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WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM MEETINGS

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting October 14th, 2017, 10:30 am to 1 pm

**Salem Public Library Central Library 585 Liberty St SE Salem, OR 97301
Loucks Auditorium**

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: “Willamette Heritage Center Resources for
Genealogists” by Kylie Pine**

Kylie Pine is the curator at the Willamette Heritage Center in Salem, a non-profit museum with the mission of preserving and interpreting the history of the Mid-Willamette Valley. In this role, she works closely with the museum's collections and has learned a lot about research resources in this region.

In this presentation, she will share some of the resources the Willamette Heritage Center has to offer genealogists, her essential research tool kit for Mid-Valley history, and examples of some of the more unusual kinds of records she has come across.

WVGS programs are always open to the public.

Please note- we will be meeting in Loucks Auditorium at Salem Public Library this month only! The November meeting will be a week later, on the 3rd Saturday November 18th, as the Library will be closed on November 11th.

Upcoming Programs

**November - Pam Vestal "Tips and Tricks: Finding
What You Need and Making the Most of
What You Find"**

**December - The Society's Annual Pot Luck Party,
Auction & Book Sale**

**January 2018—Member's Discoveries &
Genealogical Treasures**

**Doug Crosby is working on programs for next year. If
you have any suggestions, let an officer know.**

October 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 except Oct.

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



WVGS Information

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

Membership as of September 22nd, 2017 was 20 Life Members, 67 single memberships, 10 family memberships (20 individuals), and 3 Historical/ Genealogical Societies for a total of 110 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
3rd Tuesday 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 be available to answer your questions about Autosomal DNA testing at the Genealogy Desk at Salem Public Library on the last Thursday of the month 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: *Jerry Rodgers*



WVGS News

September Program

Our speakers for the September program were Linda Steffen and Tanya Little, re-enacting women during the Civil War. Both Linda and Tanya were dressed in period clothing and read letters from and to sisters during the war representing both sides. It was a very interesting perspective from the families worried about their loved ones and included information like mobs, family China being buried in coffins, and dealing with family members serving on both sides.

Jack Bentley dressed in a Civil War navy uniform to talk about the role of Union and Confederate Navies during the War. He also brought models to demonstrate the types of ships and issues like steam engines, having enough coal, cannons for broadsides, armor.

All of our speakers were very knowledgeable on their topics and participate in re-enactments. Jack also volunteers at Fort Stevens, built to defend the mouth of the Columbia River during the Civil War.

We had an informative, thought-provoking and fun program. Thank you to Linda, Tanya and Jack!

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society's Family Tree 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 the WVGS Family Tree DNA Project Administrator. WVGS members (and non-members) receive a discounted DNA test rate rather than paying the full amount listed on the Family Tree DNA company's home page. According to Emily, "The company then gives the society a percentage of the sale for Y-DNA and mtDNA tests, **but not for SNP tests, Family Finder, nor any upgrades.**"
- ♦ You can also get your DNA tested through the WVGS project, and then submit it to other groups. To receive the WVGS project's discount (and earn the WVGS a rebate), go to the WVGS website, www.wvgsor.org, click on the **Research** tab, and at the bottom of the page click on the **FamilyTreeDNA** logo to go to their website.

Help Needed!

- ♦ Officers for next year are needed. We especially need a Recording Secretary for 2018. The Recording Secretary attends Board and General meetings each month, takes notes of the meeting and prepares the minutes for presenting to the Board and membership. Please consider helping out. It's a good way to get more involved and we're a friendly group to work with. You can also volunteer to run for any office, especially President if you'd like to dive in!
- ♦ **Nominations for 2018 Officers:**
President: Liz Tice
1st Vice President: Sue Rempel
2nd Vice President: Doug Crosby
Treasurer: Barbara Foster
Recording Secretary: nomination needed!
Corresponding Secretary: Tony Hoff

Help Needed!

- ♦ Ancestry.com donated scanning equipment to the Society which we have never used and is currently being stored at Salem Public Library. Members voted to sell the equipment as we have no room to store or set up the equipment. We are looking for someone knowledgeable about scanning equipment to sell all the used equipment for us.
- ♦ Briefly it is a complete Kaiser Fototechnik Copy Stand with lights. We also have a Theramaltake Lanbox Lite with Windows 7 and Acer 22" Monitor and a Canon Camera EOS 5D Mark II and 50 mm lens. A flyer is posted on our website, www.wvgsor.org, with a complete list.

Don't forget that a benefit of membership is a discount on research. Costs to members for Document Research are only \$5.00 per document or 3 for \$10.00 for WVGS members. If these require a trip to the Oregon State Archives, Marion County Clerk's Office or other off-sites, the fee is \$10.00 per document for members and non-members (3 for \$10 does not apply)

Tony Hoff does our research for us. He will search for obituaries, vital records and conduct general research. If you live in the Salem area, come in and see him in person on Thursday mornings, 11 am to 2 pm at Salem Public Library. You can also contact him by email at willvgs@yahoo.com

**Candalaria Periodicals****October 2017****Candalaria Connection
By Jerry Rodgers**

The WVGS receives a number of publications that can be helpful for research or educational purposes. Copies received within the past year are available at the Salem Public Library (SPL) on the shelf behind the volunteer desk. Older copies with the exception of Family Tree Magazine are stored at Candalaria.

Family Tree Magazine is published 7 times per year. It features a variety of helpful articles on research tips and shortcuts. There are often articles that compare and evaluate genealogical products. Recent issues have been featuring state guides.

The New England Historical and Genealogical Register is the oldest genealogical publication in the US, published since 1847. Articles typically solve genealogical problems, identify immigrant origins and often list multiple generations.

The Mayflower Journal is published bi-annually in the spring and fall by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. It focuses on Pilgrim history, genealogy, literature, and arts in Colonial New England.

Mennonite Family History is a quarterly publication that focuses on the study of Mennonite, Amish, and Brethren genealogy and family history.

The Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly includes articles with condensed family histories, church, pioneer, war, cemetery, court records, newspaper abstracts, and Bible records with an Ohio connection.

The Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly articles include transcriptions, abstracts, and indexes of original records that are of general interest to Georgia researchers.

To request a Candalaria publication, use the online request form at the materials link on our WVGS 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 library desk from 11 to 5 Tuesday through Saturday or 1 to 4 on Sunday.

**WVGS News****Jim Willhite**

Many of our members know Jim Willhite. He is a life member who has served our society in many ways. For at least the last 10 years he has been our society Librarian. He's also a past president and done an excellent job of keeping society records.

Our current society Librarian Deanne Smith and myself received an email from Jim, saying in part "As much as I have enjoyed doing Genealogy as a full time hobby since I retired from my job in the spring of 1988, I am just getting too old to devote the time to it I used to. Pat and I are both in our 80's (I will be 85 in Nov) with conditions that require lots of maintenance ... Time is in short supply. I really don't have the time to spend at either of the WVGS book collections and do a proper job for WVGS.

WVGS has been such a part of my life for so many years it is hard for me to give it up - but now is the time. Certainly it is in good hands."

Jim, thank you for your years of dedication to WVGS and we'll still see you around! Liz

**Meyers Gazetteer**

The Meyers Gazetteer is a comprehensive, indexed map to every place name in the Second German Empire (1871-1918). It's based on the 1912 book commonly known as "Meyers Orts" or the Meyers Gazetteer: Meyers Orts- und Verkehrs-Lexikon des Deutschen Reichs. Recently, a free version of the Meyers Gazetteer became available online at www.MeyersGaz.org. Fritz Juengling, Research Specialist at the Family History Library, recently notified us of a new feature on Meyersgaz.org:

There is now a "Sounds Like" Search feature. If your town does not come up, you will see a note that says "Can't find what you're looking for? Try viewing the "sounds like" search results".

When you click on that, you will see a list of places that have similar spellings. You can still filter the results by region if you know that. This will also help with places in German documents that are simply difficult to read.

This new feature should be a great help in finding misspelled place names.



Cemetery Sites

Canadian Headstones' mission is to "capture digital images and the complete transcription of headstones of our ancestors", the Headstone Photo Project is a non-profit organization. Browse over 1,768,000 gravestone photo records from across Canada.

www.canadianheadstones.com

CanadaGenWeb's Cemetery Project debuted in 2004 as a volunteer project of CanadaGenWeb and currently offers a free and searchable listing of over 18,000 known Canadian cemeteries.

<http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cancemet/>

The Arkansas Gravestones Project is a privately sponsored, non-commercial, non profit, educational site, the success of which depends on the activities of many volunteers and other individuals who contribute photographs to be archived. This Arkansas archive of more than 1.1 million gravestone photo records covers the entire state. It's not searchable but is indexed by surname.

<http://arkansasgravestones.org/>

The American Battle Monuments Commission is an agency of the government of the United States of America and administers, operates and maintains 26 permanent American military cemeteries and 29 federal memorial, monuments and markers overseas. If your veteran ancestor was buried or memorialized beyond our shores, check the 218,000 searchable records at this site.

<https://www.abmc.gov/>

The Nationwide Gravesite Locator includes burial records from many sources. Search for burial locations of veterans and their family members in VA National Cemeteries, state veterans cemeteries, various other military and Department of Interior cemeteries, and for veterans buried in private cemeteries when the grave is marked with a government grave marker.

<https://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/>

Interment.net is a website containing a free online database of transcriptions from grave markers. The database is limited to information transcribed from grave markers at cemeteries and/or obtained from burial records from cemetery offices. The data includes surname, given name, birth date, birthplace, death date, death place, age, inscription (including symbols), notes, and sometimes the location of the grave marker.

<http://www.interment.net/>



Across the US

Georgia Archives Virtual Vault is your portal to some of Georgia's most important historical documents, from 1733 to the present. The Virtual Vault provides virtual access to historic Georgia manuscripts, photographs, maps, and government records housed in the state archives.

<http://vault.georgiaarchives.org/cdm/>

Illinois State Archives has 11 military databases and Illinois Statewide Vital Records Databases (Illinois Statewide Death Index (1916–1950), Illinois Statewide Death Index, Pre–1916, Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763–1900) and a Public Domain Land Tract Sales Database.

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases/home.html>

LowCountry Africana has records for African-American ancestors from the historic rice-growing areas of South Carolina, Georgia and northeastern Florida. Collections include plantation records, name changes, migrations and the 33rd US Colored Troops.

<https://www.lowcountryafricana.com/>

Massachusetts State Archives' Searchable Collections includes Massachusetts Archives Collection Database (1629–1799), Index to Passenger Manifests (1848–1891) and Index to Vital Records (1841–1910)

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/SearchWelcome.html>

Seeking Michigan has death records (1897–1920), Civil War heritage, old photos, state censuses and more. Click Discover to start searching.

<http://seekingmichigan.org/>

Missouri Digital Heritage has access to more than 9 million records, including the collections of the Missouri State Archives, the Missouri State Library and other institutions from across the state. Vital records, naturalizations, military and more.

<https://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/>

Wisconsin Historical Society has a search for over 3,000,000 records including: birth, death and marriage record indexes; newspaper clippings; photographs and other visual materials; and property records.

<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy>

**New Books****WVGS Oregon Cemetery Materials****New Books by Deanne Smith, WVGS Librarian**

WVGS recently purchased the **Cemetery Research Premium Collection** from **Family Tree Magazine**. This collection includes the following items:

1. The Family Tree Cemetery Field Guide (Book)

This field guide features a number of resources for genealogists visiting cemeteries, providing an at-a-glance guide to frequently used gravestone markers and practical tips for on-the-ground research. And once you've returned home, this guide discusses how to incorporate gravestone information into their research, as well as how to record your findings in memorial pages on FindAGrave and upload grave locations to BillionGraves.

2. Cemetery Research 101 (Video Download)

This video will get you excited about exploring the final resting places of your ancestors and and give you knowledge you need to read tombstones, decipher plot maps and keep your research organized.

3. Cemetery Transcription Form (Downloadable Form)

You can use this form to log locations, inscriptions and descriptions for family tombstones. Create a new sheet for each ancestor, noting how to navigate to the grave in a large cemetery, and specific details about the tombstone.

4. Tombstone Care and Repair (Magazine Excerpt Download)

Do your ancestors' tombstones look worse for wear? Give them a facelift with these simple care and repair tips.

5. I Seek Dead People: Tricks for Researching and Ancestor's Passing (Web Seminar Download)

In this presentation, David A. Fryxell will channel easy, surprising and creepy tricks to trace ancestral deaths. Dig up death certificates, obituaries and other more unusual places to find death details.

The book is currently shelved on the "not cataloged" shelf at SPL. The downloads will be loaded on the volunteer laptops. Be sure to come in to the library and take a look at these.

WVGS Oregon Cemetery Collection

Since we no longer have to publish list of materials we are giving away (!), we can replace the lists with other lists. WVGS has many cemetery books and loose pages of cemeteries. Although many of these are now on sites like Find A Grave (with links to other family members), not all cemeteries have been surveyed and uploaded. In addition some of the materials we have were done when headstones were still legible. These materials are available in our collection at Salem Public Library.

Thanks to WVGS member Jim Johnson!

County	Cemetery/Last Burial	Catalog #	
(Continued from September)			
Curry Co	Mule Creek	1960	929.50979523 S
Curry Co	Oak Flat Cem.	1962	929.50979523 S
Curry Co	Old Brookings	1960	929.50979523 S
Curry Co	Payne Family	1960	929.50979523 S
Curry Co	Pioneer- Harbor	1960	929.50979523 S
Curry Co	Pistol River	1964	929.50979523 S
Curry Co	Port Orford	1966	929.50979523 S
Curry Co	Rumley Hill	1960	929.50979523 S
Curry Co	Tichenor Cem.	1960	929.50979523 S
Deschutes Co	Allen Ranch	1999	929.50979587 S
Deschutes Co	Camp Polk V 2	2014	929.379587 C
Deschutes Co	Camp Polk V 1	1999	929.379587 C
Deschutes Co	Millican Graves	1999	929.50979587 S
Deschutes Co	Rease Cem.	1999	929.50979587 S
Deschutes Co	Terrebonne	1999	929.50979587 T
Deschutes Co	Tumalo	1999	929.50979587 L
Deschutes Co	Vandevent	1999	929.50979587 S
Douglas Co	Adams Burial Ground	1976	
Douglas Co	Applegate Cem.	2000	

Douglas Co	Applegate Pioneer cem	2000	929.50979529 D Bk11
Douglas Co	Archambeau - Melrose	1998	929.50979529 D Bk11
Douglas Co	Bell Family	1998	929.50979529 D Bk8
Douglas Co	Bethel	1998	929.50979529 D Bk9
Douglas Co	Boggess Cem.	1989	929.50979529 D Bk8
Douglas Co	Briggs Canyonville	1997	929.50979529 D Bk 1
Douglas Co	Brown Family	1998	929.50979529 D Bk7
Douglas Co	Burt Cem.	1989	929.50979529 D Bk9
Douglas Co	Cannon Grave	2000	929.50979529 D Bk 1
Douglas Co	Canyonville - Masonic/IOOF	1997	929.50979529 D Bk11
Douglas Co	Canyonville Pioneer	1997	929.50979529 D Bk7
Douglas Co	Champagne	1998	929.50979529 D Bk7
Douglas Co	Civi Bend	1989	929.50979529 D Bk8
Douglas Co	Cleveland	1998	929.50979529 D Bk3
Douglas Co	Cole Family	1998	929.50979529 D Bk8
Douglas Co	Cole Family	1998	929.50979529 D Bk9
Douglas Co	Comstock Cem.	1995	929.50979529 D Bk9
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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	10 am- 1 pm
Oregon State Archives 800 Summer St NE Salem, OR 97310 / 503-373-0701	CLOSED	8 am—12 am and 1 pm—4:45 pm (CLOSED State Holidays)					CLOSED
Salem Public Library 585 Liberty St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-588-6052	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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