

WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM MEETINGS

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting

On March 23, 2020, Gov. Kate Brown ordered all Oregonians to stay in their homes as of Monday, March 23 in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19. The executive order forbids all Oregonians from leaving their homes unless absolutely necessary.

We are living through tough times. Obviously our genealogy society meetings are not a necessity! **So our Board Meeting on May 7th and General Meeting on May 9th are cancelled.** We hope that we will be able to meet in June but as you all know, the situation is uncertain.

Since we are not able to have a live program, we have arranged to have a video for members on our website in May. We are now a member of New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) and this video was originally a NEHGS webinar. We hope that you find it useful.

Researching Women in Archives Presented by: Judy Lucey, Archivist

“Women make up 50% of your ancestry, yet their lives, experiences, and even complete names are all too often forgotten by written history. When they survive, diaries, letters, account books, family bibles, samplers, organization records, and more can reveal more about a woman’s daily life than any government document. Archivist Judy Lucey will discuss how these unique records and manuscripts can be used to piece together a family story and how digging in the archives can hit genealogical gold.”

For members to access this presentation, go to our website, <http://wvgsor.org/> Log in on the Member Page using your password. The link to the video will be there. It will only be on our website until June 1, 2020.

Upcoming Programs for 2020 (tentative)

June-Carol Zolkoske “St Boniface Community
Archives & Museum in Sublimity”

August—Pam Vestal “What the heck does that
say?” The Challenge of Reading Difficult
Handwriting

July-Zoe Morrison “Preserving Family Photos”



WVGS Information

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

Membership as of April 24, 2020 was 1 society, 23 Life Members, 43 single memberships, and 10 family memberships (20 individuals) for a total of 87 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 \$7.00 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

Both of Salem Public Library's current physical branches, Salem Public Library at Broadway and the West Salem Branch Library, will be closed to the public until further notice, in accordance with the Governor's policies designed to slow the spread of COVID-19. We'll keep you posted: We will continue to consult with county health departments, the Oregon Health Authority, and the Centers for Disease Control for guidance about when and how we can safely reopen.

"We are incredibly grateful for your continued support and patience as we work to follow best practices to slow the spread of COVID-19," said City Librarian Sarah Strahl. "The decision to close the buildings has been difficult and will have an impact on people who benefit from our services. We also understand that by closing we can be part of an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. We look forward to serving you again in person once the COVID-19 risk has subsided."

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 **IW083**.

Meeting Dates for 2020

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

Next Genealogy Workshop

The next genealogy workshop is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2020. This will be a Beginner's Workshop, focusing on the first steps—fill out family group sheets and pedigree charts and finding vital records. Cost will be \$10, 10 am to 1 pm at the Senior Center 50+.

WVGS Officers for 2020

Elected Officers

President: *Elizabeth Tice*
 1st Vice-President (Program): *Doug Crosby*
 2nd Vice-President (Membership): *Suzan Rempel*
 Recording Secretary: *Sally Broadwater*
 Corresponding Secretary: *Tony Hoff*
 Treasurer: *Barbara Foster*

Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor: *Elizabeth Tice*
 Beaver Brief Editors: *Dennis Hill & Craig Smith*
 Librarians: *Deanne Smith*
 Volunteer Coordinator: *Craig Smith*
 Publicity: *George Cropsey*
 Webmaster: *Dennis Hill*
 Periodicals: *Jerry Rodgers*



WVGS News

WVGS Members' Research Interests

In 2018, WVGS members decided to continue asking members about their genealogical interests on our membership form. That information for 2020 members is now in a database. Five questions are asked at the bottom of the form (see page 7 of this newsletter). Not everyone filled that section out. However for everyone who did, the information has been entered into a database. It will be posted on our website on Member Page. For security, there are no phone numbers or emails listed. There will be a contact question which goes to our administrator, member Dave Bruey. He will make the contact with the member that you want to contact.

When the society started more than 50 years ago, local interest groups were very important. Now we do much of our research online. But there may be some in our society who could help you with a language, or a surname or a place. The hope for this was that you might contact a member who could help you, so please take advantage of this database.

Go to our website, www.wvgsor.org, log in to the Member Page and you will be able to check out what our members need help with, what surnames they're researching and what they are willing to help with.

Beaver Briefs

The Spring Issue, Volume 52, No. 2, of Beaver Briefs is ready! Co-Editors Craig Smith and Dennis Hill have worked together to produce an updated publication. We will send a pdf version to 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. Members who have paid \$7.00 to cover postage for 4 issues for 2020 will receive a copy by USPS mail (sorry—no color).

If you need your password for the "Member Page" please contact us at willvgs@yahoo.com.

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- **Genealogy Tool Box: List of State Censuses (Part 6 of 6)**
- **Excerpts from the Oregon Statesman (Part 5)**

REGULAR FEATURES:

- **Letter from the Editor**
- **Surname Index**

Beaver Briefs Vol. 52, No. 2 will be sent by email or US mail on May 1, 2020.

Number 3 Summer Publish Date: August 1st
June 1st Deadline for article submission
editor

Libraries

Salem Public Library:

For those of you who do not have access to Ancestry.com at home and live in the Salem area, Salem Public Library has remote access to Ancestry from home while they are closed. All you need is a local library card. Here is the link:

<https://ccrls.org/ancestry-remote-access/>

WVGS materials are in storage due to the construction for earthquake and safety upgrades.

From Rebecca at Salem Public Library:

Multnomah County is letting people from other parts of Oregon sign up for a card online during the library closures. So, if you did not make it up to a Multnomah Branch, you can go online to get a card. I think you would use this form to get a card -

<https://multcolib.org/get-a-library-card>

You can also send a message to Multnomah County through this site - <https://multcolib.org/we-can-help-anything>

Here is the list of all the online tools you can access with their card - <https://multcolib.org/research-tools>



One-Step Webpages

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SteveMorse.org One Step Webpages

<https://stevemorse.org/jcal/latlon.php/index.html>

Dr. Stephen P. Morse is a famous computer inventor, professor, author and researcher. He invented the great-grandfather of the Pentium chips that power today's desktop computers. Steve Morse's site provides an interface to search databases with one step instead of the multiple steps required at the database's home site. Try it for vital records, immigration records, censuses, and more. He does not create databases, but rather has found better ways to mine existing databases.

His site has grown over time and it now addresses the following topics:

- Immigration
- Census (US, NY, Britain, Canada)
- Soundex Codes
- Vital Records (B-M-D, Naturalization)
- Calendars and Maps
- Transliterating in Foreign Alphabets
- Holocaust
- Genetic Genealogy

To get started, click "About this Website and How to Use It". You'll see some great examples of how and why you should use the various One-Step search tools.

The magic of his website is that it allows you perform a sophisticated database search, using numerous pieces of information, combined into one simple step.

The site's Ellis Island passenger list search option are some of its most used, offering more search capabilities than the free Ellis Island Website.

Little-known aids on the website included several calendar conversions tools. You can also find language translation aids for Hebrew, Yiddish, Russian, Greek, Arabic, Japanese, Chinese and Old German.

Several of Morse's search tools pull data from Ancestry.com. To use these tools you'll need either an Ancestry.com subscription or us Ancestry Library Edition at a library.

The One-Step website contains a compendium of street-name changes and house-number changes for over 200 U.S. cities. website.

Ellis Island & Castle Garden
Other Ports
US Census
Phonetic Matching
Canada/UK Census
New York Census
Vital Records
Calendar, Maps, etc
Foreign Alphabets
Holoc & East. Europe
Genetics (DNA)
Create Search Application
8086
Publications
Awards
Biographies/Interviews
Miscellaneous



One-Step Webpages by [Stephen P. Morse](#)

This site contains tools for finding immigration records, census records, vital records, and for dealing with calendars, maps, foreign alphabets, and numerous other applications. Some of these tools fetch data from other websites but do so in more versatile ways than the search tools provided on those websites.

[Public Appearances](#) [List of Lectures](#)

[About this Website and how to use it](#)

FIND YOUR ANCESTORS		Search Billions of Records		
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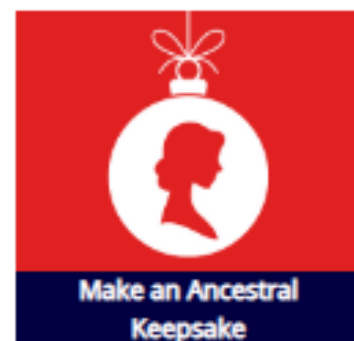
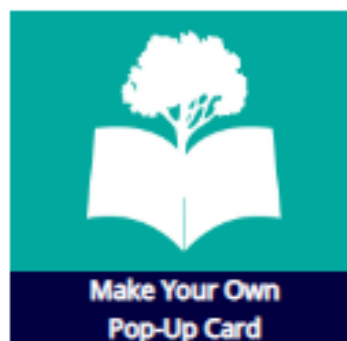
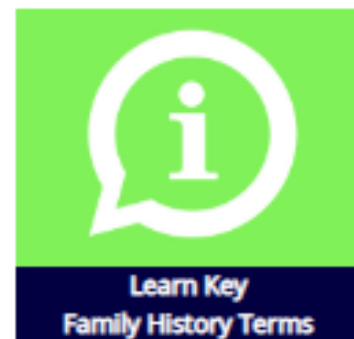
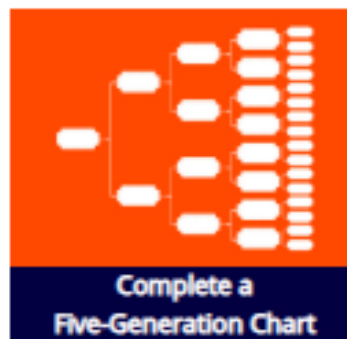
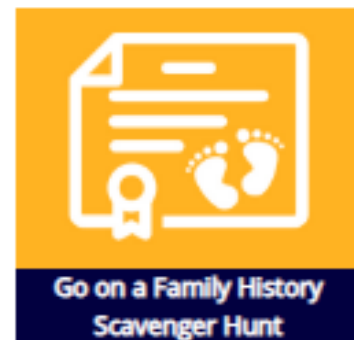
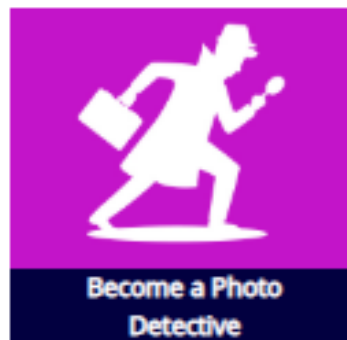
Children's Activities



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Family History Activities for Kids

- Research has found that children who know their family stories have a higher self-esteem, stronger self-control, lower anxiety, fewer behavioral problems, and function better in a family. The study pointed out that it's not just knowing family history that's important. It's the process of talking with adults and learning the family narrative that leads to these positive outcomes.
- Are your grandkids looking for something to do while being isolated due to COVID-19?
- Below are several free, easy-to-do suggestions for activities that will keep kids entertained and get them thinking about their family history. These exercises are designed to teach critical skills while encouraging kids to explore their personal connection to the past. Studies show that young people who know facts about their heritage have a stronger sense of self, which can help them perform better in school and life.
- You can also
 - ◆ Create a calendar with birthdays of special ancestors.
 - ◆ Learn about the traditions and foods eaten by your ancestors.
 - ◆ Research an ancestor and then have a story swap.





State Censuses



German Roots

MONTANA State, territorial, and colonial censuses

Montana took a few censuses in the years between the federal censuses. State census records may have columns that were different or more unusual than those found on federal censuses. The responses and years of coverage may give additional information on the family.

Family History Library:

List of Early Settlers: A List of All Persons (Except Indians) Who Were in What Is Now Montana During the Winter of 1862-1863, compiled by the Montana Historical Society. It is found in "Contributions to the Historical Society of Montana . . . , 1: 293-308, Second Edition on Family History Library film.

Microfilm images at Family History Library:

Indian census rolls, Rocky Boy, 1919-1939	Indian census rolls, Ft. Peck, 1885-1939
Indian census rolls, Flathead, 1886-1939	Nonpopulation, 1870-1880
Indian census rolls, Ft. Shaw School, 1910	Indian census rolls, Great Sioux, 1892
Indian census rolls, Ft. Belknap, 1885-1939	Indian census rolls, Crow, 1891-1940
Census rolls, 1909-1948	Indian census rolls, Blackfeet, 1890-1939

Ancestry.com

1897-1898 Census of the Blackfeet, Montana

For more information see:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Montana_Census

Find Your German Roots From Familytree Magazine

From May/June 2020 Familytree Magazine here are some sites for German ancestry research:

- * **Archion:** www.archion.de (\$) Protestant church records online
- * **Matricula :** data.matricula-online.eu Church registers (mostly books of birth, marriage and death) from various European countries (currently Austria, Germany, Poland and Serbia).
- * **FamilySearch:** www.familysearch.org Enormous collections of abstracted vital records and substitutes as well as image-only documents for browsing.
- * **Ancestry.com:** www.ancestry.com (\$) American church records for ethnic German Congregations as well as passenger lists. The same collection of vital records as Familysearch but a different search engine.
- * **MyHeritage:** www.myheritage.com (\$) Large number of trees with intercontinental Connections. Some indexes to records from

The state of Hesse, as well as the Familysearch collection.

- * **Meyers Gazetteer:** www.meyersgaz.org Entries for villages and parishes. A Historical Map and a modern-day Google map of the Area.
- * **Kartenmeister:** www.kartenmeister.com Another online gazetteer allows you to enter A German or Polish village name and Returns information on the village. Messages by interested searchers.
- * **CompGen:** www.compgen.de Millions of names in public family trees, Village gazetteer, link to German's leading Library of digitized historical documents, And more.
- * **Grimms' Wörterbuch:** dwb.uni-trier.de The German Dictionary by Jacob Grimm and Wilhelm Grimm is the most extensive lexicographical depiction of the German language. It describes the vocabulary used in written New High German from the middle of the 15th century until today.



Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Membership Application

Revised December 2019, previous versions obsolete

Mailing Address:

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society
P. O. Box 2083
Salem, OR 97308-2083
Email: willvgs@yahoo.com
For more information:
WVGS Web Site Address:
<http://www.wvgsor.org>

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

\$ _____ Annual Dues for the calendar year are \$25 for an individual member or \$30 for a family membership. Membership includes the WVGS monthly newsletter and electronic copies of 4 issues of the quarterly bulletin *Beaver Briefs*.

\$ _____ Additional cost for *members only* for postage for 4 issues of hard copies of *Beaver Briefs* in the mail is \$7.

\$ _____ A one-time payment for Life Membership is \$250 if under age 70 or \$200 if age 70 or over.
See website for information on Life Membership or pick up a form from an officer.

\$ _____ Hard copies (4 issues) of *Beaver Briefs* only, received by mail, is \$20 for non-members only.

\$ _____ Other (please identify) _____

\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED Please make check payable to WVGS.

This information will be used to connect members through our website. Contact will be made through a third party. Your contact information will not be posted on the Members Page of our website.
I am looking for help or need help with:

I can offer help with:

My 5 main surnames are:

Languages (other than English) that I can read are:

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	1 pm— 8 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	The Reference Room at the Oregon State Archives is closed to the public to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Reference requests may still be submitted using the online form.						
Salem Public Library 1400 Broadway NE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-588-6052	Both of Salem Public Library's current physical branches, Salem Public Library at Broadway and the West Salem Branch Library, will be closed to the public until further notice, in accordance with the Governor's policies designed to slow the spread of COVID-19.						
Willamette Heritage Center Research Library 1313 Mill St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-585-7012	Museum closed until further notice.						



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