

# WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM

**Willamette Valley Genealogical Society**  
**January 14th, 2017, 10:30 am to 1 pm**

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

**10:30 am – 11:00 am General Membership Meeting.**

**A business meeting will be held to conduct society business.**

**11:00 am to 1 pm**

**Speaker Pam Vestal “Voting Records: Genealogy’s Best Kept Secret”**

Looking for a date of birth? The date and court of naturalization? Where your ancestor disappeared to, or where he came from? His political outlook? Even what kind of house he lived in? Voting records may have the answer. These often-overlooked gems can be packed with genealogical information, and you won’t believe what they can tell us about our ancestors!

### **Bio:**

Pam Vestal is a professional genealogist, author, and speaker from West Linn, Oregon, and the owner of Generations Genealogy, LLC. Her articles have appeared in the Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly and her lectures have taken her all over the west coast. When she isn’t giving presentations or researching on behalf of her clients, she offers private training to those seeking to improve their research skills.

**WVGS programs are always open to the public.**

### **Upcoming Programs**

**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”**

**January 12th, Thursday 11:30 am to 1:30 pm**

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

### **2017 Meeting Dates**

All in Anderson A/B at Salem Public Library

January 14	July 8
February 11	August 12
March 11	September 9
April 8	October 14 (Heritage Rm)
May 13	November 18 (3rd Sat.)
June 10	December 9



## WVGS Information

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

Membership as of November 10, 2016 was 19 Life Members, 76 single memberships, 10 family memberships (20 individuals), and 3 Historical/ Genealogical Societies for a total of 118 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](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

**Last Thursday of each month (not November or December)** 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 be available to answer your questions about Autosomal DNA testing on at the Genealogy Desk at Salem Public Library on January 26, 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 2017** **Elected Officers**

**President:** *Elizabeth Tice*

**1st Vice-President (Program):** *Doug Crosby*

**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:** *Dennis Hill & Craig Smith*

**Librarians:** *Jim Willhite and Deanne Smith*

**Volunteer Coordinator:** *Craig Smith*

**Publicity:** *George Cropsey*

**Webmaster:** *Dennis Hill*

**Periodicals:** *Dee Ittis*



## WVGS News

### Officers for 2017

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### 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—**

- ♦ *If you have short a genealogical story, contact Liz Tice for the newsletter! We'd like more member participation.*
- ♦ *We adopted a new Research Policy for 2017. It will be on our website in January 2017.*
- ♦ **Beaver Briefs** is emailed to all members who have given us their email address and is also available on our website. Those who paid for postage receive a copy by US mail.
- ♦ *WVGS is a non-profit and also a member of the Oregon Cultural Trust. This is a good time to make an extra donation.*

### ***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 9, 2017 to February 13, 2017 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (5 classes, we won't meet on January 16th)

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

**Contact:** Alvin Scott / 503-588-6303 / ascott@cityofsalem.net

**Instructor:** Liz Tice, Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Member

**Preregistration** in the Computer Lab at the Center 50+ is encouraged

**Cost:** \$30 for 5 two-hour classes

The class will cover the basics of genealogy, how to get started and sources for records as we work backwards in time.

**Class 1** The basics of getting started, organizing your recordkeeping; genealogy programs: purchased software, online and free; importance of sources.

**Class 2** 20th Century Vital Records, Oregon and local resources, free sites: FamilySearch, RootsWeb, USGenWeb

**Class 3** 20th Century Censuses and Military records, 19th Century Vital Records, 1790-1880 Census and Civil War.

**Class 4** Immigration and Naturalization, Land Records, genealogy books on the internet, records before 1800: Revolutionary War ancestors; Early New England records; County and town histories.

**Class 5** Ancestry.com, Native American research, Canada, British Isles and Ireland, other countries of origin, DNA



## Candalaria

### January, 2017 By Jerry Rodgers

#### Candalaria Terrace Collection

Nearly 2 years ago WVGS volunteers moved our book collection from the State Library to the Salem Public Library. It's been a wonderful new partnership with increased exposure to a broader public. The downside has been that our display space is smaller and there wasn't room for our collection of periodicals and family histories. Not wanting to lose this collection, a decision was made to store these materials in a rental space at Candalaria Terrace.

Since the move, WVGS volunteers haven't actively promoted or developed procedures to access this collection. That will change in 2017. Each month the newsletter will have an article featuring at least one collection at Candalaria. The article will include the extent and general description of information in the featured collection, as well as where available indexes can be found. If there is interest in a particular publication, feel free to ask. A review can probably be expedited for most requests.

There are currently two ways to see what is available at Candalaria:

- 1 – Paper copy list in a notebook behind the Volunteer Desk at the Salem Library
- 2 – Online at <http://www.wvgsor.org>  
(Click on the Materials link and scroll down to "Materials Stored Offsite")

Use the request link in the "Materials Stored Offsite" location when you find a publication or family history that you'd like to see. Required information on the request form is your name, contact information and volume(s) or year(s) requested. The material will be brought to the Salem Library and placed on the hold shelf behind the volunteer desk. You'll be contacted when the material is available. All WVGS publications are for reference only at the Salem Library and cannot be checked out.

Currently indexes for some of the collections are available at the library or online. The difficulty is that there is not a standard comprehensive index available for each periodical. The hope is that as each collection is reviewed, index information will be found that will help with research.

#### Upcoming Featured Periodical Review:

**February:** New England Historical and Genealogical Register

**March:** Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography



## Newspapers

### Newspaper Research

WVGS Board Members decided to subscribe to newspapers.com (owned by Ancestry.com) for six months. You can have a volunteer search for you on our laptops at Salem Public Library.

You are able to clip an article to save right on the site for later use. You also have the ability to save an article directly to your Ancestry.com family tree. And finally, you have the ability to share these discoveries via email and social media and you can save your searches as well!

The reason for doing this initially was that the Statesman Journal (under all its various names since 1852) has now been digitized and is on newspapers.com. We want all members and the public to use this research. Come by the desk to have a volunteer do a search for you. Surprising results may turn up about your ancestors!

And don't forget, that while you are at Salem Public Library you can access the library catalog via their Wi-Fi. This means you can access their newspapers indexes online:

- **Historic Oregon Newspapers:** Explore this collection of historic newspapers from around Oregon. Free, you can access at <http://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/>
- **InfoTrac Newsstand:** Look for full-text articles from numerous American and English-language international newspapers. Requires a Salem Public Library card or access through our laptops.
- **Oregonian (1987-current):** Look for full-text articles in the Oregonian from 1987 to the present. Requires a Salem Public Library card or access through our laptops.
- **Oregonian Index (1851-1987):** Search this index for articles in the Oregonian. Visit the Oregon State Library to access the full-text articles on microfilm. This database can be searched at <https://library.uoregon.edu/dc/newspaper/index.php?newspaper=oregonian>
- **Statesman Journal (2002-current):** Search for full-text articles in the Statesman Journal from 2002 to the present. Requires a Salem Public Library card or access through our laptops.
- **Statesman Journal Digital Microfilm (2009-current):** Access scanned images of the Statesman Journal newspaper. Requires a Salem Public Library card or access through our laptops.
- **Statesman Journal Index (1987-2002):** Search in this index for Statesman Journal articles from 1987-2002. Visit the Salem Public Library to retrieve the full-text articles from the microfilm. This database can be searched at <http://library.state.or.us/home/orind/>





## WVGS Constitution Revision

### **Constitution Revision**

In 1995, WVGS applied to become incorporated as a mutual benefit nonprofit. The Oregon Department of Justice has notified us that we are being reclassified as a public benefit nonprofit. Mutual benefit nonprofits are not required to have tax-exempt status which WVGS did not have until 1999. According to the Corporate Division, "Public benefit corporation includes entities which hold tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(c)(3) and other groups organized for public or charitable purposes." This fits our organization, especially with our public activity at Salem Public Library. We are required to have members vote on the change from mutual benefit to public benefit. To read more about these terms go to <http://sos.oregon.gov/business/Pages/nonprofit-glossary-of-terms.aspx>

We will have a vote on the revision at the January 14, 2017 meeting.

The Constitution of the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society, Inc. shall be amended by adding the following as ARTICLE XII (current ARTICLE XII DISSOLUTION OF SOCIETY becomes XIII, current ARTICLE XIII RULES OF ORDER becomes ARTICLE XIV, current ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS becomes ARTICLE XV). Furthermore, this amendment shall be added to the Articles of Incorporation of said corporation, on file with the State of Oregon, Secretary of State, Corporation Division.

### **ARTICLE XII INCORPORATION**

#### Section 1

The Willamette Valley Genealogical Society was incorporated in the State of Oregon as a mutual benefit nonprofit on December 13, 1995. The society is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Willamette Valley Genealogical Society was determined by the IRS to be a non-profit organization on May 14, 1999, EIN 93-0703189.

On October 14, 2016, the Oregon Department of Justice and Secretary of State, Corporate Division, determined the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society is a public benefit corporation. The status change was ratified by a vote taken of the members on January 14, 2017.



## Resources

### **Ethnic Resource**

Our dedicated and hard working volunteer coordinator, Craig Smith, has been working on "Ethnic Resources". He has added a folder to our laptops at Salem Public Library titled just that-Ethnic Resources. He is adding links as he finds them. Sample of folders are ones for countries of origin such as Denmark, Mexico, etc. He has also included Native American, Jewish and a general category Ethnic Resources Guides.

These resources are intended to help our volunteers work with patrons who are looking for information on their ancestors' country of origins. But certainly any member who is interested in seeing what Craig has put together can come by the Genealogy Volunteer Desk and check it out.

Craig is also working on a folder for Citizenship, Immigration and Naturalization.

### **Balch & Corey**

Bob Corey has donated several scrapbooks and genealogies about the Corey and Balch families (Bob Corey married Betty Balch). Bob was the owner of Salem's local fast food restaurant, Bob's 19-Cent Hamburgers.

Bob has compiled scrapbooks about Bob's 19-Cent Hamburgers, as well as his World War II experiences. He also has compiled genealogies on his Corey family and his wife's Balch family.

Since this is a local family, we have put these scrapbooks in our Family Surname File, which is in a cabinet in our area at Salem Public Library. Come by and look them over!

### **Two Key Tips for Discovering Scottish Ancestry**

Family Tree Magazine 12/5/2016

- **Naming patterns are clues.** Scottish parents usually named their children following a specific pattern, which may result in names repeated within families. The firstborn son was named after the father's father, and the second-born son was named after the mother's father. Firstborn daughters were named after their mother's mother, and second-born daughters were named after their father's mother. Focus on the middle names to distinguish two or more family members with the same name.
- **Knowing the parish is key.** In order to research thoroughly, especially given the likelihood that several relatives will have the same name, you'll want to know the parish where your ancestor resided—as well as the surrounding parishes. That's because your family may have moved into neighboring parishes, but they were less likely to move to neighboring counties.

**Find out more at [FamilyTreeUniversity.com](http://FamilyTreeUniversity.com).**



## Research



## Research

(I'm still waiting for some interesting articles to be submitted to me by members on your research, but meanwhile here's something from me. Liz Tice, Editor)

**Always Try to Find Original Documents!**

Originals. True originals. Duplicate originals. Counterparts. Facsimiles. Photocopies. Scans. Digital copies. Image copies. Official copies. Record copies. Clerk's copies. Certified copies. Certificates. Transcriptions. Translations. Extracts. Abstracts. Nutshells. Indexes. Databases. Reprints. Are we confused yet?

Ancestry.com has many records in which you cannot see the original document, but must rely on someone else who has read the record and written what they saw. In many cases, this is a great help. As you know, the handwriting and spelling are often abominable.

Researching a fourth great-grandfather of mine has been a challenge. He is important to me as two of his great-grandchildren (2<sup>nd</sup> cousins) married and became my great-grandparents. He started as Johann George Schlauch born in Germany and became George Slough in Pennsylvania and Ontario, Canada records. There **is** a marriage record: **Catharine** "Gich", daughter of Adam "Gig", married in the parsonage of the Trinity Lutheran Church in New Holland, Lancaster Co, PA to Georg Schlauch of Caernarvon Township on 28 August 1764.

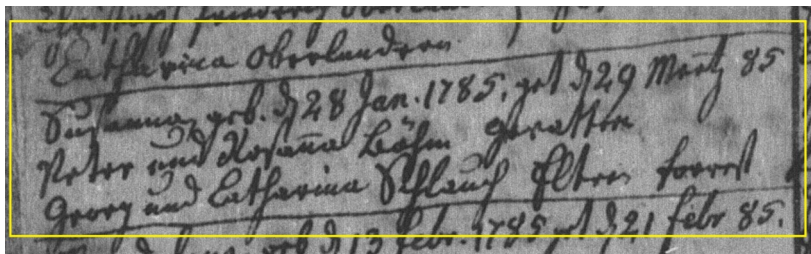
George Slough's land petition in Ontario, Canada in 1789 says he arrived with his wife Catharina and eleven children. Only one of his children has a record that specifically mentions Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. The death record for one of his sons, my 3<sup>rd</sup> great-grandfather, says he was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. It's frustrating that no baptismal records for any of the 11 children have been found. He left a good will and 10 of the children have records in Ontario. One daughter died about 1813, and from the will she was next to youngest, born about 1785. The closest record seemed to be from the *Register of marriages and baptisms kept by the Rev. Traugott Frederick Illing : in connection with the churches of St. Peter's (Lutheran), Middletown, and Caernarvon (Episcopal), Lancaster County, Penn'a*, published in 1980 and available on Ancestry.com. However, the mother was cited as Susanna not Catharine.

The original handwritten manuscript is available on microfilm from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. And guess what? It says the parents of Susanna were Georg and **Catharina** Schlauch.

Abstract:

**Schlauch, Susanna, d. of George and Susanna Schlauch, b. Jan. 28, 1785; bap. March 29, 1785; witnesses, Peter and Susan Bohm.**

Original:



I believe that original sources that do not rely on copying or using other records are the most accurate sources of evidence you can hope to find about an event. And they are worth tracking down. After all, genealogists **are** detectives. This was an abstract, rather than a transcription (a transcription will copy every single thing from the original, word for word) and contained an error. This won't solve my problem of where the other 10 children were baptized but it does locate the family in Caernarvon Township in 1785, only four years before Georg arrived in Ontario, Canada.



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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**

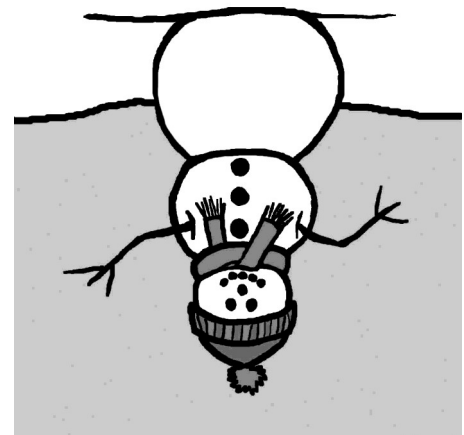
See our website for information on Life Membership or pick up a Life Membership form from an officer.

• 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	CLOSED	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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