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Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting

- The General Meeting for June 12th, 2021 has been cancelled by the Executive Board.
- There will be a Board meeting on June 10th, 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 meetings so far have mostly been a discussion amongst the participants on what we have done genealogically during the pandemic and greeting each other after a year away. Join us on June 12, 2021. Pick our members' brains for help with your brick walls. Maybe someone can help you!

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

Please join us for a WVGS Genealogy Chat on Zoom

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 June 12th. It is best to have signed up for Zoom in advance. It's free! <https://zoom.us/freesignup/>
<https://www.facebook.com/wvgsor/>

 **Salem Public Library (Salem, OR)** <https://www.facebook.com/spl.oregon>

- ♦ Did you see a change in the due dates for items you have borrowed from Salem Public Library? If you had any of our books, movies, CDs, or other items checked out on or before May 12, you might notice that due dates on items owned by Salem Public Library were extended to September 1.
- ♦ Why? We want to continue to extend as much grace as we can to folks who haven't had a chance to bring items back yet. It is also part of getting ready for our upcoming move back to the renovated Main Library. Really, it's a request from us to do us a favor. If you can keep those books at your place a bit longer than usual, library staff will have fewer items to move and shelve all at once.
- ♦ We are looking forward to a busy summer behind the scenes as we prepare to move back to the Main Library at 585 Liberty St. SE. **We hope to be operating in the Main Library by early September 2021.**

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 May 6, 2021 was 2 societies, 20 Life Members, 83 single memberships, and 13 family memberships (26 individuals) for a total of 131 members. We now have an online membership form.

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

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 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*

We now subscribe to *Find my past*:

With *Findmypast*, you get the complete British and Irish family history experience, to connect you with your ancestors and bring your story to life.

- ◆ Step by step guidance to trace your family across the pond.
- ◆ Advice and insight from our expert genealogists.
- ◆ The largest online archive of British and Irish newspapers.
- ◆ 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.

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



WVGS News

President's Report for May 8, 2021

The General Meeting scheduled for May 8th was cancelled due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Members were notified in the May newsletter that the meeting had been cancelled. The Executive Board did meet on May 6, 2021.

1. Treasurer's report: Barbara Foster compiled a Treasurer's report for the month of April. For April 2021: Income for Operations was from donations \$415, research \$244.10 for a total income for the month of \$659.10. Expenses for operations were rent at Candalaria \$344.21, total expenses -\$344.21. BALANCE of checking and savings on March 31, 2021 was \$32,577.84. Thank you to Claudine Shaw and Thomas Branigar for donations and Tony Hoff for continuing to do research for us.
2. Membership Report from Sue Rempel: We have 2 Societies, 20 Life members, 13 families/26 members, and 83 singles for 118 memberships or 131 members. New members Lois Hadley of Hillsboro, Loreen Wells of Salem, Cody Jones of Buckley, WA, Allison Bowers of Qualicum Beach, BC, Dave Obee of Victoria, BC, Cindy Gell of Courtenay, BC
3. Meetings and speaker were cancelled. We planned a Zoom meeting on May 8th. The May 8th Zoom meeting was cancelled since the host Doug Crosby was unavailable. The Genealogy Treasure Hunt will be from April 16, 2021 to June 1, 2021. Rules and Questions were posted on the website as well as sent by email to members.
4. Salem Public Library is closed. Volunteers will not be at the desk. The Library is scheduled to start moving back to the Library building in May. Opening depends on the pandemic.
5. Deanne Smith has been working on an index to issues 40-49 for Beaver Briefs. We will only print 2 copies, one for us and one for use in the library.
6. Corresponding Secretary Tony Hoff reported "We received 4 research requests in April, all to our society. There were requests for 7 obituaries, 2 marriage records, a death certificate and to verify the parents of an ancestor." He has also been working on research for members.
7. Dennis Hill—kept the website updated, as well as the password list for new members.
8. New Business- Members have been using Find My Past and NYG&B, one at a time.
We will have a new class at the Senior Center when it opens, based on 5 regions of the US using Family Tree Magazine's state hand-outs..
9. Old business – we need to set up a Pay Pal account.

Liz Tice, President

Membership for 2021

For 2021 only, new members can join at no cost!! Online form on our website at www.wvgsor.org. Contact us for help with your genealogy.

Welcome new members: Lois Hadley, Loreen Wells, Cody Jones, Allison Bowers, Dave Obee, and Cindy Gell.

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.



Research



Research

What happens to our genealogy research when we die?

Don't let your hard-earned genealogy research get thrown away when you're gone! If your kids or other family members aren't interested in your research, donating it to a library can be a good way to preserve it so it can assist generations of family historians to come. However, there are a few pointers you should keep in mind when donating. Libraries have limited space and resources, and it's not guaranteed that they'll accept the donation.

1. Organize your research before you donate it. Unorganized research will be thrown out!
2. Find a suitable library, archive, or historical or genealogical society.
Find out what they will do with it.
3. Put it in your will. Family may not know what your plans were.
4. Make a family tree. This is easier now with software or online programs.

Well documented and organized genealogy and family history, in physical and digital formats, can be shared with many different people and organizations. Be aware that there are restrictions to the types of donated genealogy, family history and family heirlooms depending on the requirements of the institution or group you want to give to.

Ensuring that your own original research material 'goes to a good home' at your demise is essential to it not being destroyed. Be sure that you work hard to find a recipient who will appreciate it. Finding a person to take over the research is a far better idea, or appointing a trusted friend or family member who is interested in family history.

Know anyone researching these names?

Regarding the article above, WVGS receives requests concerning research that needs to be passed on. **We have no room to store files.** So:

From Ray Zweigart, "A box of historical items given to me today by the McKinney family is genealogical data relating to the history of the family. This data was collected by a [late] Miss Brown. Some of the data is typed, other are handwritten. I would be happy to give these documents to that person if interested. Please advise if you know of someone studying the McKinney family. They should feel free to call me if interested. 503.559.6368 "

A good genealogist:

1. Finds every document possible on an ancestor. He/she does not stop at census and vital registrations but looks beyond to records such as land records, court records, military records, church records, immigration records, education records, newspaper articles, tax and assessment records, etc.
2. Learns what records have survived for the location and time period for each ancestor's life. Then learns where those records can be found - online and off.
3. Copies documents exactly as found, not as he/she thinks it should be.
4. Cites sources for all facts found. Citing your sources means others can look up what you have written, and verify for themselves. Sources means you've got proof of some kind to support your fact. **(future good genealogists will continue reading this article on page 6)**



Facebook



Family History Library

As WVGS reaches out for new members we need to be aware of and use new strategies to get the attention of potential members. The majority of the next generation are comfortable with online media and use of the Internet. Signing up and communicating with our newest members should be quick and easy and allow them to participate within their scheduled time.

“Facebook is a website which allows users, who sign-up for free profiles, to connect with friends, work colleagues or people they don't know, online. It allows users to share pictures, music, videos, and articles, as well as their own thoughts and opinions with however many people they like.”

To sign up for a Facebook account, you need a name and a working email address or mobile phone number. You can use any name you are known by. However, if you run into a problem, you may have to provide an acceptable form of ID to verify it later.

Once you are a Facebook member you then need to visit our webpage at <https://www.facebook.com/wvgsor/> Once the page appears to you for the first time you can select the “like” button to receive messages or notices as they are posted to the page by WVGS and other Facebook members.

The WVGS Facebook page will allow WVGS to communicate to both members and the general public regarding our meeting dates, times and places. We can post our general meeting agenda and special presentations; contests, publication content, newsletters, as well as announcements and sharing of information. Facebook communication is spontaneous and within seconds posts to the WVGS Facebook page goes out to everyone “liking” our page.

Craig Smith



June 2021

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

Family History Library Class Calendar

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/img_auth.php/2/2e/FHL_06_2021_Class_Calendar.pdf



The Oregon Historical Society <https://www.ohs.org/about-us/newsletter.cfm>
The Oregon Historical Society's member newsletter, The Historian, is the best way to stay up to date on the happenings at OHS. From behind-the-scenes features on our exhibitions, to insider's looks at our priceless archives, to announcements on upcoming events and new scholarship, The Historian provides readers with an exclusive look at the many ways OHS is serving our mission of inspiring curiosity about our state's vast history.



State Censuses



Genealogists

(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 MEXICO State, territorial, and colonial censuses

New Mexico took several censuses in the years between the federal censuses. The dates are listed below. 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.

1885 Federal census of New Mexico Territory.

1845, 1830, 1827, 1826, 1823, 1822, 1816, 1802, 1790, and 1750-- Mexican and Spanish colonial censuses exist. The colonial censuses include the wife's maiden name. These censuses are incomplete and do not include all families in New Mexico.

The colonial censuses are available at The New Mexico Records Center and Archives, The University of New Mexico Library, The Family History Library.

They have been transcribed and indexed in:

Olmsted, Virginia L. Spanish and Mexican Colonial Censuses of New Mexico: 1790, 1823, 1845. (Family History Library book)

Olmsted, Virginia L. Spanish and Mexican Censuses of New Mexico: 1750-1830. (Family History Library book)

Family History Library Microfilm images

School census of Navajo indians 1957,1961

Indian census rolls, Zuni, 1904-1935

Indian census rolls, Eastern Navajo, 1929-1935

Agency records, 1878-1926

Albuquerque school indian rolls, 1904-1907,1910,1911

Ancestry.com

Arizona and New Mexico Territories Census, Late 1800s

New Mexico, Territorial Census, 1885

New Mexico, Resident Index, 1790

FamilySearch

New Mexico, Territorial Census, 1885 Index and Images

For more information see:

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

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5. Never relies blindly on family stories or online family trees, but searches out a source for each. Verify, verify, verify!
6. Makes an accurate copy of all records found. Carefully notes spelling of names while copying and does not make changes.
7. Keeps a research log of all sources checked, and notes if the search was successful or not.
8. Analyzes each record and document carefully in order to spot clues that may lead to other areas of research and to accurately understand what the record is and is not.
9. Searches siblings of a challenging ancestor in order to find more documents that may hold clues pertaining to his/her ancestor.
10. Leaves no stone (record) unturned. Extends his/her search to records not found online such as in local courthouses or archives.

Olive Tree Genealogy

<http://olivetreegenealogy.blogspot.com/2021/05/20-traits-of-good-genealogist.html>



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 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
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	9 am-1pm Exc 1st&3rd
Salem LDS Family History Center 4550 Lone Oak Rd SE Salem, OR 97302 / 503-378-0383 ext 7	CLOSED	CLOSED	9am— 6 pm	By Appt.	9 am— 8 pm	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 St NE Salem, Salem, OR 97301 / 503-588-6052	Both of Salem Public Library's current physical branches, Salem Public Library 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/						



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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