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WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society

November 12th, 2016, 10:30 am to 1 pm

**Salem Public Library Central Library 585 Liberty St SE Salem, OR 97301
Anderson Room A (Lower Level)**

10:30 am – 11:45 am General Membership Meeting. A business meeting will be held to conduct society business.

12:00 noon to 1 pm Program: Kerry Wymetalek “A Trip to Ireland”

WVGS member Kerry Wymetalek recently made a trip to Ireland. His youngest son has been assigned to a project in Ireland. Kerry and his wife visited him. They flew to Dublin and primarily did the tourist thing with their son as the guide. To his wife's despair, they did stop at a lot of graveyards looking for clues. They traveled Southwest from Dublin to Co. Cork, then West to Co. Kerry, North through several counties to Donegal by way of Galway. Then Southeast through the western part of Northern Ireland to Co. Meath and then onto Dublin again. Kerry was unable to take the time to visit any research facilities but has photos of his trip to show.

Kerry became interested in genealogy when he was very young, after finding out that he was adopted. He joined the US Navy after a year of college and traveled all over the world. That travel peaked an interest in anthropology so he attained a degree at Oregon State University. During his college time Kerry got his first real genealogy success when he discovered his birth announcement in an old microfilm copy of a newspaper. He has been researching for over 40 years with some success and many roadblocks. My research has included Irish, Scottish, Norman, Welsh, English, Swiss, German, Hungarian, and Bohemian. He is retired from the Navy Reserve and then retired from Oregon Dept. of Transportation and spends his time since then helping at the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post and researching genealogy with his older sister.

Our program is open to the public—please join us.

Upcoming Programs

December 10th—Annual Potluck and Auction and Surplus Book Sale

January 14th, 2017— Pam Vestal “VOTING RECORDS: GENEALOGY'S BEST KEPT SECRET”

February 11th, 2017— Margaret Parker Author of *The Crazy Quilt of Life*

March 11th, 2017— WVGS Members “Share Your Method of Solving a Family Mystery”

November 10th, Thursday 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

WVGS Executive Board Meeting. We will meet at the Broadway Commons in an upstairs room. The Broadway Commons is at 1300 Broadway Street NE, Salem. Board meetings are open to all members.

2016 Meeting Dates

All in Anderson A/B at Salem Public Library

November 12

December 10

Our 2017 calendar is set (dates will be in next month's newsletter). We will meet at Salem Public Library on the 2nd Saturday of each month, except November which will be on the 3rd Saturday.



WVGS Information

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

Membership for October 2016 was 19 Life Members, 74 single memberships, 10 family memberships (20 individuals), and 3 Historical/ Genealogical Societies for a total of 116 members.

Newsletter

We send newsletters to our members and exchange societies **by email** from our Yahoo email account (willvgs@yahoo.com).

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.

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. *Beaver Briefs* can be accessed by members on our website under Member Page with a password. If you need your password, contact Liz Tice.

WVGS and Salem Public Library

The Willamette Valley Genealogical Society collection of books, CDs and microfilm/microfiche is housed at Salem Public Library, **585 Liberty St SE Salem, Oregon**. Our collection is online through the Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service. The catalog for Salem Public Library can be searched at https://catalog.ccrils.org/client/en_US/spl/?dt=list

Parking at Salem Public Library

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 6 pm. Otherwise you will have to find street parking in the residential areas.

Volunteer Hours at Salem Public Library:

Mon. Closed

Tuesday - Saturday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday 1 pm to 4 pm

Tuesday Evening: 5 pm to 8 pm

Last Thursday of each month 5 to 7 pm

DNA Help

Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society has signed up with Fred Meyer Community Rewards as a non-profit. If you shop at Fred Meyer and use your Rewards Card, it also helps us.

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Willamette Valley Genealogical Society. You can do this on our website under **Help**.
- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping WVGS earn a donation!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today. Thank you!
- WVGS's Fred Meyer Community Rewards number is **82436**.

Questions about Autosomal DNA?

Denise Sproed, member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, will not be available to answer your questions about Autosomal DNA testing on at the Genealogy Desk at Salem Public Library on until January 2017 from 5 pm to 7 pm.

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. Labels can be turned in at any Saturday WVGS meeting or mailed to WVGS.

WVGS Officers for 2016

Elected Officers

President: *Elizabeth Tice*

1st Vice-President (Program): *John Cochran*

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

Recording Secretary: *Barbara Foster*

Corresponding Secretary: *Tony Hoff*

Treasurer: *Lauren Teubner*

Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor: *Elizabeth Tice*

Beaver Brief Editor: *Susan Bell*

Librarians: *Jim Willhite and Deanne Smith*

Volunteer Coordinator: *Craig Smith*

Publicity: *George Cropsey*

Webmaster: *Dennis Hill*

Periodicals: *Dee Ittis*



WVGS News

Officers for 2017

- **Election of Officers for 2017** will take place at the November meeting. Nominations can still be made from the floor at the meeting.
- Nominations for office are
 President: Liz Tice
 1st Vice President (Program): Doug Crosby
 2nd Vice President (Membership): Sue Rempel
 Recording Secretary: Barbara Foster
 Treasurer: Lauren Teubner
 Corresponding Secretary: Tony Hoff

Membership Dues

It's time to renew your membership dues for 2017. Yearly dues are still only \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family membership. Life Membership is also available.

We are a registered nonprofit, now with more opportunity for helping others with their genealogy. We are updating our quarterly bulletin, teach classes at the Senior Center, maintaining and adding to our library collection and have a great group of volunteer assistants at Salem Public Library.

See page 7 of this newsletter for the membership form.

Reminders—

- ♦ *The next genealogy class at the Senior Center 50+ will begin in January 2017. \$30 for five 2-hour classes.*
- ♦ *If you have short a genealogical story, contact Liz Tice for the newsletter! We'd like more member participation.*
- ♦ *We'll be selling surplus books at the December meeting/auction.*
- ♦ *We adopted a new Research Policy for 2017. It will be on our website in January 2017.*
- ♦ *If you need your password for the Member Page on our website please contact Liz at eliztice@comcast.net*

Candalaria Office Space

We are still renting office space at Candalaria Terrace to store periodicals, society records and family histories. We have a printer there which was used to print the latest issue of Beaver Briefs. We also hold committee meetings there.

What we still need is a member who is willing to set up a schedule for having the office open to members. And do some write-ups for the newsletter on what is there. We need to make better use of this space and allow members access to the materials.

If you'd like to contribute to our society, this a position where we need someone!

Family Search Scanning Project

Family Search will be scanning our materials that are not already scanned or available on their site, FamilySearch.org. Member Laurel Lee Pedersen will be in charge of this project.

Salem Public Library has also signed an agreement with Family Search to have some of their materials scanned. Scanning will be done by Laurel Lee's LDS team at Salem Public Library who will be providing space for the scanning equipment and workers.

We have signed an agreement but details of what is to be scanned are still being worked out. We will receive a copy of the scanned images. Some books will be added to FamilySearch.org/books.

Our materials will be scanned but not indexed. After the project is finished, we'll be prioritizing what needs to be indexed—a project requiring members' help!

2017 Programs

We are looking for member input into the types of programs you would like for next year. For January we have Pam Vestal, a professional genealogist, will speak on "Voter Records: GENEALOGY'S BEST KEPT SECRET". February will be an author, Margaret Parker. March will be a members' program on what method was used to find the true story in family myths, where members will have 5-10 minutes to tell their story.

After that, our new VP for Programs will be working on new programs. Are you interested in authors of genealogy books, how to join a lineage society, ethnic research, Oregon history, new genealogy websites? Or any number of programs.

At the November meeting will pass around a survey sheet for suggestions. Or let an officer know what you'd like. Please help us out!



Beaver Briefs

Beaver Briefs

Members and societies who have provided us with an email address receive our quarterly publication **Beaver Briefs** by email or can access our publications online also by contacting us.

To access **Beaver Briefs**:

- Go to the WVGS website: **www.wvgsor.org**
- Current and past issues of **Beaver Briefs** are under the **Member Page**.
- Enter your password in the box and click on **Submit**. The password is only needed to access the "Members Page" of our website.
- Only members and societies who have paid \$6.50 for postage for 2016 will receive issues in the mail. **Beaver Briefs** Vol. 48, No. 4 will be sent by email or mailed soon.

Beaver Briefs, Vol. 48, No. 4

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We would like to have more member involvement, a broader appeal and updated resources for **Beaver Briefs**. We're interested in

- How did I research my ancestor.
- My most interesting ancestor.
- Using research sources, such as online newspapers.
- Genealogy topics such as Civil War research.
- Good sources.
- Marion county and Oregon settlers and his-



Society News

Beaver Briefs

The Editors of **Beaver Briefs** have established timelines for 2017:

Beaver Briefs is Issued four times a year –

Number 1 Winter February 1st

- Dec. 1st Deadline for article submission
- Jan. 1st Deadline for final copy sent to production editor
- Jan. 15th Deadline for Table of Contents to news-letter editor

Number 2 Spring May 1st

- March 1st Deadline for article submission
- April 1st Deadline for final copy sent to production editor
- April 15th Deadline for Table of Contents to news-letter editor

Periodicals

Member Dee Iltis is working on an updated list of periodicals that we receive. We plan on returning to having a monthly list in the newsletter.

We do subscribe to the following periodicals and will be evaluating whether to keep our subscriptions. We keep recent issues at Salem Public Library and older issues are stored at Candalaria. If you are researching family from these states, check them out!

- **Kentucky Explorer** *The Kentucky Explorer* presents all types of material on Kentucky each month
- **Mayflower Quarterly** Beginning in May, 2016, a new General Society of Mayflower Descendants publication will contain international articles about Pilgrim history, genealogy, literature, and arts in Colonial New England. *The Mayflower Journal* is a publication that will contain 96 pages of black and white text and a full-color cover and will be published two times a year - May and October
- **Mennonite Family History** *Mennonite Family History* is a quarterly periodical covering Mennonite, Amish, and Brethren genealogy and family history.
- **Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly & OGS Newsletter** *The Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly* features condensed family histories, church, pioneer, war, cemetery, court records, newspaper abstracts, Bible records and book notices.



New Books

Book Review – DNA Books, by Jim Willhite

WVGS has purchased two new books on using DNA in developing your Family History, both by Blaine T. Bettinger with a co-author Debbie Parker Wayne a professional genealogist on the second one. The first book is titled “**The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy**”, the second “**Genetic Genealogy in Practice**”.

- **The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy** explains key DNA terms and concepts; discusses common misconceptions; provides detailed guides to each of the major kinds of DNA tests: autosomal-DNA (atDNA), mitochondrial-DNA, Y-chromosomal DNA (Y-DNA), and X-chromosomal (X-DNA). It discusses the three major testing companies – 23andMe, AncestryDNA and Family Tree DNA and provides some advice on choosing the right test to answer your specific question.
- The second book “**Genetic Genealogy in Practice**” is a workbook on genetic Genealogy that provides family historians and genealogist information that they can apply to their own family history research. It essentially includes the same information on the same types of DNA testing as included in the above book but elaborates more on how it is used to as a tool to help you in your research. At the conclusion of each discussion of the DNA tests, practical exercises are provided with real family history problems. At their own pace readers learn the basic concepts and apply it to their own research.



New Books

I have been the Administrator of the Wilhite/Wilhoit Family Tree Y-DNA project for the past 10 years. We have about 30 members about half of which are women searching for matches to their mtDNA. I would recommend these books to anyone who intends to use DNA as a tool in their search for their family roots.

Other New Book Review by Deanne Smith

“**Fostering family history services** “ by Rhonda L. Clark

- This book is a detailed volume on setting up and providing genealogy and family history services. This is not a how-to genealogy title, but a guide for those who work with other genealogists. A variety of topics are covered including how to conduct a genealogical reference interview, planning programming, oral history projects, dealing with old photographs, providing good collection access digitization projects, and more. This is the first book to cover this subject. This book is very useful for librarians, archivists, and volunteers.

All of the these books are on the "Not Cataloged" book shelves at Salem Public Library. The new ones are at the very end in alphabetical. Take a look at them when you are at the library.

Genealogical Society of Ireland Journals and Publications go online at Findmypast

Dick Eastman · October 24, 2016 ·

The following announcement was written by the folks at **Findmypast**:

Leading Family History website Findmypast, has today announced the online publication of all journals dating from 1992 to 2016. The release is comprised of two sets of important publications, namely:

- **Journals** - In 1992 the Society commenced publication of a journal. Back then it was the Dun Laoghaire Genealogical Society, but immediately expanded its remit to cover much more than the area around the Borough. It published 224 articles between then and 1999 when it changed its name to the Genealogical Society of Ireland. Since 2000 it has published over 600 articles on Irish family history including transcripts of source materials, scholarly articles, name studies and other material.
- **Publications** - Alongside the journals, the society has had an ambitious publishing programme. It has so far published over 40 individual volumes of source materials. Its first in 1992 was an 1837 memorial from Wicklow signed by hundreds of residents. Thereafter they have published many volumes of gravestone inscriptions and memorials, several school registers, military records, extracts from the 1821 and 1901 census returns, occupational records, information about the population in 1798, and specific family studies, and much more.



Irish Research

Irish and Scotch-Irish Research in the U.S. and Ireland

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society

August 11, 2012 Prepared by Tom O'Brien tom.obrien4@comcast.net

Researching your Irish or Scotch-Irish ancestors can be very challenging. However as you make progress, it is also very rewarding.

Where do I begin? As with all genealogical research the answer depends upon what you already know.

United States

- Identify what you already know. What do you know about the family in the U.S?
- Where were they living?
- When were they living there?
- Where did they live before that?
- Have I plotted where they lived on maps?
- When and where did they enter the U.S.?
- Did they belong to a particular religion?
- What time frame do we know of their presence?
- Do we know the exact date of arrival?
- Did they settle in New England?
- Did they settle in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and/or the Carolinas?

Resources – Web Sites

- FamilySearch.org - Learn - Research Courses - Ireland
- <https://familysearch.org/learningcenter/results.html?fq=place%3A%22Ireland%22>
- Genealogical Forum of Oregon – Links – General – Irish Interest Group <http://www.gfo.org/>
- The IreAtlas Townland Data Base <http://www.seanruad.com/>
- The National Archives of Ireland <http://www.nationalarchives.ie/>
- Genuki – British Isles Genealogy <http://www.genuki.org.uk/contents/>
- RootsWeb Ireland Mailing Lists <http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/intl/IRL/>
- Fianna Guide to Irish Genealogy <http://www.rootsweb.com/fianna/>
- Irish Roots <http://www.irelandroots.com/>
- Irish Family History Foundation <http://www.irish-roots.net/counties.asp>
- Ireland's Library Portal <http://www.library.ie/public/>
- Boston Pilot Newspaper – Information Wanted Ads <http://infowanted.bc.edu/>
- Irish and Irish-American Genealogy – University of Minnesota
- https://www.lib.umn.edu/libdata/page.phtml?page_id=1177
- Irish Genealogical Society International <http://www.irishgenealogical.org/>
- Place names in Irish http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Place_names_in_Irish
- Irish Books and Media <http://www.irishbook.com/>
- A-Z of Ireland Research <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/fianna/guide/complete.html>
- From Ireland <http://www.from-ireland.net/>
- The Irish Holocaust <http://www.irishholocaust.org/>
- Irish Surname by County Listing
- http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/bbunce77/Irish_Surnames.html
- The Irish in Iowa
- <http://www.rootsweb.com/iarecrds/>

Tom O'Brien, from the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, was our speaker on Irish Research in 2012. We'll have his complete hand-out available at the November meeting. Website resources has not been updated since Tom was our speaker in 2012.



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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.

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **email:** _____

May WVGS include the following in our Members Only membership roster? (please check each box if OK).

☐ YOUR ADDRESS ☐ YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER ☐ YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

My areas of interest are:

My surnames are:

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** Please make checks payable to WVGS.

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

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	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	1 pm– 5 pm	CLOSED	10 am—9 pm (CLOSED City Holidays)			10 am—6 pm	
Willamette Heritage Center Research Library 1313 Mill St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-585-7012	CLOSED	CLOSED	12 pm—4 pm				CLOSED



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