

WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting

- The General Meeting for April 10th, 2021 has been cancelled by the Executive Board.
- There will be a Board meeting on April 8, 2021 at 11:30 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 630 Hood St NE, Salem, Oregon. Members are welcome.

In looking to get meetings going again after a year of not having meetings, we have decided to conduct Zoom meetings! Our first one was mostly a discussion amongst the participants on what we have done genealogically during the pandemic and greeting each other after a year. This time we would like to focus on German Research.

GENEALOGY Discussion on German Research

Saturday April 10, 2021 at 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Please join us for a WVGS Genealogy Chat on Zoom

If you are looking for records for your German ancestors, or if you have done work and have recommendations for where to look, have suggestions on how to read Old German script, please join us for a help session on Zoom with other members. If you can contribute or have questions or would just like to join us, you are welcome. If you would like to attend this Zoom meeting virtually, contact Doug Crosby, our WVGS Program VP at dhcrosby@frontier.com or contact the Society at willvgs@yahoo.com for the link to the Zoom meeting on April 10th. It is best to have signed up for Zoom in advance. It's free! <https://zoom.us/join>

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.**
- ♦ **Welcome new members: Leann and Andy Bromeland, Ray and Sally Hollemon, Steven Learn, Jim Lowen, all of Salem, and Joyce Carrillo of Albany and Don Yoder of Canby.**

Familytree magazine

WVGS now subscribes to FamilyTree Magazine for our members. You can go to our website, www.wvgsor.org, click on the Member Page tab, enter your password and you will find pdf versions of FamilyTree Magazine for 2020 and 2021. This is an excellent genealogy magazine with lots and lots of research resources.



WVGS Information

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

Membership as of March 11, 2021 was 2 societies, 20 Life Members, 52 single memberships, and 10 family memberships (20 individuals) for a total of 94 members. We have had 8 new memberships and 1 renewal.

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.

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*



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- ♦ Step by step guidance to trace your family across the pond.
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- ♦ Twice the Irish records of any other site.
- ♦ Find your ancestors' journeys in the British & Irish Roots Collection.

This is a member benefit! Contact us at willvgs@yahoo.com for information on how to access it!



NEW YORK
GENEALOGICAL
AND BIOGRAPHICAL
SOCIETY

We now subscribe to ***New York Genealogical and Biographical Society***

- ♦ a non-profit genealogical society dedicated to preserving, documenting, and sharing the stories of NY State families, helping New Yorkers learn more about their family history for over 150 years.
- ♦ continually digitizing family history records that have never been online before, and adding them to Online Records .
- ♦ Kinship Books has been in continuous operation for more than 50 years
- ♦ Access to over 50 exclusive digital record sets covering the entire state of New York, including the fully searchable archives of The Record.

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WVGS News

President's Report for March 13, 2021

The General Meeting scheduled for March 13th was cancelled due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Members were notified in the March newsletter that the meeting had been cancelled. The Executive Board **did** meet on March 11, 2021.

1. Treasurer's report: Barbara Foster compiled a Treasurer's report for the month of February. For February: Income for Operations was Fred Meyer Reward \$33.89, \$65.00 donations, \$62.60 for research, \$132 for voided checks, \$1,000 transferred from savings, \$2.49 interest for a total income for the month of \$1,295.98. Expenses for operations were rent at Candalaria \$344.21, \$55 newsletter stamps, \$55 research stamps, \$82 replace lost check, total -\$536.21. BALANCE of checking and savings on February 28, 2021 was \$32,510.50.
2. Membership Report from Sue Rempel: We have 2 Societies, 20 Life members, 10 families/20 members, and 52 singles for 84 memberships or 94 members. Craig Smith has been recruiting new members!
3. General Meeting and speaker were cancelled. We scheduled a Zoom meeting, hosted by Doug on March 13th, which was an open discussion. He has been working with Dave Bruey on a Genealogy Treasure Hunt. The Board approved the cost of prizes for the Treasure Hunt. Contest will be held online April 16 to June 1st.
4. Salem Public Library is closed. Volunteers will not be at the desk. The Library will not be returning to the Broadway location and is scheduled to start moving back to the Library building this summer.
5. Corresponding Secretary Tony Hoff reported "We received 6 research requests in February, all came to our society and with a wide variety of subjects. There were requests for 20 obituaries, 4 marriage records, 3 death records, followed by requests for an immigration date, census report, Findagrave Memorial, list of surnames at a cemetery and information on ancestors who lived in Salem, MA.
6. Craig Smith- the first issue of Beaver Briefs for 2021 has been sent out.
7. Dennis Hill—kept the website updated. Will work on an interactive membership form for the website.
8. Old Business – americanancestors.org subscription not renewed at this time. Deanne Smith is working on an index for Beaver Briefs issues 40-49.

Liz Tice, President

COMING April 16th: The WVGS Treasure Hunt

The WVGS Treasure Hunt will be a test of your genealogical research skills. The Treasure Hunt will be open to anyone who is a member of the WVGS as of the end of the contest on June 1st (excluding WVGS Board members and contest organizers). Hundreds of dollars in prizes will be awarded. Contest rules and prizes will be posted on the website. Contest rules and the Treasure Hunt questions will be sent by email to all members (and the questions posted on the website) on April 16, 2021. Start honing your research skills!

WVGS FUNDRAISERS

Help support our Genealogical Society when you shop!!



Earn a donation for WVGS from Fred Meyer every time you shop and they scan your Rewards card. Go online and link your Rewards card to Willamette Valley Genealogical Society in your Fred Meyer Rewards account. The donation does not affect the rewards that you earn.



AmazonSmile is exactly the same as shopping on the Amazon site. The added bonus is that Amazon donates 0.5% of qualified purchases to a charity of your choice. Please choose Willamette Valley Genealogical Society. Use your Amazon login and password at AmazonSmile. You can change your charity of choice any time in AmazonSmile in the Your Account dropdown menu once logged in.



Help!



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Help Wanted!

- We need to work on updating our society, so we can attract new, younger members. Without change WVGS will shrink down, in 10-20 years, to just a very few members. The most active members are now all in their 60s-70s. Publicity position could be restructured to include membership recruitment to conduct an active recruitment drive. Our hope is that we could recruit some permanent younger, active personalities to assist with the growth and preservation of WVGS.
- We need a Facebook page as that is where younger people go. And FamilySearch has a place for society Wikis where members can contribute. It can be linked to our web page.
- Update the newsletter. Have an eye-catching web newsletter. This is not something I am able to do.
- This is a link to FamilySearch's suggestions:

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Strengthening a Genealogical Society on FamilySearch Wiki](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Strengthening_a_Genealogical_Society_on_FamilySearch_Wiki)

- The newest generation of researchers start their search not in a library, but on a computer keyboard. The problem is that they often don't know what they are missing when it comes to what genealogy societies have to offer. So, we do have to let them know.

What is the problem with these suggestions? They all require **ACTIVE** people to do the tasks! We need member's help!!

These suggestions require a public relations director:

1. Publicity – we currently have no one promoting our society. It can be a member or potential member, needs to be a good salesperson, up to date on online promotion. Recruit a member or a friend. It is promoting and marketing our society to send a strong message to others in our community. This includes our library collection, publications, and projects like Chemeketa Cemetery -What is unique to only our collection and how do we market that/communicate that to potential joiners? Hire PR?
2. Membership recruitment – same as above.
3. New newsletter editor for online newsletter.
4. Facebook or FamilySearch Wiki page requires a person to set up, monitor, post, answer questions, etc.

Liz Tice, President

Denise Sproed is still helping our members with their DNA Questions.

You can go to our website

www.wvgsor.org

Click on Research and go to the bottom of the page to submit a request.

Or go directly to

<http://wvgsor.org/Research.htm>

Genealogical discovery can also be achieved through genetic matches using one of the available DNA testing services. These extensive databases can help you connect to lineages that are sometimes lost due to data destruction (fires etc.), or migrations across political boundaries.

If you would like information on Autosomal DNA testing, or assistance with analysis and research of your test results, **Denise Sproed**, a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, is available for counseling via email exchange. Click below to submit your request. Note that in-person counseling is not available at this time.

DNA Counseling
Request Form



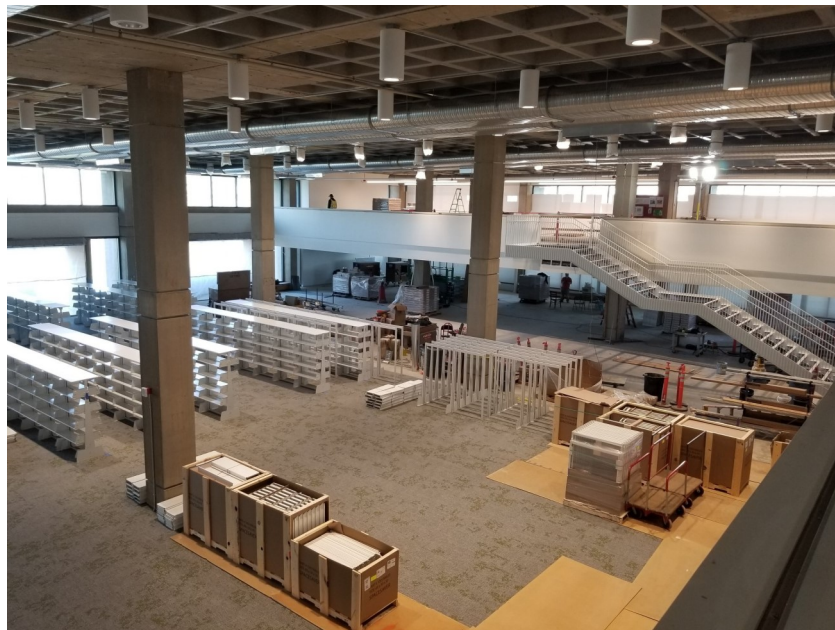
Salem Public Library



National Archives

Salem Public Library

Renovations at Salem Public Library are continuing



“New staircase from main floor of Salem Public Library to the upper floor youth areas will now hug the balcony, rather than extend straight through the middle of the main area. This will mean a more open main floor for more efficient use of space, and a more gentle ascent with a mid-staircase landing. Also, check out the new bookshelves! We're going into the home stretch on construction work and headed into the furnishing of the remodeled space -- just a sneak peak of the seismically safe, more user-friendly space asked for by our voters and patrons! Opening is still a few months away, but here's a look into the future!

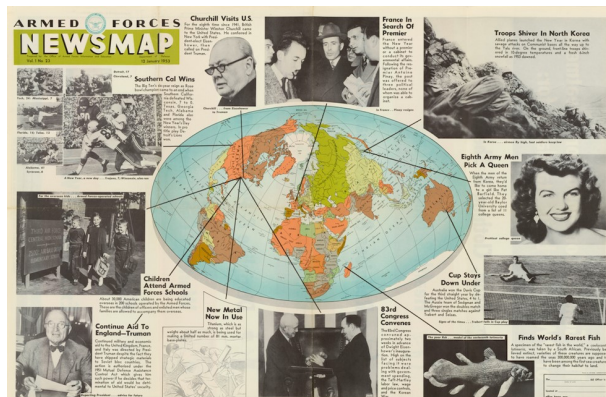


CATALOG

National Archives: we're charting a course through the cartographic holdings at the National Archives.

How do I search the Catalog for maps and charts?

- ⇒ It is best to search the Catalog for a topic, name or phrase and then narrow down the search results using filters. You may need to do several different searches to find the records you are interested in.
- ⇒ You can review our Catalog Search Tips.
- ⇒ If you are looking for a name or phrase, put those terms in quotations for the search, example “New York”.
- ⇒ Search results bring back all formats of records. Use the filters on the left side to narrow your results to Maps and Charts.
- ⇒ Not all of the descriptions in the Catalog include digitized records. To see those that have digital images in the Catalog, after conducting a search, use the filter on the left side to narrow your results to Archival Descriptions with Digital Objects.
- ⇒ If you find a record you'd like to use, you can download it. For a video tutorial, please see How to Download Records from the National Archives Catalog.
- ⇒ If you have a question about a description in the Catalog, reach out to the reference staff listed in the Contact(s) section.





State Censuses



Things to Do

(This series was started in 2018 up until May 2020, but not finished in the newsletters. The complete list was published in Beaver Briefs.)

NEW HAMPSHIRE State, territorial, and colonial censuses

New Hampshire took early listing of individuals that will help locate family members. The responses and years of coverage may give additional information on the family.

Family History Library:

Census of New Hampshire, for the years 1767-1775, Film

1776 State census of men over age 21 who declared their Revolutionary War position. Jay Mack Holbrook compiled the New Hampshire 1776 Census, Holbrook Research Institute, Book, which lists name, town and county of residence, whether for or against the Revolutionary War, and page number. The page number refers to the New Hampshire Provincial and State Papers, volume 30, which is available online through www.ancestry.com.

Ancestry.com:

New Hampshire, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1790-1890 (includes 1890 Veterans Schedule)

For more information see:

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

Genealogy Research during COVID-19 Pandemic

Are you getting tired of online genealogy research?? Try something different:

- * *Start a family history book or scrap-book.*
- * *Take a DNA test.*
- * *Learn the language of your ancestors.*
- * *Cook a dish from an ancestral land.*
- * *Record your own life story.*
- * *Scan and organize old family photos.*
- * *Record family traditions.*
- * *Learn about an ancestor's occupation.*
- * *Upload pictures to your online family tree.*
- * *Join a genealogy Facebook group.*
- * *Add citations to your family tree.*
- * *Organize your genealogy files.*
- * *Organize and tag digital photos.*
- * *Watch a genealogy webinar.*
- * *Map your ancestors.*
- * *Pick an ancestor and research as many details as you can. Go beyond vital records and dig as deep as you can to learn more. Newspapers are one good option, as they can be a great source of information about everyday life.*
- * *Be a Virtual Volunteer! Index or transcribe records online, or contribute to other online projects. FamilySearch's indexing program is probably the most well known, but other libraries, archives, and organizations also have projects that use volunteers.*





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. https://sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/order.aspx						
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 Research Library at the Willamette Heritage Center remains closed to the public in compliance with state guidelines set forth to reduce the spread of Covid-19. Reference requests may be submitted using the online form at https://www.willametteheritage.org/research/						



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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