



WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM MEETINGS

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting

We've been living with the 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. Marion County is still in the Extreme Risk category. This means that our monthly meetings for January 2021 have been cancelled by the Executive Board. **There will not be a Board meeting on January 7th, 2021 nor a General meeting on January 9th, 2021. Vaccine is on the way!**

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.

See the Salem Reporter at <https://www.salemreporter.com/posts/3291> for an article about WVGS, "Now's a good time to dig into your family history with expert Salem help". Thank you to Tony Hoff for providing the information.

What have you been doing during the pandemic? Member Dave Bruey has completed his book **and** published it! You can find "**The Ancestry of Amelia Marilla Morley: The Morleys Reach Ohio**" by David L Bruey on Amazon.com:

"The Ancestry of Amelia Marilla Morley presents her family history from the 1500s in England through the American colonial period and revolution to the deaths of her parents in the American Midwest in the 1880s. Mr. Bruey tells the family stories with a personal style attractive to both young and old readers. A remarkable depth of historical and genealogical research is apparent throughout the book. Antique woodcuts, maps, charts, old records, and other images illuminate the text. The Ancestry represents a new form of genealogical narrative that Mr. Bruey calls "storied family history." The women's as well as the men's lines are traced, and a story about each family or its times is told for every generation of every family line. As he states in the Introduction, genealogy makes history come alive, and history makes genealogy come alive. The narrative is followed by notes for genealogists. An extensive bibliography lists online and printed sources and offers advice on their use. A conventional ancestry report presents the genealogical facts. Indexes provide ready ways to search the pages for people and places."

WVGS 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>





WVGS Information

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

Membership as of December 1, 2020 was 1 society, 20 Life Members, 43 single memberships, and 10 family memberships (20 individuals) for a total of 84 members. There has been no change except for the members who have passed away in 2020.

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.

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. You can contact us by email at **willvgs@yahoo.com**, phone at 503-363-0880.

Meeting Dates for 2021 (if held)

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

WVGS Officers for 2021

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*

Support Willamette Valley Genealogical Society

Shop at smile.amazon.com and we'll donate to your favorite charitable organization, at no cost to you.



WVGS News

President's Report for December 12, 2020

The General Meeting scheduled for December 12th was cancelled due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Members were notified in the December newsletter that the meeting had been cancelled. The Executive Board did not meet on December 10th, 2020.

1. Treasurer's report: Barbara Foster compiled a Treasurer's report for the month of November. For November: Income for Operations was \$25 dues, \$14 for mailing Beaver Briefs, \$338.00 donations, \$50 for research, \$31.59 from Fred Meyer Rewards, \$2.77 interest for a total income for the month of \$461.36. Expenses for operations were \$50 for Oregon's Corporation fee, \$35.20 for mailing copies of Beaver Briefs, \$50 for printing Beaver Briefs, \$50 newsletter copy card, rent at Candalaria \$344.21, total \$529.41. We also renewed subscription to Fold3 for \$79.95 and newspapers.com for \$59.90 for a total expense in Research Resources of \$139.85. Total expenses were \$669.26. BALANCE on November 30, 2020 was \$33,217.19.
2. Membership Report from Sue Rempel: Membership has not changed: 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 "Good news, requests are up again. We had 8 research requests in November, all to our society. There were a variety of requests covering many topics. We had requests for 12 obituaries, Ancestry Family Trees, who's buried in a grave, census, birth, burial and military records, newspaper articles, yearbook pictures and adoption information.
6. Craig Smith- working on the first issue of Beaver Briefs for 2021.
7. Dennis Hill has kept our website updated. He has added a link to SmileAmazon.
8. Old Business – A virtual program would be lots of work for a few people who watch. We have not planned one yet. Officers for 2021 will be the current officers. No other nominations, so officers will continue as stated in the October newsletter.
9. New business – The Salem Reporter, <https://www.salemreporter.com/>, contacted us for information for an article about WVGS. Tony Hoff did a great job responding.

Liz Tice, President

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 and send a check or cash to WVGS.
- ♦ **For 2021 only, new members can join at no cost!! Let your fellow genealogists know.**

Oregon State Capitol Foundation

For a limited time, the Foundation is offering a free keepsake Capitol ornament with a donation of \$100 or more. Your gift to the Foundation helps us connect Oregonians to a shared heritage, enhance the beauty of our Capitol, and engage citizens in their democracy.

Individuals who accept our free gift will receive a donation acknowledgment receipt indicating the fair market value of the ornament. Please consult with your tax advisor to determine what portion of your donation is tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

The Oregon State Capitol Foundation is an IRS-designated 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

<https://oregoncapitolfoundation.org/>





National Archives



Italian Research Hints



NATIONAL ARCHIVES

<https://www.archives.gov/calendar/genealogy-fair>

National Archives Virtual Genealogy Fair

Annual Virtual Genealogy Fair

We have postponed the event to March 2021. Please return here for more information as it becomes available.

Every year, the National Archives hosts a free, virtual Genealogy Fair via live webcast. The sessions offer family history research tools on Federal records for all skill levels. Join thousands of family historians participating during the live event.

- Attend free of charge and no reservation
- Watch the broadcast via webinar
- Participate and ask questions during the live broadcast
- After the live event, video recordings and presentation materials remain available online

Genealogy Fairs Past and Present

Virtual Genealogy Fairs: 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, and 2013

The National Archives has hosted a virtual Genealogy Fair via a live webcast since 2013. See previous Fair posters, session videos, and handouts free of charge from the links below.

5 Ways to Research Your Italian Heritage Without Leaving Home by Megan Margino, Milstein Division of U.S. History, Local History & Genealogy New York City Library
<https://www.nypl.org/blog/2015/07/24/research-italian-heritage>

- ♦ To get started exploring your Italian roots, you can begin as you would with all family history research:
 Start with what you know, find out what your family knows, and use genealogical records to work your way backwards and uncover the unknown.
- ♦ Both United States records and family knowledge are essential in revealing what is arguably the most important piece in progressing with your Italian genealogy quest: your ancestors' town of birth. Italian records are kept at the local level, so this elusive detail is necessary for locating ancestors prior to their immigration to the United States.
- ♦ Though your research will undoubtedly take you to many libraries, archives, and records repositories, the following resources will help you discover generations of Italian ancestors—all without having to leave your home.
- ♦ This select list of websites will help you search for records of your family and guide you in locating Italian repositories where records are stored.
- ♦ FamilySearch, Italian Passenger List Indexes, Portale Antenati, Comuni-Italiani, Italian Catholic Church Directories,
- ♦ Italian Genealogy Handbook: *Finding Italian Roots: The Complete Guide for Americans*



FamilySearch



FamilySearch Wiki



January 2021

Family History Library
35 North West Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84150

Family History Library Class Calendar

Please note that all class and webinar times are given in MST.

DATE/TIME	CLASS	WEBINAR	ROOM
Mon, Jan 4, 10:00 AM MST	Using the FamilySearch Catalog (Beginner)	Yes	Online Only
Tue, Jan 5, 10:00 AM MST	Submitting Names for Temple Work (Beginner)	Yes	Online Only
Thu, Jan 7, 10:00 AM MST	The Research Process: An Introduction (Beginner)	Yes	Online Only
Sat, Jan 9, 9:00 AM MST	How to Use the Swedish National Archive Website, Riksarkivet (Beginner)	Yes	Online Only
Sat, Jan 9, 10:15 AM MST	How to Find People in the Norsk Slektshistorisk Forening (The Norwegian Genealogical Society) (Intermediate)	Yes	Online Only
Sat, Jan 9, 12:30 PM MST	Figuring out Denmark Jurisdictions (Beginner)	Yes	Online Only
Sat, Jan 9, 1:45 PM MST	ArkivDigital Basics (Beginner)	Yes	Online Only
Sat, Jan 9, 3:00 PM MST	Nordic Paleography – Understanding Common Abbreviations and Symbols (Intermediate)	Yes	Online Only
Tue, Jan 12, 11:00 AM MST	Guiando tu educación: Usando el centro de aprendizaje de FamilySearch (Beginner)	Yes	Online Only
Thu, Jan 21, 10:00 AM MST	Introduction to United States Military Records (Beginner)	Yes	Online Only
Tue, Jan 26, 11:00 AM MST	Diferentes Apellidos, Diferentes Ancestros (Beginner)	Yes	Online Only

To view a Webinar on the date and time listed, click on the '[Yes](#)' to the right of the class title.
The 'Yes' link will take you to the webinar.

For a list of monthly classes and webinars, please visit: http://familysearch.org/locations/library_class_schedule



RootsTech 2021
AmericanAncestors.org



National Archives

rootstech 25-27 February 2021
 CONNECT rootstech.org

February will be here before you know it and February means RootsTech!

The exciting news is RootsTech

in 2021 is entirely virtual, including a virtual exhibit hall, and **completely FREE** for everyone in the comfort of their homes. No expensive travel and hotel costs, or dealing with the massive crowds. There will be dozens of presentations by the top genealogists in the world and four keynote presenters to inspire you. Register today at: <https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng>. You can view six years of recordings from past RootsTech sessions in the video archive (free): <https://www.rootstech.org/video-archive?lang=eng>.



The Bulletin is the Quarterly Magazine of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon. It is a 46-page journal with all sorts of articles for genealogists. "Mindful Transcription: Adapting Methodology from my Television Career to Genealogy" in the December issue on page 15 has an interesting idea for learning to write better proof arguments. Click here to open

the [December 2020 issue of the Bulletin](#) and Click here to find the [Archive of past Bulletins](#).

Free Webinar

What's New at AmericanAncestors.org?

Thursday, January 14, 2021 3 p.m.-4 p.m. EST

AmericanAncestors.org is the award-winning website of New England Historic Genealogical Society and home to hundreds of databases with 1.4 billion searchable names, our robust online library catalog, digital manuscript collections, educational resources, and online periodicals with more being added each week. Stay up to date with what's new at AmericanAncestors.org with this quarterly webinar series! Hear about new databases, search features, and resources only available at AmericanAncestors.org.

National Archives

Search and explore more than 18,000 digitized historical photographs from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) records with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Photographs Finding Aid.

This dynamic web-based finding aid provides digital access to a rich collection of archived photographs of Native American communities, discoverable by Tribal Nation, topic, or state. https://www.archives.gov/research/native-americans/bia/photos/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=biafindingaid-dec2020



Blacksmithing at the Indian Training School, Forest Grove, Oregon



Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Membership Application

Revised December 2020, valid through December 31, 2021

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

\$ **Free Membership** ~~Annual Dues for the calendar year are \$25 for an individual member or \$30 for a family membership.~~ For 2021 only ~~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	The Willamette Heritage Center will be closed starting Wednesday, November 18 per Governor Brown's new measures and will remain closed until Tuesday, January 5						



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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