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Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting Day!

- Time: May 13, 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: "Where we are, and How we got here"

Our program is for and by the members. An opportunity for the membership to relate the circumstances that brought their family to where they are today. This could provide insights into the influences, motivations, decisions and circumstances your ancestors faced when they went from where they were to where they wound up.

It has been said that one should study the past in order to understand the present and anticipate the future. When did your ancestors come to America? Where did they come from? Or are you Native American and your family has always been here? Share your family story—briefly!

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

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 when you are there in person.

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 cash to WVGS.

WVGS FUNDRAISER 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 Information

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

Membership as of April 24, 2023 was 3 societies, 24 Life Members, 212 single memberships, and 21 family memberships (42 individuals) for a total of 281 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.

6 Tips for Organizing Your Digital Genealogy Files

By Rick Crume at Family Tree Magazine

<https://familytreemagazine.com/organization/organizing-digital-genealogy-files/>

Create a standard file-naming system so your files are listed in an order that's useful for your purposes. For example, you could name files:

- By surname: This makes it easy to jump to files pertaining to a particular branch of your family or to a specific person.
- By place: If you have records that cover various surnames in the same localities, you might find it easier to label/sort your files by locale. Be consistent in how you indicate places—for example, use either full state names or abbreviations.

Read the entire article for tips!



WVGS News

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

As was mentioned last time, we will be voting on changes to our Constitution. The proposed changes are summarized below. The full text, annotated, is available on the members page of our website.

*There are several minor changes of language, and typographical corrections.
Substantive changes are:*

Title: Changed from Constitution to Bylaws. While either may be appropriate, the term Bylaws is more consistent with the general form of Robert's Rules of Order.

Requirement of Notice: Currently a vote on changes to the Standing Rules requires 10 days' notice to all members. This provision would be removed, allowing members to authorize changes at any meeting, in accordance with Robert's Rules, allowing more responsiveness to the changing needs of the Society.

Duties: Currently the duties of the various Officers cannot be modified without 10 days' notice and vote, due to the provision addressed above. The proposed changes place broad descriptions of the Duties of the Board and Elected Officers in the Bylaws, leaving details within the Standing Rules. Duties of the Appointed Officers and Committees are assigned to the Standing Rules.

Technology: The proposed changes include a provision that various meetings may be held electronically if appropriate procedures are established in the Standing Rules. Provision is also made specifically allowing notice by email.

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

9 Tips for Getting Started on Writing Your Family History by the Editors of Family Tree Magazine

<https://familytreemagazine.com/storytelling/tips-getting-started-writing-family-history/>

- 1. Know Your Purpose**
- 2. Make a Plan**
- 3. Say It with Pictures**
- 4. Get Organized and Utilize Apps**
- 5. Generate Ideas through Prompts and Research**
- 6. Seek Out Help**
- 7. Begin in the Middle**
- 8. Write Naturally**
- 9. Take Your Time**

familytree

Family History Writing Project
Worksheet Free Download



WVGS Publications for Sale



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WVGS Publications List

These are Willamette Valley Genealogical Society's publications that are for sale. The order form can be found on our website, wvgsor.org.

Century and a Half of Stipp Memorial Cemetery (Macleay, Marion Co., Oregon).

Includes plot maps, photographs, obits (alphabetical) and index of collateral surnames. 126 pp. including collateral index. **\$12.00**

Terwilliger Funeral Home Records, Salem, Marion Co., Oregon.

Listed in Record Number sequence within Record Book, indexed by decedents and collateral surnames.

Vol. 1, Record Books A-E Deaths 9 May 1909 through 18 October 1925, 1,440 decedents. Includes records of predecessor, Cottage Undertaking Parlor. 154 pp. + 7 pp. indexes. **\$16.00**

Vol. 2, Record Books F-I Deaths 23 October 1925 through 28 August 1940, 1,200 decedents. Includes records of successor, Terwilliger-Edwards Funeral Home. 134 pp. + 8 pp. indexes. **\$14.00**

Vols. 1 & 2 as a set. \$25.00 + \$10.00 p/h

Books About Linn County, Oregon \$5.00 p/h for each

Oregon, Linn County Cemeteries. Includes maps of cemetery locations and basic information about the cemeteries, and inscriptions on markers. Indexed. Covers: Fox Valley (near Lyons); Houston (north end of Waverly Lake, Albany); Jordan [Catholic Church] (Jordan); Miller (Millersburg); and John Wisner (Kingston, south of Stayton). 47 pp. (single-sided) + index. **\$5.00**

Oregon, Linn County Coroner's Reports. Alphabetical listing covering period prior to 1939 through 1951. 38 pp. (single sided). **\$4.00**

Oregon, Linn County Delayed Birth Certificates.

Alphabetical listing covering births during 1860s through 1890s. 51 pp. (single-sided). **\$5.00**

Oregon, Linn County Naturalizations. Alphabetical listing covering 1860s through ca. 1955. 61 pp. (single-sided). **\$6.00**

Oregon, Linn County Widows Pensions, 1923—1937.

Facsimile of portions of original pages. Indexed. 22 pp. including index (single-sided). **\$2.00**

Miscellaneous \$5.00 p/h for each

Oregon, Benton County Cemeteries, Emerick, Powell, Oakridge. 21 pp. **\$2.00**

Oregon, Clackamas County Naturalization Records 1887-1906. 73 pp. **\$7.00**

Oregon, Clatsop County WPA Interviews.

58 pp including index **\$6.00**

Oregon, Crook County Military Rolls 1886—1887—1888—1889.

Facsimile pages. Listed in alphabetical order. 87 pp. **\$9.00**

Excerpts from *The Oregon Statesman*, Oregon City, OR.

Vol. 1:

Mar. 1851—Jan. 1854. 90 pp. surname index. **\$9.00**

Vol. 2: Feb. 1854—Dec. 1859. 195 pp. subject & surname index. **\$10.00**

Complete Set of The Oregon Statesman, 2 Volumes \$15.00 + \$10.00 p/h

Oregon, Sherman County Marriages 1889-1906. 23 pp. **\$2.00**

Tetherow Wagon Train Constitution 1845. 5 pp. **\$2.00**

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WVGS Publications for Sale



WVGS Genealogy Class

Abstract of Biographies Appearing in "An Illustrated History of the State of Oregon". 138 pp. including index. **\$10.00**

Oregon, Union County Cemeteries. "A Guide to the Death, Burial and Cemetery Records of Union County, Oregon". Originally published by Eastern Oregon State College in June 1981. 23 pp. (not indexed). **\$2.00**

Censuses \$5.00 p/h for each

Marion County, Oregon, 1860 Census. A publication, in the same sequence as the originals, thus keeping family members together. (An earlier abstract, published by others, was completely alphabetical and is known to have some omissions). 180 pp. including surname index. Spiral bound. **\$10.00**

Marion County, OR 1870 Federal Census. 247 pp. + all-surname index. **\$10.00**

Marion County, OR 1880 Federal Census. Vol I, Districts 78-82, 134 pp.; Vol. II, Districts 8388, 140 pp. Both indexed. Set of two volumes **\$15.00 + \$10.00 p/h**

Tillamook Co., Oregon 1880 Census. **\$2.00**

Union Co., OR 1880 Census. 62 pp. + index. **\$2.00**

Genealogy Classes Started in April

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society is having 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. Five more classes will be held—sign up for all or some.

Instructor: Liz Tice, WVGS and Tony Hoff, WVGS

When: Mondays, May 1, 2023, to June 5, 2023 (no class on May 29th)

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 2: May 1, 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.

GENETIC GENEALOGY

Using DNA to find your ancestors has become a big industry. There are many companies and it is more than just taking a test and having it all laid out for you. Inform yourself. Read online articles like:

<https://www.genealogyexplained.com/genetic-genealogy/>



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Online Lecture

Huguenot Family History: Research and Resources

Thursday, May 11, 3:00-4:00 p.m. (ET)

Presented by Rhonda R. McClure

Cost: Free

[Learn More and Register](#)

Don't Do Another Minute of Genealogy Research **Until You** **Do This One Thing**

A Family History Daily Guide

As interest in family history research continues to grow, more and more researchers are [taking the time to educate themselves about genealogy best practices](#) so they can grow an accurate family tree. Family historians are understanding the value of doing their own unique research, avoiding copying the trees of others, and taking more time to properly source their trees for the benefit of everyone. But a surprising number are not taking the time to do the most important thing they can do for their research – **back it up**. **So many researchers have lost years of data, don't be one of them.**

It Only Takes a Few Minutes



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

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: _____

\$ 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) _____

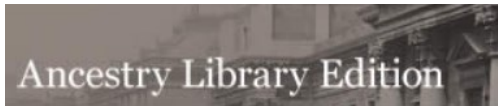
\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED Please make check payable to WVGS.

SIGNATURE of New Member _____ Date _____

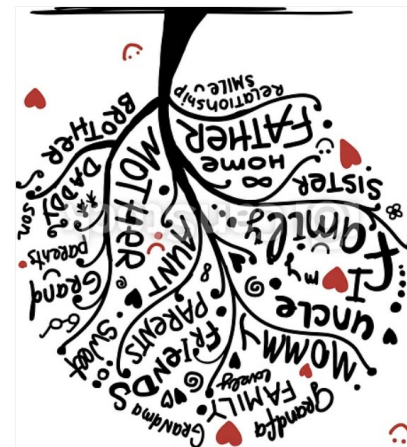
Members from 2022 do not need to fill out a form. Your membership will be rolled over to 2023.

SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

Come into Salem Public Library or contact us at willvgs@yahoo.com 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. 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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