WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM MEETINGS

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting

We’ve been living with the new coronavirus for months, and the spread of COVID-19 is still going strong in many areas around the world, in the US and in Oregon. Oregon is frozen from November 18 to December 2, 2020 and who knows after that. This means that our monthly meetings for December 2020 have been cancelled by the Executive Board. There will not be a Board meeting on December 10th nor a General meeting on December 12, 2020. The WVGS Executive Board is planning on having a social meeting for our first meeting back together some time in 2021. We will be so happy to see each other and have much to discuss about how to keep the society functioning, that we feel we need to have our belated potluck and savor the social time together. We just don’t know when that will be. Meanwhile, we hope that you stay with us.

Membership for 2021

• Your WVGS Executive Board has decided that all members who were members of WVGS on April 1, 2020 will have their membership extended to December 31, 2021.
• So it is not necessary for current members to fill out a membership form for 2021, nor to send in any money for dues for 2021!
• This does not include the additional $7.00 fee for a hard copy of Beaver Briefs. If you wish to receive Beaver Briefs through the US mail, you will still need to fill out the form on page 7.

WVG has signed up for AmazonSmile. Shop there and this costs you nothing extra. You do have to start at smile.amazon.com though and select Willamette Valley Genealogical Society from the list. You can also go directly to the link below for our account: https://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-0703189

Support Willamette Valley Genealogical Society

Shop at smile.amazon.com and we’ll donate to your favorite charitable organization, at no cost to you.
MEMBERSHIP REPORT  By Suzan Rempel

Membership as of October 8, 2020 was 1 society, 20 Life Members, 43 single memberships, and 10 family memberships (20 individuals) for a total of 84 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, are closed to the public until further notice.

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.

Ancestry.com at Salem Public Library
If you have a library card for Salem Public Library, the Library is allowing access to Ancestry.com for library patrons. During the closure, our virtual services are still available. These systems require a library card and PIN number for access. Don’t have a library card? You can sign up online through our shared Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service (CCRLS) catalog at: http://bit.ly/CCRLSregister.

Google Salem Public Library or https://www.cityofsalem.net/library. Click on Virtual Services and then Online Services. The Library Edition of Ancestry is a World Edition, but you cannot work on your own tree.

Meeting Dates for 2020 (if held)

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Salem Public Library is closed due to COVID-19. You can check the online catalog at https://catalog.ccrls.org/client/en_US/spl/. Our collection of genealogical materials is in storage. But, the Library is now able to offer contactless curbside pickup to their collection, by appointment only, to City of Salem resident cardholders.

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
President’s Report for November 14, 2020
The General Meeting scheduled for November 14th was cancelled due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Members were notified in the November newsletter that the meeting had been cancelled. The Executive Board did meet on November 12th, 2020.

1. Treasurer's report: Barbara Foster compiled a Treasurer’s report for the month of October. For October: Income for Operations was $150.00 donations, $29.90 for research, $2.72 checking interest for a total income for the month of $182.62. Expenses for operations were for rent at Candalaria $344.21 which was the only expense. We opened a savings account, also at Pioneer Bank and transferred $32,584.00 to savings (plus $2.62 savings interest). BALANCE on October 31, 2020 was $838.41 in our checking account and $32,586.68 in savings.

2. Membership Report from Sue Rempel: Member MaryAn Roe has passed away. We have 1 Society, 20 Life members, 10 families/20 members, and 43 singles for 74 memberships or 84 members.

3. Meetings and speaker were cancelled.

4. Salem Public Library is closed. Volunteers will not be at the desk.

5. Corresponding Secretary Tony Hoff reported “Research requests are increasing! We received 6 research requests in October, 3 to our society and 3 to the SPL. They consisted of 3 requests for obituaries, information on Dutch citizenship, vital records on ancestors and birth & death certificates along with the name of parents.

6. Craig Smith - the Fall issue of Beaver Briefs, Vol. 52, #4 was sent out November 6, 2020.

7. Dennis Hill has kept our website updated. He has added a link to SmileAmazon.

8. Old Business – renewed Fold3 and FamilyTree Magazine. With a single subscription (not for an institution) we cannot make them available to members on our website. We decided to have a potluck for our first meeting back together, whenever that is in 2021. We have not planned any virtual programs yet. Lots of work for a few people to watch. Officers for 2021 will be the current officers. No other nominations, so officers will continue as stated in the October newsletter. Read into the record.

9. December meetings were cancelled.

Liz Tice, President

Mayflower Connections
We asked last month if members have Mayflower ancestry connections. So far we have:

Paul Andrews—Henry Howland the younger brother of John Howland. This makes me a distant cousin of Craig Smith. I have been able to trace 7 Howland descendants on Ancestry DNA. Did have the Ring family on the ship, Speedwell, that was a companion ship. It set out twice with the Mayflower and turned back. Some passengers transferred to the Mayflower and the Ring family went to Holland where the father died. The mother and children did get to Plymouth a few years later.

Doug Crosby—Stephen Hopkins
Dennis Hill—Isaac Allerton
Craig Smith—John Howland
Liz Tice—James Chilton, Frances Cooke and William White

Research Help is still Available!
Our volunteers are still waiting to help members. We can help Salem-area members get access to ancestry.com through a Salem Public Library card. We will still help members at no cost with research. Volunteers have access to newspapers.com and genealogybank.com for obituaries and news articles (we now have access to Portland and Seattle newspapers), Fold3 for military records, and The New England Historic and Genealogical Society, the oldest and premiere society (americanancestors.org) for New England research. Not all of our Mayflower books are locked up so we can help with researching your connection to the Mayflower.

You can contact us by email at willvgs@yahoo.com, phone at 503-363-0880, or we can meet at Candalaria in person (no internet access there).
MaryAn Roe was a faithful member of WVGS since 1982. She passed away on October 19, 2020 in Salem at age 95. We last saw MaryAn in December 2019 at our annual potluck. As her obituary says “Maryan was a kind and gracious soul with a keen focus on family. Her passion for life and gentle spirit will be greatly missed. She conducted decades-long genealogical research where she treasured being a descendent of seven Oregon pioneer families.” Maryan will be interred at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. Assisting the family is Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service. See her full obituary at legacy.com.

Washington State Records
- Important Note: Starting January 1, 2021, a new vital records law and rules go into effect that changes the ordering requirements for birth and death certificates.
- For increased security of personal information, only individuals with specific relationships to the person on the record being requested can receive a certified copy.
- Identity and proof of relationship documentation will be required. Exact documentation is still to be determined.
- Certificate fee will increase to $25.00 per copy.

Midwest Genealogy Center
The Midwest Genealogy Center (MGC) in Independence, Missouri is one of the United States' preeminent resources for family history, providing access to almost three-quarters of a million on-site materials. MGC features 52,000 square feet of space that houses all of the free resources needed to research your family history. MGC is part of the Mid-Continent Public Library (MCPL) system which has a long history of providing outstanding genealogy resources.
- Fillable PDFs: Many of our forms have been designed as fillable online PDFs. To use the fillable functionality, right click on the title and choose "Save link as" or "Save target as." Once you've saved the file, you can open it with Adobe Reader and fill in the form.
  - Four and Six-Generation Chart
  - Family Unit Chart
  - Individual Worksheet
  - Extended Family Chart
  - Research Checklist
  - Research Log
  - Family Tree Coloring Sheet
  - My Family History - for children
- Frequently Asked Questions
  Does your staff provide reference or research services? Yes. Please review our research policy.
  Are there genealogical researchers who will do research for me? Yes. We have prepared a listing of for-hire researchers.
  Are materials available through interlibrary loan? Yes, there are over 23,000 genealogy and local history books available on interlibrary loan to researchers nationwide through local libraries. You may search our online catalog to find available items.
- We Are Open!
  3440 S. Lee’s Summit Road
  Independence, MO 64055
  816.252.7228
  Current hours:
  Monday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
  Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
  A mask is required in all Library branches. Currently, no book browsing is allowed, but our staff will pull up to 10 books at a time.
  Before your visit, check the online catalog and make a list of the books you would like to see. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Midwest Genealogy Center is a member of WVGS.
https://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy

- The Familysearch Research Wiki is an excellent resource to learn more about the ancestors you’re researching, as well as the places and time periods in which they lived, with more than 90,000 articles, the Wiki provides research advice and tips.
- The FamilySearch Research Wiki is a free, online genealogical guide created and maintained by FamilySearch, a non-profit organization. It contains links to genealogy databases, websites, other resources, research strategies, and genealogical guidance to assist in the search for your ancestors. Articles included are locality pages for countries around the world and topic pages that include pertinent genealogy record types explaining how to use the record, what it contains, and how to find it.
- The Wiki does not contain specific individuals but instead lists genealogical resources that may list an individual. When searching the Research Wiki, search for the place your ancestor was born, lived, and died.
- If you are researching an individual in an area that you are unfamiliar with, it is invaluable in helping you learn what records are available, including where to find those records.

- Record types (like census, church, land, or vital records)
- Links to thousands of significant genealogical databases online
- 20 foreign-language word lists which give English translations of phrases typically found in genealogical documents
- Blank genealogical forms
- Handwriting guides help readers understand old forms of handwriting or foreign alphabets
- Descriptions of significant repositories: libraries, archives, societies, museums
- Browse the Wiki by country, state, county, categories, research help and much more
SmallTownPapers, Inc. of Shelton, Washington has taken ownership of ten small-town newspapers from now-retired eastern Washington and Idaho publisher LuJane Nisse. Copyrighted titles from communities including Palouse, Garfield, Latah County, Moscow, Genesee, and Kendrick have archives stretching back all the way to 1874.

Browse and search the scanned newspaper archive from 1846 up to the current edition! SmallTownPapers gives you free access to the people, places and events recorded in real time over the decades or even centuries! For a list of all newspapers see www.stparchive.com/landing.php

Free webinars from Legacy Family Tree. Go to https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php

**Your DNA questions answered live with Diahan**
by Diahan Southard
Fri, Dec 04, 2020

**From the 18th to the 21st: The Records of Prohibition**
by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL
Tue, Dec 15, 2020; Wed, Dec 16, 2020

**Ten Best Sources for Determining Your Immigrant Ancestor's...**
by Lisa Alzo
Wed, Dec 16, 2020

**Ten Databases You Need to Know About**
by Shannon Combs-Bennett
Wed, Dec 30, 2020
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

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:

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Museum closed until further notice.