



WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting Day!

- **Time: May 14th, 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: Program: The Benefits of WVGS Membership

Speaker: Members of the WVGS

We will be going over some of the many benefits of membership in the WVGS. Topics will include:

- **Our website features – what resources are there and how to get at them**
- **Our scholarship program – what's available and how to enroll**
- **Our help exchange program – topics offered and how to connect with a member. The diversity of our membership's knowledge is a huge asset you can use when you get 'stuck'.**
- **Resources available at the library – our reference library, personal research help, and access to genealogical subscription sites**
- **Our publications stored at Candalaria – how to schedule access to them**
- **Discounted research assistance - including obituaries, newspaper articles, birth, marriage and death records, etc. In addition, we also offer people interested in genealogy an opportunity to meet and discuss their interests and experiences with like-minded individuals on a monthly basis. We hope you'll join us.**

WVGS programs are always open to the public – invite your friends.

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.ccrls.org/client/en_US/spl/
Salem Public Library's Main Library, 585 Liberty ST SE, is open 10 am -7 pm Tuesday-Thursday
10 am–5 p.m. Friday & Saturday, and 1 pm–5 pm Sunday.

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 Tuesday to Saturday and 1 pm to 4 pm Sunday. Volunteers are there to help patrons for free with their genealogy questions. This includes members! Access to Ancestry.com, newspapers.com and other sites.

Here's What is in the Upcoming Beaver Briefs -

The Oregon Strawberry Season

A State History with personal notes
By the Editors of Beaver Briefs

America Waldo Bogle

Her Early Life and the Question of Her Ancestry
By Brian W. Johnson (updated 2/20/2022)

Genealogy Toolbox

Finding Oregon Obituaries
By Tony Hoff

WVGS Surname File

By Liz Tice

Oregon's First State Park

Sarah Helmick State Park (1922)

By Craig Smith and Deanne Yoder Smith

100 Years of Oregon's State Parks

Compiled directly from park websites by
the Editors



WVGS Information

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

Membership as of April 15, 2022 was 3 societies, 21 Life Members, 147 single memberships, and 19 family memberships (38 individuals) for a total of 209 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 May by Liz Tice, President

The May meeting will be at the VFW Hall. Our June meeting will be at Salem Public Library in a new small space in the lower level. We will vote at the June meeting where to meet for the rest of the year. There are now 3 hours of free parking at the Library. We now have volunteers working Tuesday through Saturday, 11 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 1 pm to 4 pm. See page 1 for new library hours.

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 Kathy Valdez of Mt. Angel, Linda Mitchell of Sublimity and Jim and Ann Schepke of Salem.

Our Corresponding Secretary Juli Kennedy, with help from Tony Hoff, is bringing in income from research—thank you both.

Dennis Hill has been working on the next issue of Beaver Briefs, due out May 1st. I am looking forward to it. Craig Smith always comes up an interesting variety of articles.

Member Dave Bruey has been helping us out with how to make our member contact easier. He also is waiting for someone to take us up on the Scholarship program that we offer to members (see page 5).

We are considering whether to re-new our subscription to Findmypast, a genealogy website for records from the British Isles. It is \$179 per year, plus the cost of any records from the 1921 Census. If you have any feelings on this, please let me know.

Our thoughts go out to our Librarian Deanne Smith who is recovering from surgery.

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

Liz Tice

MEMBERS' SPACE

(I would like to have a space in the newsletter for members. If you have some information that you would like posted here, let me know at willvgs@yahoo.com)

I am starting with member **Annette Duhon-Clark**, who said:

WHAT I CAN HELP OTHER MEMBERS WITH: Someone may be interested in hard-to-get genealogical information for South Louisiana, particularly the Cajuns (my ethnicity).

Many Acadians had the exact same names, and I have found some glaring errors in genealogical connections on sites like FamilySearch.org. Additionally, there are graveyards that are known to area residents that are not on maps or in official records, and as you know, headstones are sometimes the only way to get birth information.

I go back to Louisiana once or twice per year, and I will happily visit graveyards and registrar offices (in Acadiana only) if I have the time and a reason to do so. My grandmother worked on genealogy through the 80s and 90s, and she had some anecdotal histories for some families in SW Louisiana that were taken from old folks she knew before they passed. My father has those records now, and though he is not able to find things and send photos of them for me, I am welcome to go through my grandmother's records when I visit.

If anyone goes to Louisiana to research for themselves, I highly recommend visiting the Acadian Cultural Center in Lafayette, LA. It is run by the National Parks Service, and it is a wonderful way for people to connect with their Acadian heritage. It is the only place you can watch the film, "The Cajun Way: Echoes of Acadia." I brought my children there to learn more about our culture, and I intend to bring my grandchildren as well. <https://www.nps.gov/jela/planyourvisit/new-acadian-cultural-center.htm>

There are genealogical societies in Acadiana, and I encourage anyone with Acadian branches on their tree to join those whenever possible. Many began to meet virtually during the pandemic, and they may still do so.

Thank you, Annette!



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.)

TEXAS State and colonial census

State censuses are census records that were taken at the state-level rather than at the federal. Often, but not always, a state took their census in ten year increments 5 years from when the Federal Census was taken, such as 1885. State censuses can even serve as substitutes for missing federal censuses. For more information on state censuses, visit United States Census Bureau.

Territorial censuses were taken by the federal government to count the population in federal territories. The government needed to count the population in the territory to see if it could qualify for statehood.

There were no state censuses taken after statehood, but several mission/rancho censuses were taken under the Spanish and Mexican governments.

Family History Library:

- *Las Villas del Norte : the 1757 censuses of Laredo, Dolores, Revilla, Mier, Camargo, and Reynosa*
- *1830 Citizens of Texas*
- *1840 Census of the Republic of Texas*

Family History Digitized Books:

- *The Atascosito Census of 1826*

Ancestry.com:

- *Texas Census & Voter Lists:*
- *Table with Striped Rows. Sorted by Unique to Texas*
- *Texas, U.S., Voter Registration Lists, 1867-1869*
- *Texas, U.S., Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1820-1890*
- *Republic of Texas Poll Lists for 1846*
- *U.S., Census Records and Cherokee Muster Rolls, 1835-1838*



American Ancestors
by NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

[https://www.americanancestors.org/
events](https://www.americanancestors.org/events)



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Online Seminar

Researching Loyalist Ancestors

May 4, 11, and 18, 2022

Live Broadcasts: 6:00–7:30 p.m. (ET)

Presented by: Sheilagh Doerfler, David Allen Lambert, Melanie McComb

Cost: \$85



Online Classes



Online Classes



May 2022

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

Family History Library Webinar Calendar

Please note that all webinar times are given in MDT thru 11/6/2022		
DATE / TIME	WEBINAR TITLE (Level)	REGISTRATION LINK
Mon, May 2, 10:00 AM MDT	Using the FamilySearch Catalog (Beginner)	Yes
Tue, May 3, 10:00 AM MDT	Using the FamilySearch Family Tree App: iOS (Beginner)	Yes
Wed, May 4, 10:00 AM MDT	FamilySearch Activities for Everyone (Beginner)	Yes
Thu, May 5, 10:00 AM MDT	Perches and Rods: Introducing U.S. Land Records (Beginner)	Yes
Tue, May 10, 10:00 AM MDT	Using the FamilySearch Family Tree App: Android (Beginner)	Yes
Wed, May 11, 10:00 AM MDT	Overview of FamilySearch (Beginner)	Yes
Thu, May 12, 1:00 PM MDT	La investigación genealógica en Centroamérica (Beginner)	Yes
Tue, May 17, 10:00 AM MDT	FamilySearch Family Tree: Overview and Navigation (Beginner)	Yes
Wed, May 18, 10:00 AM MDT	Research Process: The Ins and Outs (Beginner)	Yes
Thu, May 19, 10:00 AM MDT	Ask Your United States and Canada Research Questions (Beginner)	Yes
Tue, May 24, 10:00 AM MDT	FamilySearch Family Tree: Person Page - Vital and Other Information (Beginner)	Yes
Wed, May 25, 10:00 AM MDT	FamilySearch Search: Tips & Tricks (Beginner)	Yes
Tue, May 31, 10:00 AM MDT	FamilySearch Family Tree: Adding New Individuals (Beginner)	Yes
To view a Webinar on the date and time listed, click on the 'Yes' to the right of the webinar title. The 'Yes' link will take you to the webinar.		
For a list of monthly classes and webinars, please visit: https://bit.ly/familysearchwebinars		



<https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars/>

DNA TESTING

Quickly Organize Your DNA Matches with the Leeds Method



Dana Leeds

Wed, May 4, 2022: 11:00 AM PDT

[Register for free](#)



Class Opportunity



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WVGS Course Scholarships Are Available

Attention all heroic WVGS members!

YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS NEED YOU to take an online course and then tell the rest of us something you have learned. WVGS will pay for your course! More complete information is available on our WVGS website.

Attention all active-learner WVGS members!

YOU CAN ACQUIRE MORE KNOWLEDGE to further improve your research abilities. FREE OF CHARGE! Choose an online course from over 200 available! (The easy procedure is explained on our WVGS website.)

As you can see from the above headlines, everyone wins when you take a course useful to your own research and then share some of that information with the rest of us. That's why WVGS provides course scholarships. Everybody wins. However, if no one steps up to take a course, nobody wins.

Interested? Here is a quick way to learn more.

(1) Look at the website of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies, which is at <https://www.genealogicalstudies.com>. Click on the Courses tab at the top of the page. A menu drops down. Click on Courses.

(2) Then you will see an alphabetized list of courses. Scroll down the list. Are you interested in German records? Irish, Italian, English, Scottish, Eastern European, United States records and research?

Or do you want to learn about probate records? Land records? Censuses with their numerous schedules and substitutes? Vital records? Immigration, military, religious, occupational, newspaper, cemetery and mortuary records? The online courses are chock full of useful information and down-to-earth instruction waiting for you.

(3) When you see a course of interest to you, click on it, and you will see its contents. The contents are usually distributed across six weeks, but a student can complete a course in a few weeks if desired (or take two extra weeks).

You can read a detailed description of this scholarship program on the Member Page of our WVGS website at <https://www.wvgsor.org>. (If you don't know your Member Page password, contact WVGS president Liz Tice.) Another way to learn about the courses and scholarships is to contact the coordinator, David Bruey, at dbruey@hotmail.com.

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.



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 10 am -7 pm Tuesday-Thursday, 10 am—5 p.m. Friday & Saturday, and 1 pm—5 pm Sunday.						
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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