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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
NEWSLETTER

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**Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting Day!**

- Time: March 11, 2023, 10:30 am to 1 pm
- Place: Salem Public Library, 585 Liberty St. SE, Salem, Oregon  
Collaboration Room, Lower Level. Free parking in the Library Parkade.
- 10:30 am – 11:30 am General Membership Meeting.  
A business meeting will be held to conduct society business.

12 noon – 1 pm Program: "Finding Campo Seco: Researching Your Rural Roots!"

Last November, Barbara Hunter gave a talk about California Research which included using the collections at the California State Library and State of California Archives. This March's program continues to explore strategies for researching California families. However, this time Barbara asks, "How do you research your family's history when the town (or rural area) they lived in no longer exists?" Using her own research, Barbara will suggest a variety of strategies and sources that may get you to the right answer. No family in California??? The research strategies could apply to any rural area in any state. This will be a very interesting program. Plan on attending! There will be time to ask questions.

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

There will be a Board meeting on Thursday March 9, 2023 at 11:30 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 630 Hood St NE, Salem, Oregon. Members are welcome.

Upcoming program April: Craig Smith and Bill Lenzke "WVGS Digital Library Collection and How to Collect Digital books for personal use"

**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](http://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 cash to WVGS.

**Genealogy Help**

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.

Reminder: Ancestry.com Library Edition is free at Salem Public Library, but only when you are there in person. No remote access.



## WVGS Information

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT** By Suzan Rempel

Membership as of February 20, 2023 was 3 societies, 24 Life Members, 198 single memberships, and 21 family memberships (42 individuals) for a total of 267 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 emailing the **Beaver Briefs** to all members with an email address. 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**

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.

### **Beaver Briefs, Volume 55, Issue #1**

We had problems with our email account, willvgs@yahoo.com, thinking that sending so many emails at once meant SPAM. If you have not received this issue, you can find it on the Member Page at wvgsor.org. To access the Member Page, you need your password. Contact us if you do not know it.

**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.





## WVGS News

## From Your President's Desk:

*Crosby's Comments, March 2023*

First, I want to say thank you to Juli for her excellent presentation last month. I also want to thank those of you who are serving on the special committees concerned with the Finance and Bylaws issues.

Both groups have been meeting. The Finance Committee should be bringing a report to the March Board and general meetings. The Bylaws Committee is digging into the language of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society. We hope to increase our responsiveness to modern realities while maintaining loyalty to the vision of the founders. What language needs to change?

The Society was founded pre-internet. It seems to have moved into the computer age in some ways, but perhaps in an uncoordinated way. Efforts to streamline communications via email and to improve our online presence are underway, but we remain aware that not all our members are comfortable with the "electronic age".

I'll repeat what I said last month --

I invite input on these, or any other Society issues, from more of our members. Board meetings are open to members, along with the general business meetings. Local members are encouraged to attend. Please get involved and help us improve. Those of you who are unable to attend meetings – send us your suggestions!

Thanks in advance,

*Doug Crosby*

### Genealogy Classes Start in April

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society will have a series of genealogy classes on a variety of genealogy topics. You 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. \$10 for each class.

The Genealogy Classes at the Center 50+ are in partnership with the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society. Six separate classes will be held— sign up for all or some.

**Instructor:** Liz Tice, WVGS and Tony Hoff, WVGS

**When:** Mondays, April 24, 2023, to June 5, 2023 (no class on May 29<sup>th</sup>)

**Time:** Each class is 10 am to 1 pm.

**Cost:** \$10 per 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>

Each class will have a presentation and hand out. Then WVGS volunteers will help you search for records on the topic of the class. Mondays at Center 50+

**Class 1: April 24, 2023, 10 am– 1pm How to Get Started on Genealogy**

Family information, forms, get organized,, genealogy trees, sourcing.

**Class 2: May1, 2023, 10 am-1pm Ancestry.com and FamilySearch**

These are two of the "big" genealogy sites. We'll go over the features of each and best ways to search.

**Class 3: May 8, 2023, 10 am–1 pm Vital Records**

Vital records pertain to birth, marriage, and death records. Where to find them, what might be on them and how to get missing records will be talked about.

**Class 4: May 15, 2023, 10 am-1 pm Military Records & Land Records**

You can find personal information and where your ancestors lived. We'll cover types of records and where to find them .

**Class 5: May 22, 2023, 10 am –1pm Immigration & Ethnic Sources**

We're an immigrant nation. We'll look into how we can find records of our ancestors arriving and becoming citizens and before.

**Class 6: June 5, 2023, 10 am-1pm Googling and Free Sites** An important part of searching for genealogy records is "googling". There also are many free genealogy sites.


[WVGS Information](#)

[Member Page](#)

Website: [wvgsor.org](http://wvgsor.org) Member Page requires a password.

**New-> [Member List with contact information](#)**

Click below to navigate to a specific Member Page topic

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## Membership Publications

**Meeting  
Minutes**

**2022**

January  
February

**Past  
Newsletters**

**2022**

**2021**

**Beaver Briefs Editions**

**[Compiled Tables of Contents](#)**

**[Surname Index for Volumes 37-54](#)**

**Searchable**

**Non-Searchable**

- We have been publishing Beaver Briefs for 55 years! All volumes are now scanned and on the member page. Volumes 1-38 can be read but are not searchable. Thank you Dennis Hill!
- WVGS exchanges publications with several other genealogical and historical societies. Members can access these publications.
 

The Genealogical Society of Douglas Co. Oregon	The Genealogical Society of Douglas Co Oregon
The Genealogical Forum of Oregon	Genealogical Society of Washinton Co. Oregon
Grant County Genealogical Society Oregon	Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society Oregon
Red River Valley Genealogical Society of North Dakota	Bend Genealogical Society of Oregon
Clark County Genealogical Society WA	Tri-City Genealogical Society Washington
Deschutes Co. Historical Society of Oregon	
- We also have some issues of FamilyTree Magazine



DNA



DNA

Our speaker in February, WVGS member Juli Kennedy, talked about how she grouped her 63,000 DNA matchers on Ancestry.com in order to be able to focus on her brick wall.

You can access an article on AncestryDNA for information, although this is a complicated topic!

[https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/Grouping-and-Filtering-AncestryDNA-Matches?language=en\\_US](https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/Grouping-and-Filtering-AncestryDNA-Matches?language=en_US)

## Grouping and Filtering AncestryDNA® Matches





Read the article to find out about:

- Grouping and filtering your DNA matches can help you quickly view the matches you want to see. Matches can belong to more than one group.
- Groups and filters can be used together or separately. For example, if your biological mother is one of your matches, you can select the group "Mother's side" and filter by "Unviewed." You would then see only the matches from your mother's side that you haven't viewed.
- You can also view multiple groups at once, or use multiple filters at once. When using a group and a filter at the same time, it's only possible to use one group with one filter at a time.
- If you use a group or filter and no matches are returned, change or clear the group or filter you've selected.

Related Articles:

### Creating groups and adding or removing people

Add as many matches to a group as you'd like. Once a group is created, you'll see a dot with the group's color on the matches in that group, and you'll be able to filter your matches so that only people in the group are showing.

1. At the top of your list of DNA matches, click **Groups** and select **Create custom group**.
2. Enter a name for the group. Choose a color for the group, if you'd like. Colors can only be attached to one group at once, but you can change them anytime. Click **Save**.
3. To add someone to the group you created, from your list of DNA matches, click the **plus sign**  or **pencil**  on a match. This will be on the right side. If you clicked a pencil, select **Add to group**.
4. In the panel that appears, check the group(s) you want to add the match to and click **Add to group(s)**.
5. You'll now see a **dot**  and pencil showing that they've been added to the group. If they're in more than one group, you'll see a dot for each group.
6. To remove someone from a group, hover over the **pencil**  and click **Remove from group**.

- Making the Most of AncestryDNA® Matches
- Hiding AncestryDNA® Matches

Comparing AncestryDNA® Matches  
How We Measure Relationships between  
AncestryDNA® Matches





## Books



## Salem Public Library

## WVGS Books at Salem Public Library

We are going to be re-shelving our books at Salem Public Library so that they are user friendly. They will be shelved by geographical region and subject, instead of in Dewey Decimal order. Yeah! We have almost 5,000 genealogy books and are adding more.

You can search the catalog online at Salem Public Library:

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/community/library> to go to Salem Public Library. Click the Library Catalog (an account is not necessary to search the catalog).



Library Catalog and Account

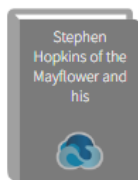
[https://catalog.ccrls.org/client/en\\_US/ccrls](https://catalog.ccrls.org/client/en_US/ccrls) will take you directly to the catalog.



For example: if you enter "Mayflower" there will be 137 results from all the libraries in the region. On the left side you can click on WVGS Collection at Salem Public Library to see a list of our 21 books:

☐ WVGS Collection at Sal... (21)

Our books cannot be checked out, reference in the library only.



Format: Book

Text Info To Me

Find It

### Stephen Hopkins Of The Mayflower And His Descendants For Four Generations

Author(s): Austin, John D.

Publication date: 1989

Edition: Second edition.

Series title(s): Mayflower families in progress.

Available: 1

Holds: 0

Library	Call Number	Status
WVGS Collection at Salem Public Library	929.20973 Hopki	WVGS Reference



## Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Membership Application

Revised September 2022, valid through December 31, 2023

### Mailing Address:

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society  
P. O. Box 2083, Salem, OR 97308-2083

Email: [willvgs@yahoo.com](mailto:willvgs@yahoo.com)

### For more information:

WVGS Web Site Address: <http://www.wvgsor.org> Facebook: [www.facebook.com/wvgsor](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

\$ 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) \_\_\_\_\_

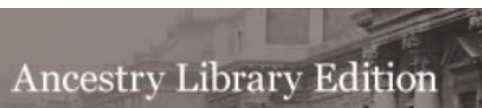
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED Please make check payable to WVGS.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Come into Salem Public Library or contact us at [willvgs@yahoo.com](mailto:willvgs@yahoo.com) for help with your research. WVGS subscribes to various websites and publications.  
Ancestry Library Edition is free at Salem Public Library.



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	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. <a href="http://sos.oregon.gov/archives/">http://sos.oregon.gov/archives/</a>						
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. <a href="https://www.willametteheritage.org/research/">https://www.willametteheritage.org/research/</a>						



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