Search for Specialized Resources**

Based on what you've learned about your ancestors, now you can search out more specialized genealogical information . Databases, histories, and other genealogical records may be found online which focus on military service, occupations, fraternal organizations, or school or church membership.

- **Step 10: Stop by the Subscription Sites**

By this point you've exhausted many of the free online genealogy resources. If you're still having trouble finding information on your family, it may be time to tackle the pay-for-use genealogy databases. Through these sites you can access a wide variety of indexed databases and original. Some sites operate on a pay-per-download basis, charging only for the documents you actually view, while others require a subscription for unlimited access.

Check for a free trial or free search feature before plunking down your money.



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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	FAMILY
Apr-Jun: \$18.75	Apr-Jun: \$22.50
Jul-Sept: \$12.50	Jul-Sept: \$15.00
Oct-Dec: \$6.25	Oct-Dec: \$7.50

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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	9 am- 12 noon
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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