



July 2021

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting

- 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 July 10, 2021. Pick our members' brains for help with your brick walls. Maybe someone can help you!**
- Saturday July 10th, 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 July 10th. It is best to have signed up for Zoom in advance. It's free! <https://zoom.us/join>

How has WVGS managed during the pandemic?

- * We have had free membership this year. Next year we will re-instate membership fees.
- * We have subscribed to more online websites and magazines for members.
- * Tried Zoom meetings in order to keep members in touch.
- * Had a Treasure Hunt contest with genealogical questions for those needing a challenge.
- * Joined Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/wvgsor/>
- * Set up an online membership form and will have Pay Pal ready for next year.
- * Continued to hold Board meetings to conduct society business.
- * Published monthly newsletters and quarterly Beaver Briefs.
- * Planned for new classes at the Senior Center on Saturdays.
- * Kept costs to a minimum.
- * New publications: Index to Volumes 40-49 of Beaver Briefs and will soon mail a publication brochure to every member and exchange societies and libraries.
- * **Still in need of a publicity chairman!!**

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 June 10, 2021 was 2 societies, 20 Life Members, 98 single memberships, and 13 family memberships (26 individuals) for a total of 146 members. We now have an online membership form.

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*



We now subscribe to *Find my past*:

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- ♦ Step by step guidance to trace your family across the pond.
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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 June 12, 2021

The General Meeting scheduled for June 12th was cancelled due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Members were notified in the June newsletter that the meeting had been cancelled. The Executive Board did meet on June 10, 2021.

1. Treasurer's report: Barbara Foster compiled a Treasurer's report for the month of May.

For May 2021: Income for Operations was from donations \$15, research \$98, Fred Meyer Rewards \$33.99, Amazon Smile \$5.58, Interest for April and May \$5.02 for a total income for the month of \$157.59. Expenses for operations were rent at Candalaria \$344.21, total expenses -\$344.21. BALANCE of checking and savings on May 31, 2021 was \$32,325.22.

2. Membership Report from Sue Rempel: We have 2 Societies, 20 Life members, 13 families/26 members, and 98 singles for 133 memberships or 146 members. New members are Star Morales of Auburn, WA, Lisa Marker of Shoreline, WA, Lorraine Jacobs of Canby, OR, Regina Farris of Meridian, ID, Karin Coppernoll of Monroe, WA, Anne Billeter of Medford, OR, Whynter Reyne of Ward Cove, AK, George Smith of Portland, OR, Annette Day of Brooks, OR, Lori Bates of Salem, Valerie Eberly of Monmouth, OR, Vic Bennett of Battle Ground, WA, Sharon Ducharme of Albany, OR, June Cogle of Grants Pass, OR, Laurel Smith of Oak Grove, OR.

3. Meetings and speaker were cancelled. We planned a Zoom meeting on June 12 and the next on July 10th from 10:30 am to 12 noon. The Genealogy Treasure Hunt ended June 1st, 2021, with no submissions. The second in-person meeting will be a discussion on methodology using the contest questions for examples.

4. Salem Public Library is closed. Volunteers will not be at the desk. The Salem Public Library is tentatively scheduled to open September 1, 2021. Opening depends on the pandemic. WVGS will still have to shelve our books that we boxed up and are stored in the basement of Salem Public Library. Deanne Smith will be in charge of organizing volunteers to help. We hope to have volunteers working later at the library in September.

5. Corresponding Secretary Tony Hoff reported "We received 5 research requests in May; 4 to our society and 1 to SPL. There were requests for 7 obituaries, copies of pages from a book we have at Candalaria and to update a family tree."

6. Deanne Smith has completed an index to issues 40-49 for Beaver Briefs. She printed 2 copies, one for us and one for use in the library.

7. There will be a meeting for volunteers before we open up again at SPL. The Board approved a request to have volunteer once a month at Keizer Library.

8. Beaver Briefs, Issue #2, was sent out on May 20th. Craig is working on the next issue.

9. Dennis Hill has 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. We will try to have the series of 5 classes on Saturdays, depending on Senior Center's schedule. President Liz Tice has set up a Pay Pal account so that members can fill out a membership form and pay online next year. The Board decided to open another account at Pioneer Bank just for Pay Pal. Barbara Foster and Liz will do that.

Liz Tice, President

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.



Familytree Magazine



FamilyTree Magazine

Familytree University Online Courses for July and August 2021

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Italian
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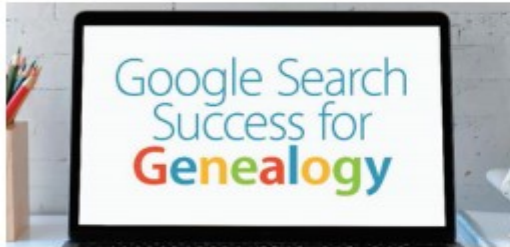
begins July 12th

Cluster and
Collateral Research



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Google Search
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101 BEST
WEBSITES
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Seeing

This summer, hit the
road—virtually, that
is—with our annual list
of the 101 Best
Genealogy Websites.

by DAVID A. FRYXELL

It is impossible to summarize what Familytree Magazine has to say about the 101 Best Websites—but members can go to the Members Page on our website, www.wvgsor.org and read the article.

That said, the All-Inclusive, Big Websites are:

♦ **Ancestry.com**

Megasite! All-inclusive, always adding databases. Also includes newspapers.com. Available to Marion County residents through Salem Public Library

♦ **FamilySearch**

Free site that also just keeps growing, including online family trees and 35 million obituaries from genealogybank.com.

♦ **FindMyPast**

UK-centric site, includes Australia and New Zealand and US collections. WVGS subscribes to this.

♦ **Google**

We depend on the search engine for translations, book searches, maps, and more.

♦ **MyHeritage**

Online trees, DNA testing, includes French and Norwegian records and automated photo-colorization.



WVGS News

Treasure Hunt Contest

We had a contest which ended June 1st with no entries. Did you answer some of the questions and assume someone else would submit more correct answers than you? Well, you would have won with one correct answer!! Our second in-person meeting will be a "Methodology for Genealogical Research" using the questions as examples. So if you have been wondering about some of the solutions, plan on coming to that meeting. It still depends on the pandemic restrictions,, of course.

WVGS Publications

WVGS does have publications for sale. Over the years, members of the society have worked hard to publish records from Salem, Marion County and surrounding areas.

We will be publishing a supplement containing a list of our publications, to be sent to all members and exchange societies. But for now you can go to our website, www.wvgwor.org and click on the Materials tab. There is a complete list and an ordering form.

Oregon is one of the top blueberry producers in the United States!

Luckily we have Linda and David Thompson as members of our Society. They are very generous members and Linda says: Just wanted to let everyone know that our blueberry bushes are loaded and will be ready to pick soon. I think they will be ready to pick about July 10th, if you could let the group know they are welcome to come pick again this year, just give us a call before coming, 503-363-9800. Thanks and hope to see you all this summer, Linda and David Thompson



Free Oregon Records

Some databases may not come up in a Google search:

Familysearch.org

These records are not indexed but the camera icon means you can look at them, from the Un-indexed Records in Oregon:

-  [Oregon, Baker County Records, 1862-1950](#)
-  [Oregon, Benton County Records, 1856-1984](#)
-  [Oregon, Columbia County Records, 1854-1958](#)
-  [Oregon, Deschutes County Records, 1871-1985](#)
-  [Oregon, Douglas County Records, 1850-1983](#)
-  [Oregon, Grant County Records, 1851-1992](#)
-  [Oregon, Harney County Records, 1870-1991](#)
-  [Oregon, Marion County Records, 1849-1976](#)
-  [Oregon, Polk County Records, 1857-1972](#)
-  [Oregon, Tillamook County Records, 1854-1967](#)
-  [Oregon, Wasco County Records, 1854-1960](#)
-  [Oregon, Yamhill County Records, 1857-1963](#)

OREGON County Military Service Records, 1919-1920 -

Available through *Family Search*, this collection includes country service records for various counties in the state of Oregon. <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/3010088>

New at the State Archives:

New in 2021

[Request a record from the State Archives >](#)

Vital records opened at the beginning of 2021:

- Birth Certificates for 1920
- Death Certificates for 1970
- Marriage and Divorce Returns for 1970



State Censuses



State Censuses

(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 YORK State, territorial, and colonial censuses

New York often took 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.

New York Censuses Family History Library films:

1969 Native Americans

1845-1950 Native Americans

1875-1921 Almshouses and poorhouses – census is online at the New York State Archives. These are not indexed.

1890 - New York, New York City, Police Census, 1890 at FamilySearch — index

1890 Manhattan police census – Ancestry.com has 26 of 894 surviving census books indexed online. On 59 microfilms, FHL film

1870 New York County 2nd enumeration

1771 Shelter Island (Suffolk County), Gloucester County, Newtown (Queens County)

1776 Suffolk County

1657-1799 Lists of inhabitants

1663-1772 Colonial censuses – About every ten years.

Also, to locate existing colonial censuses and lists of petitioners, taxpayers, militia lists, freeholders (those who owned property), and persons taking oaths of allegiance, use:

Stemmons, John D., *The United States Census Compendium*; [FHL Book].

1696 Association Oath Rolls – Not technically a census, the 1696 Association Oath Rolls serves as a census substitute. The original records are found in class C 213 at the National Archives, Kew, England. Gandy published abstracts of oath takers living in British plantations, including New York: Gandy, Wallace. *The Association Oath Rolls of the British Plantations*. [FHL Book]. Digital version at Internet Archive.

FamilySearch and Ancestry.com:

New York, State Census, 1855

New York, State Census, 1905

New York, State Census, 1865

New York, State Census, 1915

New York, State Census, 1875

New York, State Census, 1925

New York, State Census, 1892

Family History Library Microfilm:

1845 Counties: [Cattaraugus](#), Chautauqua, Cortland, Delaware, Fulton, Herkimer index, Orange, Saint Lawrence, Steuben, Yates

1835 Counties: Broome, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Cortland, Delaware, Herkimer index, Jefferson, Lewis, Orange, Saint Lawrence, Schenectady, Schoharie, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Washington, Yates

1825 Counties: Broome index, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua index, Cortland, Delaware, Herkimer index, Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida index, Orange, Otsego, Saint Lawrence, Schoharie, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Washington, Yates

For more information see:

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



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
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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