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Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting Day!

- Time: January 21, 2023, 10:30 am to 1 pm
- **Please note—the meeting will be held a week later than usual, on the 3rd Saturday of January!**
- Place: Salem Public Library, 585 Liberty St. SE, Salem, Oregon
Collaboration Room, Lower Level. Free parking in the Library Parkade.
- 10:30 am – 11:45 am General Membership Meeting.
A business meeting will be held to conduct society business.
- ♦ 12 noon – 1 pm Program: Members “Show and Tell-Family Heirlooms”
Members can bring photos, family heirlooms, or documents and share their stories. It will be a show-and-tell session, when heirlooms and artifacts tell your family story. It’s also a chance to get help with that mysterious item you found in grandma’s attic but aren’t quite sure about. Chances are, someone in the room will be able to shed some light. Five to ten minute talk on the item you bring.
Family history isn’t just about records and vital statistics—it’s also about the stories, memories and traditions you want to pass on to future generations. And the stories of how we discovered our ancestors. Do you have story about your family to share? Or would you like to present a genealogical roadblock that you’d like to ask if anyone has a suggestion on how to solve?

WVGS programs are always open to the public.

There will be a Board meeting on Thursday January 19, 2023 at 11:30 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 630 Hood St NE, Salem, Oregon. Members are welcome.

Membership for 2023

All members of WVGS as of December 31, 2021 had their membership extended to December 31, 2023. For 2023, 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 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 money order to WVGS.

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.



WVGS Information

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

Membership as of December 29, 2022 was 3 societies, 24 Life Members, 186 single memberships, and 18 family memberships (36 individuals) for a total of 249 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. 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 us at willvgs@yahoo.com

Meeting Dates for 2023

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| January 21 | July 8 |
| February 11 | August 12 |
| March 11 | September 9 |
| April 8 | October 14 |
| May 13 | November 11 |
| June 10 | December 9 |

WVGS Officers for 2023

Elected Officers

President: **Doug Crosby**
 1st Vice-President (Program): **Kerry Wymetalek**
 2nd Vice-President (Membership): **Suzan Rempel**
 Recording Secretary: **Liz Tice**
 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: **Alan Town**
 Publicity:
 Webmaster: **Dennis Hill**
 Periodicals: **Jerry Rodgers**

Document Research: Searches for Oregon documents can be done. If successful, the fee is \$10.00 per document or 3 for \$20.00 for nonmembers and \$5.00 per document or 3 for \$10.00 for WVGS members. If these require a trip to the Oregon State Archives, Marion County Clerk's Office or other sites, the fee is \$10.00 per document for members and non-members (3 for \$10/\$20 does not apply). The \$5 and \$10 charges include postage for 5 pages or less. If over 5 pages there will be a charge for postage and handling.

General Research

We will conduct searches using resources such as Ancestry.com, censuses, city directories, Oregon Donation Land Claims, newspapers, and other sources. General research is not restricted to research in Oregon only! The minimum fee for research is \$10, if successful. This includes a copy of one document. Research is \$10 per hour, \$5 for each additional 1/2 hour and the cost of additional documents. The \$5 and \$10 charges include postage for 5 pages or less. If over 5 pages there will be a charge for postage and handling. There is also a charge of 10 cents per page for every copy over 10 pages.

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

From Your President's Desk:*Crosby's Comments, January 2023*

This new year is a time of transition for the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society.

First, I want to thank Liz Tice for her many years of exceptional service to the Society. A review of the Beaver Brief's reveals that she began as Newsletter Editor in 2004, added the duties of Second Vice President in 2007, has served as President since 2010, (and has kindly agreed to continue as Newsletter Editor).

THANK YOU LIZ !

A second point of transition involves the changing administration of the Salem Public Library. We need to clarify several points of our relationship with SPL, and formalize that relationship. There was no formal agreement reached in 2022, but our volunteers continue to provide many hours of genealogical assistance and we continue to be welcomed into that bright, remodeled facility.

A third point of transition is the continuing search for a "post Covid" normal. The Board suspended membership dues for 2021, 2022, and 2023. Our membership has grown, but our cash reserves have suffered. Our presenters have been "in house" or video programs. We look forward to new programs.

Finally, I hope that we as a Society will be able to reexamine our mandate as a "public benefit" non-profit, and find even more ways to serve the genealogical community – in Salem, in the Willamette Valley, and around the World!

Doug Crosby

Linda Wisher, one of our Genealogy Volunteers at Salem Public Library died when she was hit by a car on December 20, 2022. Linda had also been a genealogy volunteer at the State Library of Oregon and was a volunteer in the bookstore for Friends of Salem Public Library.

Statesman Journal:

"A 74-year-old woman was killed Tuesday evening after being struck by a vehicle while walking along the 300 block of Madrona Avenue west of Commercial Street SE, according to the Salem Police Department."





**National Archives/
Oregon Historical Society**



Family History Daily

Welcome to the New National Archives Catalog

The National Archives Catalog has a new look! We are excited to introduce a fully redesigned and modernized online public access Catalog. This new and improved Catalog maximizes our ability to make the records of the National Archives even more accessible.

Access the new Catalog at <https://catalog.archives.gov/>

We invite you to try out the new Catalog. We will continue to introduce new features over the next several months. The new Catalog officially launched on November 21, 2022, replacing the legacy Catalog. About the new Catalog: The new Catalog focuses on scalability and is a new platform prepared for the future. In the next few years we will grow to 500 million digitized pages. New back-end enhancements will ensure an improved search experience. Our new Catalog makes it easier and more intuitive for you to find what you are looking for, and potentially discover related content of interest.

Oregon Historical Society

Digital Collections Spotlight: OHS Participating in Digital Public Library of America Local Site

The Oregon Historical Society's research library is excited to announce its participation in the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) Local Site, a search portal operated by Northwest Digital Heritage that provides access to more than 500,000 resources digitized by over 150 institutions in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Through the site, researchers can discover electronic documents, photos, maps, oral histories, and more. The DPLA Local Site focuses on research interests specific to the Northwest region and brings together searchable content from a range of organizations. Highlighted topics include the Vanport Flood, Mount St. Helens Eruption, Woman Suffrage, the Lewis & Clark Exposition, the Oregon Federal Art Project, among others. As a content provider for the site, OHS's research library has contributed over 13,000 records, including newly added oral histories.



<https://nwdh.dp.la/>

Family History Daily

10 Things You Should Never Do With an Old Photo + What to Do Instead

1. Decline Your Invitation to the Cropping Party
2. Don't Give Photos Their Day in the Sun
3. Know When to Hold 'em, and When NOT to Fold 'em
4. To Label, or Not to Label
5. Don't Make a Photo Even More UnaPEELing
6. What's Mine is Yours ... Except for My Family Photos
7. It's Getting Hot in Here, So Move Those Old Photos
8. Don't Eat My Great-Aunt!
9. Don't Get Too Attached
10. Keep Your Hands to Yourself

Read the complete article at <https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/old-photo-care/>



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.

Family History Daily has been helping researchers like you uncover their roots since 2013.



Organize Now!



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Isn't the new year the time to set goals for the year? It is so easy to not stay organized when doing genealogy research. FamilySearch says:

Organizing Principles

- **Organize and document AS YOU GO!** Before you start research have a research log and well-documented family group record in hand. After research do not lay your head on your pillow until you have finished your paper work and filing.
- **Hierarchy of research goals.** Have an overall goal to share your research findings with others. Have a goal to research a cluster of families—usually families that settled near each other. Have a goal to thoroughly document the events in one of those families before starting research on the next family. Have a goal to understand that family, and why they behaved as they did. Have an objective to document one event at a time in one person's life in that family. If the first search fails, continue with that objective with different sources, jurisdictions, or repositories. Don't give up until you find a source to document the selected event or exhaust all the possibilities trying.
- Study families in community context. Get to know the kin and neighbors and the roles they played in your ancestor's family.
- Research the easiest events first. What you learn from easier documents will help you find more difficult to locate sources.
- Do NOT reorganize the way described below until you pick up research on a family—no mass reorganization of all files at once.
- Do not be discouraged if your filing system is not perfect. We get better with experience.

Easy System: One Family = One File Folder

This system is based on creating one file folder for each family you research.

One Family consists of a father, a mother, and their children.

One File Folder (a manila file folder) contains:

- family group record (required)
- pedigree chart (optional)
- maps of family settlements (optional)
- research log (required)
- photocopies of source documents (required) in order by your document number.

More Information and Articles about Organizing your Genealogy Files

- **FamilySearch:**
Organize Your Records - One of the "Principles of Family History Research" series of wiki articles.
- **Other Sites**
8 Habits of Highly Organized Genealogists from *Family Tree Magazine*
Getting Organized from *American Ancestors*
Family Tree Tips: 23 Secrets to Organize Your Genealogy from *Family Tree Magazine*
Four Tried and True Systems for Organizing Genealogy Research from *The Family Curator*
Organizing Your Family Records in *Beginner's Guide to Family History Research. Deals with a computer program filing system, family group records, research notes, correspondence, supplies and photography from Arkansas Research, Inc.*
Cyndi's List: Organizing Your Research. Links to dozens of Internet sites about organizing genealogical research files.





Cite your sources!



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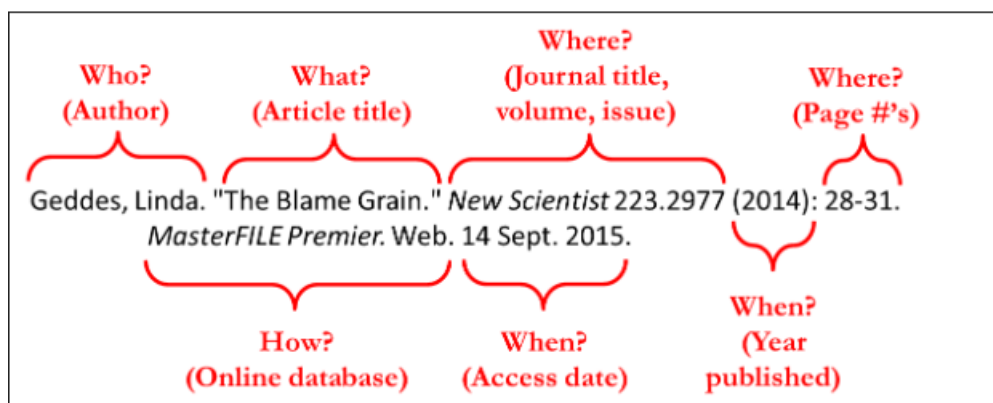
You absolutely have to cite your sources!!

There are literally thousands of unsourced trees on the internet and, while they can be fun to peruse, they are mostly worthless to a researcher looking for accurate data. **All facts are suspect if they don't have a source**, as we have no way of knowing if the person who added that fact really KNEW that detail was correct or if they just THOUGHT it was. Remember, some documentation is better than none – so don't skip citations because they feel too complicated!

In theory a good source citation is simply a matter of including five normal, and optional elements:

- Author
- Title
- Repository (for publications the place published and publisher; for unpublished material the repository and address)
- Date
- Page
- Optional library or archive call number

A good citation makes it easy for the reader to figure out the who, what, when, and where of the source. In MLA style, a citation also often indicates how it was accessed.



Source Citations in Genealogy Serve to...

- Record the location of each piece of data. Did the birth date you have for your great-grandmother come from a published family history, a tombstone or a birth certificate? And where was that source found?
- Provide context that might affect the evaluation and use of each piece of data.
- Allow you to easily revisit old evidence.
- Assist others in understanding and evaluating your research. If you were lucky enough to find a complete family tree for your grandfather on the Internet, wouldn't you want to know where the information came from?

Rule One: Follow the Formula (established format for citation)

Rule Two: Cite What You See



Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Membership Application

Revised September 2022, valid through December 31, 2023

Mailing Address:

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P. O. Box 2083, Salem, OR 97308-2083

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For more information:

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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: _____

\$ Free Membership for 2023. Membership includes the WVGS monthly newsletter and electronic copies of 4 issues of the quarterly bulletin *Beaver Briefs*.

\$ _____ Additional cost for postage for 4 issues of hard copies of *Beaver Briefs* in the mail is \$10, available for members only.

\$ _____ Hard copies (4 issues) of *Beaver Briefs only*, received by mail, is \$20 for non-members only.

\$ _____ One-time payment for Life Membership ☐ Under age 70 (\$250) ☐ Age 70 or Over (\$200). See website for information on Life Membership or pick up a form from an officer.

\$ _____ Other (please identify) _____

\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED Please make check payable to WVGS.

SIGNATURE of New Member _____ Date _____

Members from 2022 do not need to fill out a form. Your membership will be rolled over to 2023.

SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

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| 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 | Hours: 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday–Friday except state holidays. The Reference Room is open by appointment. http://sos.oregon.gov/archives/ | | | | | | |
| 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. Hours: 10 am -7 pm Tuesday-Thursday, 10 am—5 pm 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 by appointment only. Due to social distancing guidelines and reduced staff, the WHC Research Library is open on a limited basis by appointment only. Appointments will be considered only in cases where we can't provide services remotely. https://www.willametteheritage.org/research/ | | | | | | |



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