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**Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting**



We have had to cancel our General Meeting on October 9th. We are so disappointed as we would love to see some of our members in person but it seems we can't do it yet.

Our plan is for meeting on November 13th, 2021 when

- We will have a short business meeting starting at 10:30 am and then allow time for members to talk about what they have been doing during the last 18 months.
- At 12 noon we will have lunch. The Society will provide food, including drinks and dessert. It's time to get re-acquainted. Local members please plan on coming on November 13th to the VFW Hall, downstairs.

- There will be a Board meeting on Thursday October 7, 2021 at 11:30 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 630 Hood St NE, Salem, Oregon. Members are welcome.

**Membership for 2022**

Your WVGS Executive Board has decided that all members who are members of WVGS on December 31, 2021 will have their membership extended to December 31, 2022.

So it is not necessary for current members to fill out a membership form for 2022, nor to send in any money for dues for 2022!

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 and 2022 only, new members can join at no cost!! Let your fellow genealogists know.

Our online form for new members is at [www.wvgsor.org](http://www.wvgsor.org)

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## WVGS Information

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

Membership as of September 9, 2021 was 2 societies, 20 Life Members, 106 single memberships, and 13 family memberships (26 individuals) for a total of 154 members. We now have an online membership form. Welcome all new members!

### Newsletter

We send newsletters to our members and exchange societies **by email** from our Yahoo email account ([willvgs@yahoo.com](mailto: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*

## Elections of Officers for 2022

**Elections for 2022 are coming up. It's hard to conduct an election when we are unable to meet! So:**

- ♦ We welcome any nominations or volunteers for officers for 2022. If you would like to nominate yourself or anyone else, please contact the Society at [willvgs@yahoo.com](mailto:willvgs@yahoo.com) by October 7, 2021. If no other nominations are received, we will not have a vote as nominees are running unopposed. Election will be read into the record as "Unanimous". If we receive other nominations, we will have an election by mail. Ballots will be mailed out the week of October 18, 2021, to be returned by November 11, 2021.
- ♦ **Tony Hoff has been our Corresponding Secretary for the last 7 years and is "retiring". Tony has done a wonderful job doing research for our society. He will help the new officer with the procedure. "The Corresponding Secretary shall answer research requests, in conformity with Society policy, conduct genealogical correspondence of the Society, keep a suitable record of all such correspondence" (per our Constitution).**
- ♦ Nominations for officers for 2022 are our current 2021 officers: **Liz Tice President, Doug Crosby 1<sup>st</sup> VP (Program), Sue Rempel 2<sup>nd</sup> VP (Membership), Barbara Foster (Treasurer), Sally Broadwater (Recording Secretary), Corresponding Secretary— OPEN.** Thank you to the officers for volunteering their time again.



## WVGS News

### President's Report September 11, 2021

The General Meeting scheduled for September 11th was cancelled due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Members were notified in the September newsletter that the meeting had been cancelled. The Executive Board did meet on September 9, 2021.

1. Treasurer's report: Barbara Foster compiled a Treasurer's report for the month of August 2021.

For August 2021: Income for Operations was from donations \$30, research \$248.70, Fred Meyer Rewards \$31.46, interest \$2.74, total income for Operations of \$312.90; total income for August was \$312.90. Expenses for Operations were rent at Candalaria -\$344.21, copy cards Beaver Briefs -\$100, postage for mailing Beaver Briefs -\$46.80, postage for mailing publications brochure -\$39.60, new checks -\$33.97, overpayment -\$8.07, total expenses from Operations -\$556.51; Publications postage for mailing -\$5.50; total expenses -\$562.01. BALANCE of checking and savings on August 31, 2021, was \$31,554.30.

We discussed Pay Pal again: Pay Pal is linked to our checking account now. We also have a new email for Pay Pal, which officers can access. We hope to have Pay Pal set on our website by the time to do membership renewals.

2. Membership Report from Sue Rempel: We have 2 Societies, 20 Life members, 13 families/26 members, and 106 singles for 141 memberships or 154 members. New members are Muriel King Yachats (former member), Vicki Jo Beglau of Salem, Jolene Hall of Independence, Holly Short of Corvallis, Susan Newbill of Salem, Teresa Zimmerman of Sublimity.

3. General Meeting and speaker were cancelled for September and October. We will have an in-person general meeting on November 13th at the VFW Hall. Program will be to have members talk about their genealogical research during the pandemic. We will also provide lunch, drinks, and desserts.

4. Salem Public Library did not re-open September 1, 2021, at the remodeled library on Liberty St. We will be recruiting volunteers to work at Keizer Library.

5. Corresponding Secretary Tony Hoff reported "It was a busy month. We had 10 requests for research in August: 9 to our society (3 from the same person) and 1 to the Salem Public Library. There were requests for 10 obituaries, 3 marriage certificates, a naturalization record, and a newspaper article. In addition, there was a request to confirm date & place of birth, to obtain 8 generations on the paternal side, identify the father of an ancestor, provide information on DNA testing and to update a tree on Ancestry."

6. There will be a meeting for volunteers before we open up again at SPL.

7. Beaver Briefs #4 – Craig has articles completed. Due out November 1.

8. Dennis Hill has kept the website updated, as well as the password list for new members.

9. Old business- Genealogy classes at Senior Center begin October 11th.

10. New Business-officers for next year. As no meeting are being held, we will publish election information in the newsletter. Tony Hoff is retiring as Corresponding Secretary, so we need a new person to do research. Other officers will run again. We also need a Publicity Chairperson. The Board reviews dues in September and we voted to suspend dues for 2022. Members of the Board will have to meet with the head librarian and city attorney to review our agreement with the City of Salem.

**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.



### Oregon Resources



### Freedmen's Bureau

#### Willamette Heritage Center Publications

- Publications are one way in which the Willamette Heritage Center preserves and documents the history of the Mid-Willamette Valley. The WHC and its predecessor organizations, the Marion County Historical Society and the Mission Mill Museum, have an impressive catalog of publications, listed below. Looking for a particular topic? Make sure to check out our WHC Publications Master Index. Titles not out of print are available for sale at the Willamette Heritage Center.
- Willamette Valley Voices journal is the latest in a long history of documenting our community's history through scholarship and publication. It was begun in 2012 as a showcase for scholarly writing pertaining to history and heritage in Oregon's Willamette Valley, south of Portland. Articles are written by scholars, students, heritage professionals and historians – professional and amateur. Editions are themed to orient authors and readers to varied and important topics in Valley history. All Willamette Valley Voices editions are available here in digital format for free; hard copies may be purchased in person at the WHC for \$10.



#### Salem Oregon Family History Center

4550 Lone Oak SE, Salem OR 97302

The Center just opened this month. Hours are 6 - 9 pm Tuesday and Thursday.

#### Albany City Directories

- City directories were once published yearly and contained a lot more information than what was in period telephone books. Now they can be a valuable source to learn who previously lived in your home and how those earlier homeowners earned their livings. Names, addresses, some telephone numbers, and other information about the city are available in each directory. The oldest directory dates from 1878.
- All 40 directories currently in the combined collections of the Albany Regional Museum and the Albany Public Library have been scanned and are available on line at <https://www.cityofalbany.net/citydirectories>

#### Records of 3.5 million enslaved people are digitized

Ancestry® spotlights an important, yet often overlooked, part of American history by unveiling the world's largest digitized and searchable collection of Freedmen's Bureau and Freedman's Bank records. This addition of more than 3.5 million records can help descendants of previously enslaved people in the U.S. learn more about their families. The comprehensive collection is now available for everyone to search for free at

[www.Ancestry.com/Freedmens](http://www.Ancestry.com/Freedmens)



# Genealogy Classes 2021

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society will have a series of genealogy classes focused on genealogy research by regions of the US. You can sign up for each one separately-some or all of them. Each one will have a presentation and hand-out on the topic. You may bring your own laptop/tablet but it is not necessary. \$6 for each class

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|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| October 11, 2021 | Class 1 Northeast Area of the US    |
| October 18, 2021 | Class 2 Southeast Area of the US    |
| October 25, 2021 | *Class 3 Midwest Area of the US     |
| November 1, 2021 | Class 4 Plains Area of the US       |
| November 8, 2021 | Class 5 Pacific West Area of the US |

See the reverse side for more information



**Instructor:** Liz Tice, WVGS

**Time:** Each class is 10 am to 12 pm on Mondays

October 11- November 8

**Cost:** \$6 for each 2 hour class

**Where:** Center 50+

2615 Portland Rd NE

Salem, OR 97301

**Contact:** Senior Center 503-588-6303

Register online at <https://egov.cityofsalem.net/center50Plus/>



# Genealogy Classes 2021

All classes will use Family Tree Magazine's State Guides. One state will be the focus and include the hand-out. State guides for other states can be downloaded to participant's laptops/tablets.

***Class 1 Northeast Area of the US.*** We will look in depth at resources available for Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. Other states are Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland.

***Class 2 Southeast Area of the US-*** We will look in depth at resources for Virginia. Other states are West Virginia, Washington DC, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Louisiana

***Class 3 Midwest Area of the US-*** We will look in depth at Ohio. Other states are Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota.

***Class 4 Plains Area of the US-*** We will focus on Texas. Other states will be Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, North and South Dakota, and Montana.

***Class 5 Pacific West Area of the US-*** We will look at Oregon and Washington. Other states are Idaho, California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Alaska and Hawaii.



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### Family History Library Free Webinars

The FamilySearch Family History Library's October 2020 free webinars will focus on German family history research. Selections include five progressive sessions on German Handwriting, Resources for German Research (beginner level), German Historical Geography, researching in German Historical Newspapers, and one class on the Württemberg Family Books. Other classes include Using the FamilySearch Catalog, Adding Memories to Family Tree, and Finding Your Irish Ancestor's Home.

No registration is required for these online webinars. See the table of classes for more details. <https://media.familysearch.org/free-family-history-classes-and-webinars-for-october-2020/>

If you cannot attend a live event, most sessions are recorded and can be viewed later online at your convenience at Family History Library classes and webinars. <https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Fami->



### Family Tree Magazine

WVGS subscribes to FamilyTree Magazine, Digital Edition. Members can access issues on our website, [www.wvgsor.org](http://www.wvgsor.org), under the Member tab, using their password. The Table of Contents for the latest issue, September/October 2021, is below.

**Look for the green arrow throughout this issue for hints to expanded versions, free downloads and related products at [familytreemagazine.com](http://familytreemagazine.com)**

## branchingout 11

**12 Heavyweights**  
Document your favorite cemeteries this fall using cemetery websites. We look at the pros and cons of the three largest: BillionGraves, Find a Grave, and Interment.net.  
*by Sunny Jane Morton*

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Tips and resources for tracing your ancestors in US states.

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*by Andrew Koch*

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## 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.)

### **OHIO State and colonial censuses**

No State sponsored enumeration was taken for Ohio. Some local enumerations were taken for a few counties.

For more information see:

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ohio\\_Census](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ohio_Census)

### **OKLAHOMA State and colonial censuses**

Oklahoma often took censuses in the years before and 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.

1907 Statistical State Census

1890 June Territorial Census: for the counties of Logan, Oklahoma, Cleveland, Canadian, Kingfisher, Payne, and Beaver only. A card index is available at the Oklahoma State Historical Society. A helpful source for locating families in this census is Smith's First Directory of Oklahoma Territory: For the Year Commencing August 1st, 1890.

#### **Family History Library Film**

1880 *The Cherokee Nation 1880 census* covering the Canadian, Cooweescoowee, Delaware, Flint, Going Snake, Illinois, Saline, Sequoyah and Tahlequah districts is for Indians only. This also includes census rolls of various years of Delaware Indians holding citizenship in the Cherokee Nation. The Cherokee Nation 1880 Indian census is indexed on the Internet at: <http://www.accessgenealogy.com/native/finalindex.php>. This index does not include census images.

*Civil War Union veterans and their widows, 1890*

*Flint district Cherokee census and emigrants, 1852*

*Census and school records, 1879-1943*

*1851 Cherokee Old Settlers' annuity roll*

*1878 annuity rolls of Chickasaw Nation*

*Cherokee Nation east, roll of 1835*

*Cherokee census rolls, 1880*

#### **Ancestry.com**

*U.S., Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940:*

*Oklahoma and Indian Territory, Indian Censuses and Rolls, 1851-1959:* Records in the collection relate to the Arapaho, Cherokee, Eastern Cherokee, Cheyenne, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, Delaware, Kickapoo, Miami, Muskogee, Osage, Potawatomi, Sac and Fox, Seminole, and Shawnee tribes.

*Native American Citizens and Freedmen of Five Civilized Tribes, 1895-1914: Oklahoma Osage Tribe Roll, 1921*

For more information see:

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Oklahoma\\_Census](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Oklahoma_Census)



**Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Membership Application**  
 Revised September 2021, valid through December 31, 2022

**Mailing Address:**

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**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 2021-22 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.

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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	6 pm— 9 pm	CLOSED	6 pm— 9 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
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. <a href="https://sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/order.aspx">https://sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/order.aspx</a>						
Salem Public Library 585 Liberty St SE, Salem, OR 97301 503-588-6052	Both of Salem Public Library's current physical branches, Salem Public Library and the 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 <a href="https://www.willametteheritage.org/research/">https://www.willametteheritage.org/research/</a>						



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