



# WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM

**Willamette Valley Genealogical Society**  
**February 11th, 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 – 11:45 am General Membership Meeting:**

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

**12:00 noon to 1 pm Program:**

**The Crazy Quilt of Life, by Lida Beaty-Jackson, edited by Margaret Parker.**

The introduction to the book begins "Each person in a family tree is like a beautifully woven piece of fabric. Every miraculous life connects over time to become a unique and sometimes crazy quilt...."

Our speaker Margaret brings to us her family's quilt - both the story and the cloth one stitched over a hundred years ago. She also brings photographs and other heirlooms, as well as copies of the book for sale. Her note said "let your club know this about my book..."

"My grandmother was born in 1881 in Indiana. She was taken with her family in a covered wagon to homestead in western Kansas & lived in a sod house. Her memory was keen & she remembers little things like her father's red scarf & the smell of her leather shoes.

Like most of the farmers they "didn't make a go of it". She relates how they spent the holidays. When she grew up she taught the fifth-grade class - they were young adults because they were farm children & had [to] help out with the crops. My grandmother suffered lots of death in her family & yet she & her family remained positive through it all. My grandmother became a professional writer for a worldwide church denomination."

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

### Upcoming Programs

**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"**

Suggestions for upcoming programs:  
Lineage Societies, Dating & Preserving Photos, How to upload and organize photos for genealogy, Evernote, DNA, Family History Library in SLC

**February 9th, 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.

### 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 January 18th, 2017 was 20 Life Members, 77 single memberships, 10 family memberships (20 individuals), and 3 Historical/ Genealogical Societies for a total of 120 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**

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 February 23, 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

### Constitution Revision

Members at the January 14th meeting approved the constitution revision. Article XII on page 5 of the Constitution was added to change WVGS from a mutual benefit nonprofit to a public benefit nonprofit as required by the Oregon Department of Justice. The new constitution has been posted by Webmaster Dennis Hill on our website under the "Member Page".

### Research

We have a new research policy. We still charge everyone for research and documents, but members do get a discount—\$5 per document or 3 for \$10, rather than \$10 and 3 for \$20. A membership benefit! See our web page for the policy under "Research".

### 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.*
- ♦ *Consider volunteering at Salem Public Library if you'd like to help others with their family history.*
- ♦ *WVGS is a non-profit and also a member of the Oregon Cultural Trust. This is a good time to make an extra donation.*
- ♦ *We are subscribing to **newspapers.com** at Salem Public Library. Stop by and see what our volunteers can find for you.*

### WVGS Subscriptions

We subscribe to two on-line sites and four periodicals to help our members and patrons at Salem Public Library with their research. These are seldom used resources but could be of help.

#### **Periodicals:**

- **Mayflower Journal** published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants is a well-known and well-respected journal on Pilgrim history, genealogy, literature and arts of Colonial New England. We receive 2 issues each year and have many years of issues stored at Candalaria. These are not available online unless you are a member of the Society or another society such as NEHGS.
- **Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly** is a bulletin published by the Ohio Genealogical Society. Many early Oregonians migrated from Ohio to the West. The quarterly contains many excellent articles not only on Ohioans but on general genealogy research, all with excellent resources. Again we get the current issues and many issues are stored at Candalaria.

- **Mennonite Family History** is published quarterly in Pennsylvania, primarily about Mennonites, Amish and Brethren genealogy and family history. It also includes other German families. All articles are well documented and includes immigrants from the 1700s into the 1800s. We have many issues in storage as well as current issues.
- New! The WVGS Board decided to subscribe to **Family Tree Magazine** for a year. Magazines will be available at the Volunteer Desk at Salem Public Library.

#### **Online Subscriptions:**

- **Fold 3** contains military records from the National Archives, as well as other non-military records. It is on our laptops at Salem Public Library. Come in and ask a volunteer to do a search for you.
- **Newspapers.com** is our newest subscription. Our volunteers are finding many newspapers articles for patrons from all over the US. The digitized newspaper collection does include the *Statesman Journal* (and all previous titles) beginning in 1852 to current editions. Again stop by the desk for a search!

**Candalaria**

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**Candalaria Connection**  
**By Jerry Rodgers**

The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) was founded in 1845, and published the first issue of the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* (NEHGR) in 1847. It has been published quarterly ever since and is the oldest genealogical journal in the United States. Typical articles solve genealogical problems, identify immigrant origins, or list multiple generations. Overall these publications include more than 1 billion searchable names. As with any extensive collection, the best place to start is with a comprehensive index that allows a search of multiple volumes by name or location.

The entire collection is available online if you are a member of the NEHGS. Membership is \$90 annually and this may be a good option if you have many ancestors in the New England area. There are however other options to access much of their information.

**Indexes:**

-Ancestry.com has a partial index for Volume 1 (1847) through 165 (2011). If you don't have your own membership, Ancestry is available at many libraries including the Salem Public Library (SPL). In the search menu, go to the card catalog and type in "*The New England Historical & Genealogical Register*" to find the link. This index has limitations as not all records are included.

-Family Search has a comprehensive index for volumes 1 to 50. In the search menu, go to books and type in "*The New England Historical & Genealogical Register*" to find the link

-WVGS has the published indexes for volumes 51 through 125 in our collection at the SPL. Call number: 929.374New2.

**Publications:**

-The first 76 volumes are out of copyright protection and available online at Google Books, Ancestry, and Family Search.

-WVGS is your source for Volumes 60 (1906) through 170 (2016) and some of the earlier publications. The following are available at Candalaria:

Volume 5 (1851), Volume 16 (1862)

Volume 17 through 24 (microfilm),

Volume 29 (1975)

Volume 60 (1906) through 170 (2016)

To request a Candalaria publication, use the online request form in the materials link at our website. Scroll down to the materials stored offsite to find the form. Enter your name, contact information, and publication(s) requested. You'll be contacted when the materials are available to view at the WVGS library desk.

If you need assistance, contact one of our helpful volunteers at the WVGS desk.

**Beaver Briefs****Beaver Briefs**

The Winter Issue, Volume 49, No. 1, of *Beaver Briefs* is ready! New Editors Craig Smith and Dennis Hill have worked together to produce an updated publication. Dennis even revised the cover to include elements of the old and new.

We will send a **pdf** version to 2017 members and exchange societies. Members can also access the quarterly on our webpage under "Member Page". The version on our web page has **color** pictures and **live links** to sources. Members who have paid \$6.50 to cover postage for 4 issues will receive copy by mail (sorry—no color).

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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 2017 will receive issues in the mail. **Beaver Briefs** Vol. 49, No. 1 will be sent by email or US mail soon.



## Library

### New Book

By Deanne Smith

We received the following book from the Mount Angel Abbey:

***Early Mount Angel: its people and events*** compiled and edited by Augustine DeNoble.

The information contained in this book was taken from the German newspaper, *St. Joseph Blatt*, which was an early non-English Oregon newspaper, which began as a parish newsletter in Portland in 1888, but moved to Mount Angel, where it continued up until 1991.

This compilation was intended to present some of the early history of Mount Angel Abbey that was contained only in the German text of the *St. Joseph's Blatt*. The information contained in this book was translated by Christl Schwartz, who spent many hours and months with the original German text. This book contains various "news" articles about people and happenings from the Abbey, as well as other facts of the lives of Mount Angel people in the early years. It also contains short obituaries found in the weekly "Notizen". All of the obituaries of these years are not included, but only those that appeared along with the other desired texts.

***Early Mount Angel: its people and events*** will be useful to anyone with early ancestors in the Mount Angel area as well as anyone associated with the Abbey. This book will be shelved with the other "not cataloged" books at Salem Public Library.

### New Security System

Salem Public Library is changing its book security system to **RFID (Radio Frequency Identification)**. RFID uses radio frequencies to communicate with items' attendant labels rather than scanning barcodes with a laser, the RFID reader does not require a direct line of sight to the label to read it, can read multiple items at once, and can read through physical tissue such as a book cover or DVD case.

The Chemeketa Consortium is paying the cost for Salem Public Library to convert and as our collection of books is in the online catalog our books are also being tagged by the consortium, meaning we will not have to pay for the new tags and our books will be secure!



## WVGS News

### Candalaria Storage

We signed another year-lease for space at Candalaria Terrace. We still have books and periodicals stored there and hope to have it open to members once a month. Rent will continue to be \$324.45 per month.

### 2016 Balance Sheet

WVGS ended 2016 with a cash balance of \$27,491.17, overspending by only \$671.55 (not bad considering we pay almost \$4,00 in rent). Thank **you to all of our generous supporters who have made donations this year.** We have approximately \$16,000 in assets (based on insured values) for total assets of \$43,491.17.

### Oregon-California Trails Association

The Oregon-California Trails Association and the Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation present the **2017 'Vancouver: Layers of History on the Columbia River Symposium,'** Friday, March 31 to Sunday, 2. The Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, Washington is symposium HQ.

The symposium will focus on the Ice Age Floods and their influence on regional geography, local American Indian populations, early explorers, the fur trade, Lewis & Clark, the Oregon Trail, and Fort Vancouver. Reserve your discounted room of \$125/night (normal price \$148; special rate expires on March 8) by mentioning OCTA at (888) 475-3100. Register now at [www.eventville.com/catalog/eventregistration1.asp?eventid=1012086](http://www.eventville.com/catalog/eventregistration1.asp?eventid=1012086)

### Oregon's Traveling Historian

Darrell Jabin travels around Oregon as for his job. He is recording Oregon history with videos and presentations. He is currently looking for descendants of Oregon pioneers who would be willing to be in a video.

Darrell's Facebook page is at <https://www.facebook.com/Darrell-Jabin-Oregons-Traveling-Historian-1706159042936842/>

Or you can view his videos on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/user/DarrellJabin>

### Oregon Historical County Records Guide

Wondering what and where records are kept for each of Oregon's 36 counties? The Oregon Historical County Records Guide from the Oregon State Archives gives you just that information. It lists the types of records and where they are kept. You can click on the subject and find subject listings that include counties, libraries, historical societies and the State Archives, down to what's in the basement of a courthouse.

<http://sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/records/local/county-inventories.aspx>





## Research



## Research

### **Family History Daily** <http://familyhistorydaily.com/>

One of the most common research mistakes that family historians make when building their tree (especially for the first time) is also one of the most limiting and potentially detrimental. We like to call it the Direct-Line Mistake, and its effect on your research outcomes is pretty huge.

The direct-line mistake can be defined as the act of researching and adding to your tree only those people who you descend from directly (i.e. grandparents and nobody else). Family historians do it to save time, to keep the size of their tree more manageable, and to stay focused on specific research goals. On the surface, this kind of research makes some sense...focus your efforts on the people who matter most to you and you will be able to move back through the generations much more quickly. Right?

Unfortunately, it's not that simple. What some researchers may fail to see is that limiting yourself to only your grandparents in your tree is equivalent to reading only 1 out of every 10 pages in a history book. Not only are you missing out on a huge amount of information, but the data you do collect can easily be taken out of context. If you want to develop a full picture of your ancestors' lives, and ensure (to the best of your ability) that the picture is accurate, then you need more than just the records and facts surrounding your direct lines.

Researching a Wider Circle of People Means That You:

- Will inevitably end up discovering more facts and records about your grandparents: when we take the time to research the lives of their close relations we discover details and documents that we may have previously overlooked.
- Will be able to break down brick walls more easily: if you're stuck trying to go back another generation, or are unable to find an important fact, researching close relatives may give you the break you need. For every relative you research your chances of locating this information increases dramatically.

### **Family Tree Magazine**

Five Types of Ancestors' Old Land Records-Depending when and where your family migrated, these five types of historical land records may help you.

- **Headrights:** During the Colonial period of roughly 1619 to 1705, the British government offered 50 acres of land for every "head" (person) transported to the Colonies. Headright papers list the names of those people—the person who sponsored the transportation as well as those transported (such as his relative or an indentured servant).
- **Bounty Land Warrants:** In 1776, the Continental Congress incentivized men to serve in the Revolutionary War with promises of 50 to 1,000 acres of land, depending on their rank. This offer extended to conflicts through 1856. Keep in mind that often, recipients sold their land to speculators without ever seeing it.
- **Patents:** US and state governments encouraged settlement with various offers of free land in exchange for certain conditions, such as living on the land for a certain number of years and improving it with trees or structures. A key to westward expansion, the Homestead Act of 1862 granted 160 acres of federal government land to those who'd settle and improve it for five years. This generated a paperwork, including a land claim (or application) and the patent transferring the land to the claimant once the conditions were met.
- **Deeds:** Also familiar to modern-day homeowners, property deeds (usually created in county or town courts) record the transfer of land between private parties. The legal terminology can take a bit of parsing, but deeds may contain information from land descriptions to family relationships. If property was sold very cheaply, it might have been to a relative.
- **Dower Claims:** Although men generally owned property, you can find your female relatives by their right of dower. This right, intended to prevent women from becoming dependent on the county or state, entitled a widow one-third interest in her husband's property. A wife had to consent to the sale or disposition of land, and when a husband died, his widow was allowed to stay on the land for the remainder of her life before it was transferred to her husband's heirs.



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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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