

WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Meeting Day!

- Time: June 10, 2023, 10:30 am to 1 pm
- Place: Salem Public Library, 585 Liberty St. SE, Salem, Oregon
Collaboration Room, Lower Level. Free 3-hour 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: WVGS Collections

Conducting genealogical research from the comfort of our homes is an amazing advantage researchers have today. "The vast majority of records are not yet online, and many never will be. They will either decay, be purposely or unintentionally destroyed, overlooked, or prevented from being placed online by laws that govern privacy." We own materials that you can actually look at.

Liz Tice and Deanne Smith will give information on WVGS' Collection. We own 5,000 books, family histories, periodicals, genealogy CDs, microfilm and microfiche. Our materials are stored at our office in Candalaria Terrace and at Salem Public Library. Deanne will show how to search on the CCRLS online catalog. We will have samples of our collection as well as give information on where to find lists of the collections. The program is open to anyone.

There will be a Board meeting on Thursday June 8, 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 May 11, 2023 was 3 societies, 24 Life Members, 214 single memberships, and 2 family memberships (44 individuals) for a total of 285 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

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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**
 Hospitality: **Sharon Hoff**

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.

From Your President's Desk:

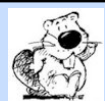
Crosby's Comments, June 2023

With our June meeting we are half way through another year!

We've accomplished some necessary items (contracts, taxes and reports) made progress in several areas (library shelf organization, cataloging, identified new suppliers) and had opportunities to get to know each other better. In the months ahead we need to face the reality of a return to paying dues, find ways to increase participation, and focus on what we are – or can be – doing to bolster the genealogical community of the Willamette Valley region.

Don't forget we are looking for concise "Mission Statement" suggestions

*Thanks in advance,
 Doug Crosby*



Genealogy online

The new collections from FamilySearch are:

- * *Argentina, Córdoba, Censuses, 1778-1874* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/4475260>); 26,695 indexed records with 26,695 record images, ADDED 09-May-2023
- * *Pennsylvania, Western District, Naturalizations, 1820-1930* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/5000034>); 349,032 indexed records with 349,032 record images, ADDED 08-May-2023
- * *United States, Kansas, Naturalization Records, 1856-1991* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/4233290>); 78,010 indexed records with 78,010 record images, ADDED 04-May-2023
- * *North Carolina, First Draft Registration Cards, 1940-1945* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2431127>); 961,543 indexed records with 961,543 record images, ADDED 02-May-2023
- * *Pennsylvania, World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1940-1945* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2603579>); Index only, no images, ADDED 03-May-2023
- * *United States Naturalization and Citizenship* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/3158878>); 52,872 indexed records with 52,872 record images, ADDED 02-May-2023
- * *Virginia, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Birth Records, 1853-1896* (<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/5000046>); 240,266 indexed records with 240,266 record images, ADDED 05-May-2023

FamilySearch Library Classes and Webinars

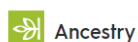
https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/FamilySearch_Library_Classes_and_Webinars

June Webinars

| Date | Topic | Class Title |
|------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Thurs, 1 June, 10:00 AM MDT | US Census | Measuring the Masses Part 1: U.S. Federal Census Records 1950-1910 |
| Tues, 6 June, 10:00 AM MDT | FamilySearch | FamilySearch Family Tree: Merging Duplicate Individuals |
| Thurs, 8 June, 1:00 PM MDT | Spanish | El increíble universo de los registros parroquiales |
| Tues, 13 June, 10:00 AM MDT | FamilySearch | FamilySearch Family Tree: Correcting Relationships |
| Thurs, 15 June, 10:00 AM MDT | US Census | Measuring the Masses Part 2: U.S. Federal Census Records 1900-1850 |
| Tues, 20 June, 10:00 AM MDT | FamilySearch | FamilySearch Family Tree: Sources - Record Hints and Attaching Sources |
| Wed, 21 June, 10:00 AM MDT | Sweden | How to Use the National Archives of Sweden Website, Riksarkivet |
| Tues, 27 June, 10:00 AM MDT | FamilySearch | FamilySearch Family Tree: Sources - Best Practices & Reason Statements |

Best Family Tree Builders of 2023 Top10.com Last Updated May 2023

Our Top 3 Providers



Ancestry

Excellent **9.5**

Our Top Choice



MyHeritage

Exceptional **9.9**



Findmypast

Very Good **8.8**



Historic Postcards



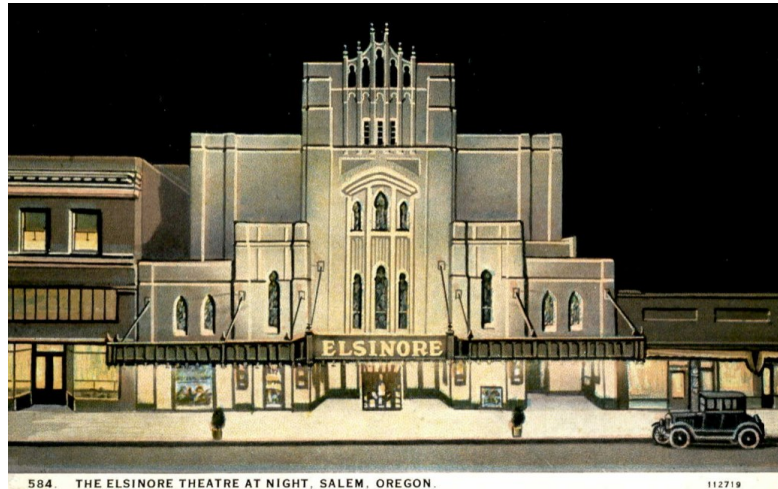
Historic Postcards

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Ancestry.com has databases of postcards for the US and other countries. For members go to the card catalog, keyword "postcards". The site says:

About U.S., Historical Postcards, 1893-1960

- This database contains over 115,000 historical postcards with photos of places in the United States. Each postcard caption has been indexed and may be searched by keyword or location. The database also includes the city, county, state, and postcard era (estimated year range) for most postcards.
- This database is primarily useful for obtaining a photograph or picture of a specific place in time. If you do not already have pictures of the places your ancestors lived, historical postcards are a good alternative to personal photos.



Related data collections

- United Kingdom & Ireland Historical Postcards, 1893-1963
This database contains over 19,000 historical postcards with photos of places in the United Kingdom and Ireland.
- Also Canada Historical Postcards, 1893-1963, Germany & Austria Historical Postcards, 1893-1963
Italy Historical Postcards, 1893-1963, France Historical Postcards, 1893-1963, Sweden Historical Postcards, Mexico Historical Postcards, 1893-1963, Australia Historical Postcards, and Selected European Historical Postcards.





Update on Ellis Island



Ellis Island Records

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- Castle Garden opened to immigrants in 1855 on the eve of a dramatic wave of European immigration. During the next 35 years, more than 8 million people passed through Castle Garden, especially from Germany and Ireland, and later from Italy and Eastern Europe. From 1855 to 1890, Castle Garden was America's first official immigration center.
- Ellis Island was open to arrivals to New York between 1892 and 1954. It now says it is "home to 65 million records of passengers arriving to the Port of New York from 1820 to 1957", including the Castle Garden records.

Actually Ancestry.com and FamilySearch also have the passenger lists also.

- Ancestry.com has indexed the New York Passenger Lists by ships arriving to New York from foreign ports from 1820 – 1957. Under "Immigration and Travel".
- Immigration Records on FamilySearch.org, free FamilySearch record collections:
 New York Passenger Lists (Castle Garden) 1820–1891:
 This collection combines surviving passenger lists for those who arrived during the Castle Garden era with previous New York arrivals (back to 1820) and federal records kept before Ellis Island opened.
 New York Passenger Arrival Lists (Ellis Island) 1892–1954:
 Index of names and record images for immigrants who passed through Ellis Island from its beginning until 1954.

Can't find your immigrant ancestor. Try searching Ellis Island records yourself or other lists:



Ellis Island Foundation

<https://heritage.statueofliberty.org>

Passenger Search - The Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island

Welcome to our free **Ellis Island** Passenger Search database, home to 65 million records of passengers arriving to the Port of New York from 1820 to 1957.

PASSENGER SEARCH

Explore our vast database of 65 million passenger records...

? Need more information? Click here.

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RESULTS

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📄 One page form

At FamilySearch.org—<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1916009>

Louisiana, New Orleans Passenger Lists, 1820-1945

Passenger lists of arrivals in New Orleans, Louisiana. This collection corresponds to two NARA publications: M259: Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New Orleans, Louisiana, 1820-1902 and T905: Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New Orleans, Louisiana, 1903-1945. Some arrival dates are not represented in the data. Check the wiki or browse the collection to determine coverage. At present, this collection does not include NARA roll 142 from T905 containing arrivals for 1 Oct 1931 to 31 Dec 1931.



Immigrant Names

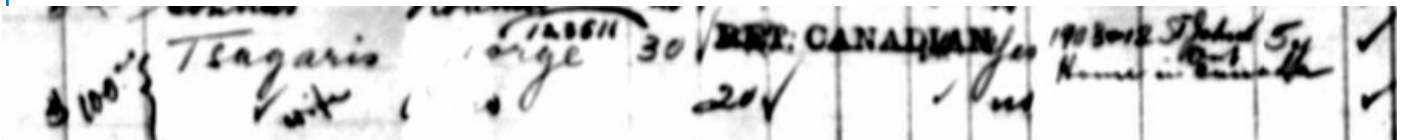


Immigrant Names

Ancestry.com hints on searching for you immigrant ancestor on a passenger list:

- **Name Games.** Officials at Ellis Island weren't in the business of changing immigrants' names, but more than a few new Americans adopted an Americanized name upon arrival or shortly thereafter. Search the Web for ethnic equivalents of a first name. Also look online for variations of surnames. Still can't find the right surname? Consider literal translations, too: the name Black, for example, may have once been its German equivalent, Schwartz. Or try lengthening and shortening names: Wise may have once been Weisen and before that Weisenberg and earlier still Weisenberger.
- **Search Secrets.** To get past handwriting and spelling variations, try a wildcard search in which you use asterisks to replace some of the letters in a name. For example, if the surname was Berlengauem, B*r|*g*m* would produce it as well as Burlingame and a handful of other variants. Or forego the surname and search using birthplace, age, gender, occupation and other details to find people who match the characteristics of your ancestor. Also try maiden names – female ancestors may have traveled using them, even when married.
- **Brothers, Sisters, Aunts, Uncles, Mothers, Fathers and More.** Relatives and neighbors may have traveled with your ancestor – search for them when you can't locate the person you're really hoping to find. Even if the family didn't travel together (check multiple pages of the passenger list just to be sure), you may discover other clues, like the name of a relative back home or a final destination, either of which could help you link family lines or clue you into chain migration or groups of strangers recruited to come to America for jobs. And don't let a father's passenger list record fool you: it wasn't uncommon for one member of the family, usually the family's head, to come to America and send for the rest of the family after settling in.
- **Oh, Canada.** For years it was cheaper for immigrants to travel from Europe to Canada and then cross the border into America. If your ancestor seems to be missing from the port you'd expect to find him or her, expand your search to all ports of entry as well as border crossings into America.

Below: Evlambios Tsaggaris had already changed his name to George when he came to the US from Canada, originally from Greece. We knew him as George Canados (from Canada).





Willamette Valley Genealogical Society Membership Application

Revised September 2022, valid through December 31, 2023

Mailing Address:

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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) _____

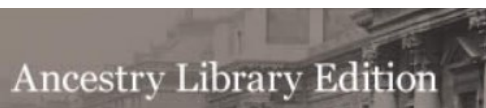
\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED Please make check payable to WVGS.

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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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