

Genealogy Classes Fall 2025

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society will have a series of genealogy classes on a variety of genealogy topics. You sign up for each one separately-some or all of them. Each one will have a presentation and handout on the topic. The last hour is for attendee's research. You can bring your own laptop/tablet. This is your chance to learn more about how to research your family.

The Genealogy Classes at the Center 50+ are in partnership with the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society. Six separate classes will be held– sign up for all or some. Cost is \$10 for each 3-hour class.; \$12 for non-Salem residents.

Instructor: WVGS Member

When: Mondays, Sept 29, 2025- to Nov 3, 2025

Time: Each class is 10 am to 1 pm.

Where: Center 50+

***2615 Portland Rd NE,
Salem, OR 97301***

Contact: Senior Center 503-588-6303

Register online at

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/community/seniors-and-center-50/register-for-center-50-classes-and-activities>

Each class will have a presentation and handout. Then WVGS will help you search for your records on the topic of the class.

Class 1: Sept 29, 2025, 10 am– 1pm *How to Get Started on Genealogy*

Family information, forms, get organized, genealogy trees, sourcing.

Class 2: Oct 6, 2025, 10 am-1pm *Ancestry.com and FamilySearch*

These are two of the “big” genealogy sites. We’ll go over the features of each and best ways to search.

Class 3: Oct 13, 2025, 10 am—1 pm *Vital Records*

Vital records pertain to birth, marriage and death records. Where to find them, what might be on them and how to get missing records will be talked about as well as what you can find in wills and probate records.

Class 4: Oct 20 ,2025, 10 am-1 pm *Military Records & Land Records*

You can find personal information and where your ancestors lived. We’ll cover types of records and where to find them.

Class 5: Oct 27, 2025, 10 am –1pm *Immigration & Ethnic Sources and Native American (if requested)*

We’re an immigrant nation. We’ll look into how we can find records of our ancestors arriving and becoming citizens and records before they emigrated.

Class 6: Nov 3, 2025, 10 am-1pm *Googling and Free Sites*

An important part of searching for genealogy records is “googling”. There also are many free genealogy sites.

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