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Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting Day!

- Time: April 9, 2022, 10:30 am to 1 pm
- Place: Veterans of Foreign Wars Building, 630 Hood St NE, Salem, Oregon
Park in the parking lot across the street on Hood Street.
The entrance has stairs, but there is a ramp on the west side.
- 10:30 am – 11:45 am General Membership Meeting.

A business meeting will be held to conduct society business.

12 noon – 1 pm Program: Pam Hutchinson, a WVGS member, will be presenting "I did the DNA test. Now What???" She describes the intent of the class as "making the most of DNA results 101". After reviewing some basic terminology Pam will focus on the process of converting unknown "DNA matches" into confirmed family tree members. She will describe her months long project attempting to "prove" the identity of her 4th great grandfather, as well as presenting "how to" information about finding and using a variety of tools. If you are wondering whether DNA testing might be useful, Pam's program will show you that it can be. If you are overwhelmed by the jargon, she will help you get through it. If you are familiar with using DNA tools you will probably still discover new resources!

We hope you will join us. WVGS programs are always open to the public.

There will be a Board meeting on Thursday April 7, 2022 at 11:30 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 630 Hood St NE, Salem, Oregon. Members are welcome.

Salem Public Library <https://www.cityofsalem.net/library>
<https://www.facebook.com/spl.oregon>

Salem Public Library's catalog is online on the library's catalog at
https://catalog.ccrils.org/client/en_US/spl/

Salem Public Library's Main Library, 585 Liberty ST SE, is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

WVGS Genealogy Volunteers are back!!

Come visit our volunteers at the Genealogy Desk at Salem Public Library. We have volunteers from 11 am to 5 pm on days that the library is open, Tuesday to Saturday. Volunteers are there to help patrons for free with their genealogy questions. This includes members! Access to Ancestry.com, newspapers.com and other sites.

Membership for 2022

All members of WVGS as of December 31, 2021 had their membership extended to December 31, 2022. For 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 Membership.

This does not include the additional \$10.00 fee (an increase due to increase in postage) 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.



WVGS Information

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By **Suzan Rempel**

Membership as of March 19, 2022 was 3 societies, 21 Life Members, 142 single memberships, and 18 family memberships (36 individuals) for a total of 202 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).

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 \$10.00 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 2022

January 8	July 9
February 12	August 13
March 12	September 10
April 9	October 8
May 14	November 12
June 11	December 10

WVGS Officers for 2022

Elected Officers

President: **Elizabeth Tice**
 1st Vice-President (Program): **Doug Crosby**
 2nd Vice-President (Membership): **Suzan Rempel**
 Recording Secretary: **Sally Broadwater**
 Corresponding Secretary: **Julianne Kennedy**
 Treasurer: **Barbara Foster**

Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor: **Elizabeth Tice**
 Beaver Brief Editors: **Dennis Hill & Craig Smith**
 Librarians: **Deanne Smith**
 Volunteer Coordinator: **Craig Smith**
 Publicity:
 Webmaster: **Dennis Hill**
 Periodicals: **Jerry Rodgers**

Now that we have volunteers working again, we no longer give members access to our paid sites. Come into Salem Public Library or contact us at willvgs@yahoo.com for help with your research. WVGS subscribes to various websites and publications .

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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.



WVGS News

President's Report for March by Liz Tice, President

We plan on returning to Salem Public Library for our meetings, but for the near future we will continue meeting at the VFW Hall. We want to give a big thank you to member Kerry Wymetalek for allowing us to meet there. The good news is there are now 3 hours of free parking at the Library Parkade! Thank you to our volunteers for all coming back! We now have volunteers working Tuesday through Saturday, 11 am to 5 pm.

We now have a secure website (https) so members will be able pay dues for 2023 online through PayPal. Payments for research, publication sales and donations will also be able to paid online. We don't have PayPal set up yet though.

I want to welcome new members Susan Proch of Liverpool, NY; Carolina Mendoza of Salem; and Kathy Valdez of Mt. Angel, OR.

We are still waiting to hear from the City of Salem about our suggestions for changes to the agreement between the City and WVGS. Craig Smith and Bill Lenzke are working on our volunteer laptops to add links and databases for the volunteers. Local patrons can stop by our genealogy desk for help on research.

Craig Smith is working on interesting and varied articles for the next issue of Beaver Briefs. He is also contributing articles to the online local news site, Salem Reporter.

We really need a Public Relations officer. Please consider volunteering.

Although this isn't until September, here is information about the next Genealogy Classes:

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society will have Six Genealogy Classes at the Senior Center 50+ .

When: Mondays

Beginning September 12, 2022

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Where: Center 50+

2615 Portland RD NE
Salem OR 97301

Cost: \$10 per class

Class 1 Sept. 12, 2022:
How to Get Started

Class 4 Oct. 3, 2022:
Military Records & Land Records

Class 2 Sept. 19, 2022:
Ancestry.com and Family Search

Class 5 Oct. 10, 2022:
Immigration & Ethnic Sources

Class 3 Sept. 26, 2022:
Vital Records

Class 6 Oct. 17, 2022:
Googling and Free Genealogy Sites



You will be able to register at the main desk in the Center 50+ or by calling 503-588-6303. You will also be able to register online for classes at <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/center50-classes.aspx>

Oregon State Capitol

The Oregon State Capitol will be closed to the public beginning July 1, 2022 and will likely not reopen to the public in its current capacity until January, 2025.

As you may be aware, the building has been undergoing construction and maintenance for the past four years. The name of the project is CAMS (Capitol, Access, Maintenance and Safety). At the end of the 2022 legislative session, the next phase of the construction project (CAMS 3) was passed. This means, the main historical structure will now undergo some of the same seismic retrofitting and upgrades that the 1977 hearing rooms and legislative offices received during the past two years. Effective May 1, the ground floor (concourse level) will be closed to the public. As of now, the target closure for the entire building will be July 1, but that is actually an estimated date so it may be before then, but not after.



State Censuses



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

TENNESSEE State and colonial censuses

Tennessee 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.

Tennessee state, territorial, and colonial census schedules

1865, 1869, 1897 *County of Shelby: Memphis*

1891 *Exist: enumeration of 21 years and older of male citizens of Tennessee.*

1833 *County of Hardin.*

1787-1791 *as Taken from the North Carolina Land Grants.*

1770-1790 *Census of the Cumberland Settlements: Davidson, Sumner and Tennessee Counties (in what is now Tennessee)*

Ancestry.com

Tennessee, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1810-1891. Contains 1810 Federal Census Index; 1820 Federal Census Index; 1830 Federal Census Index; 1840 Federal Census Index; 1840 Pensioners List; 1850 Federal Census Index; 1860 Federal Census Index; 1860 Slave Schedule; 1890 Veterans Schedule; 1891 Voters List; Early Census Index.

Index to the 1820 Census of Tennessee

1770-1790 Census of the Cumberland Settlements, index

Family History Library

Microfilm

1865, 1869, 1897 *County of Shelby: Memphis*

1787-1791. *Partial Census of 1787 to 1791 of Tennessee as Taken from the North Carolina Land Grants*

Books

1891 *Exist: enumeration of 21 years and older of male citizens of Tennessee.*

1833 *County of Hardin.*

1770-1790 *Census of the Cumberland Settlements: Davidson, Sumner and Tennessee Counties (in what is now Tennessee)*

The Tennessee State Library and Archives offers three free online census guides:

Making the Best Use of Tennessee Census Index Books, 1820-1840

Making the Best Use of Tennessee Census Index Books, 1850-1880

Making the Best Use of Tennessee Census Index Books, 1880-1930

For more information see:

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

ARTICLE BY KURT KOHLSTEDT

Alpha to Omega: An Introductory Field Guide to Decoding Cemetery Symbols



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<https://99percentinvisible.org/article/alpha-omega-introductory-field-guide-decoding-cemetery-symbols/>



Online



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Genealogical Forum of Oregon Virtual Open House

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon (GFO) hosts its annual Virtual Open House offering 23 free presentations March 26-April 2. Last year, attendees filled more than 2,000 virtual seats at our Open House.

Whether you want to understand that genetics test you just mailed away, or want to learn how to build your family tree, the GFO has something for everyone. This year includes presentations focusing specifically on African American, Canadian, Irish, German, Latino, Polish, and British heritages.

Equally important, our classes teach you how to pursue your family history, wherever your family's past takes you, using the most modern software, tools, and methods. This year's special topics include:

- A full day of DNA classes for beginners.
- Getting Help Solving Tough Research Problems.
- Online Newspapers.
- How and Why to Record Your Oldest Relative's Life Story
- The Modern U.S. Census including the nearly released 1950 census.

The GFO Open House is a chance to bring together family history buffs from around the world. While many of our community are from Oregon, our guests at last year's Open House hailed from 26 states and 5 countries.

There is no fee, but pre-registration is required for each session. Find out more at <https://gfo.org/openhouse>

United States, Index to Indian Wars Pension Files - FamilySearch Historical Records

Pension files sometimes give you invaluable information on your ancestor, but may be hard to find, such as pensions for Indian War Veterans. But there is an index on FamilySearch, then the files have to be ordered from the National Archives. From FamilySearch:

"The collection consists of a card index to pension files located at the National Archives for service in the Indian Wars between 1817 and 1898. The files are part of Record Group 15 Records of the Veterans Administration and is NARA microfilm publication T318. Pensions were first granted to veterans and widows with thirty days service between 1832 and 1842 in the Black, Hawk War, Cherokee Disturbances and Florida War. Later pension acts included additional conflicts."

You can browse through images in this collection using the waypoints on the Collection Browse Page for United States, Index to Indian Wars Pension Files, 1892-1926.

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1979427>

Copies of pension files are available from the National Archives. Use NATF 85B, cost is \$30.

Federal Military Pension Applications - Pension Documents Packet (NATF 85B)

Fee (includes shipping & handling): \$30.00

Select a Delivery Format:

This product usually ships in 42 - 120 calendar days.

Item Details

Additional Information about Federal Military Service Pension Application Files at the National Archives

[Revolutionary War Pension File Sample Image \(.pdf\)](#)

[War of 1812 Pension File Sample Image \(.pdf\)](#)

[Mexican-American War Pension File Sample Image \(.pdf\)](#)

[Civil War Pension File Sample Image \(.pdf\)](#)

[Indian Wars Pension File Sample Image \(.pdf\)](#)



Research



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Public or private tree on Ancestry.com?

This is one of the first decisions Ancestry.com asks you to make when you create your family tree. Indicating your preferred sharing status is as simple as checking a box, but it's not a trivial decision.

Should my Ancestry family tree be public or private?

There are very good reasons to consider both public and private options. Your decision should be based on your own personal preferences and situation. The good news is, you'll always be able to switch your tree's status from public to private (or vice versa) in the future if you change your mind – but let's take a moment to dive into each of the available options so that you can make the best choice for your tree.

- The biggest benefit of having a public tree is the opportunity to find and collaborate with other people who are researching your family.
- Public trees on Ancestry are just that — open to the public for viewing. This means that anyone who logs into Ancestry and comes across your tree can see the deceased individuals you've included, along with all of the information you've entered and documents or photos you've attached. As the Ancestry disclaimer says, anyone you've marked as "living" in your tree will be hidden, and their information will not appear in searches. Additionally, anything you've added to an individual's "Notes" section will also be hidden from view.
- Some people keep their trees private and non-searchable because they don't want other people to save the photos or documents they've uploaded to their tree. Or because they do not want people copying their work in any form (whether complete or in progress and likely to change).
- Private, searchable Ancestry trees will still show up in searches, but only with limited information.

John Ambrose Gibbons from tree Elizabeth Jordan Family Tree

Birth Apr 1856 McEwen, Humphreys, Tennessee, USA No publicly available family members

2767 People 1 Record 13 Sources Contact Tree Owner

John Ambrose Gibbons from tree Family Tree/ DFFS

Birth Apr 1856 McEwen, Humphreys, Tennessee, USA Father John G Gibbons (1820-1903)
 Death 3 Feb 1927 Los Angeles, California, USA Mother Margaret Gibbons (1832-1872)

60641 People 1 Record 1 Source



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<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w/index.htm>

"The links below are provided for those users who want direct access to individual state and territory information."

Not only is the contact information provided for every state, but the access restrictions are also given.

Birth

Event: Birth

Cost of copy: \$25.00

Additional copies of the same record ordered at the same time are \$25.00 each.

Photostatic, full image certificates for birth from 1903 through 2007 are available for \$30.00 each.

Remarks: State vital records office has birth records starting from 1903. Oregon State Archives has birth records for the City of Portland from 1864 to 1902 and statewide delayed birth records from 1845 to 1902.



Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Membership Application

Revised September 2021, valid through December 31, 2022

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> Facebook: www.facebook.com/wvgsor

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 \$10.

\$ _____ 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:

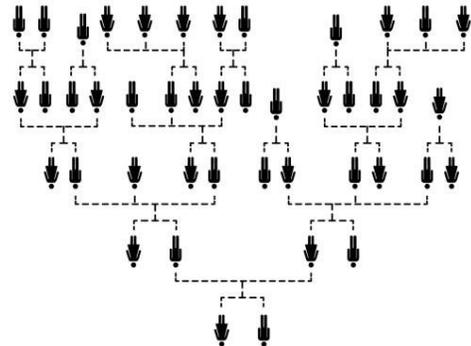
I can offer help with:

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	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	CLOSED	CLOSED	9 am-4 pm	1 pm-8 pm	By appt.	By appt	By appt.
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 585 Liberty St SE, Salem, OR 97301 (503) 588-6315	Salem Public Library's Main Library, 585 Liberty ST SE, Salem, Oregon is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.						
Willamette Heritage Center Research Library 1313 Mill St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-585-7012	The Research Library and Archives is open on a limited basis by appointment only. Please submit your research inquiries online. Appointments will be considered only in cases where we can't provide services remotely. Reference requests may be submitted using the online form at https://www.willametteheritage.org/research/						



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