

# WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## WVGS ACTIVITIES - SALEM

**December 6th, Thursday—12:00 noon**  
**WVGS Executive Committee meeting.**  
Room 308 at Oregon State Library.

### December 8th, Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society will meet in the Oregon State Library Building, 250 Winter St., NE. Metered, on-street parking in the vicinity is *free* on Saturdays (and the underground Capitol Mall Parking Structure is closed). **Visitors are welcome at all events. Use the Winter St. entrance—the mall entrance is locked on Saturdays. The building is not heated or cooled on Saturdays. Please dress accordingly!**

**Note—Name tags must be worn for security reasons. WVGS provides them for members and visitors on our meeting day. Please stop for yours in Room 103.**

#### Schedule of Events

**10:00 - 12:00 am General Membership Meeting**  
Conference Room 103 (1st floor, opposite the elevator). Business meeting to conduct society business. New officers for 2008 will be installed.

#### Program

Our **December Program** will be the annual **Auction and Potluck**. Members are encouraged to bring small items for the **Auction**, with proceeds

going to the WVGS Book Fund. Baked goods are always popular but just about anything that would entice the buyers will be appreciated, books, genealogical items and Christmas gift items usually sell well. Also, members should bring a hot or cold dish for the **Potluck Brunch** that morning. Finger foods are particularly good items to bring. **A lot of fun awaits everyone who attends.** We will reluctantly be saying goodbye to our WVGS President, Jim Willhite, and welcoming in our 2008 President, George Cropsy. Hope to see you all there.

#### **1:00 pm—Beginners' Class**

The **Beginners' Class** conducted by **Joan Kaiser** will **not** be held this month. The series will resume in January with #3 in the series, **Map, Wills and Probate Records, and Military Records.**

*The Oregon State Library Genealogy/Reference Room (north end of 2nd floor hall) will be open to the public on **December 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** for genealogical research. **Use the Winter St. entrance.***

*If you plan on going to the State Library, State Archives, or City Library during the week, be sure you have lots of **quarters** for parking. Parking is metered at all the places and the staff does not make change. **Be prepared!** On street parking in the Capitol area is **free** on Saturdays.*



## WVGS News

Oregon State Library

Don't forget that you can call directly to the Genealogy Volunteer at the Reference Desk by dialing the new phone number. Also patrons can leave a message at that number and the next volunteer will call back. The greeting will also be updated monthly with information about the upcoming meeting and program. **The new number is (503) 378-5708.**

**Also this newsletter is now available on the internet through our website at OSL in pdf format.** In addition Joel Henderson is archiving the previous issues, so you can look at earlier issues as well as the current one. **Remember you can find WVGS at <http://oregon.gov/osl>**, then clicking on Genealogy on the right side of the screen. Also a request form is there, as well as information on our DNA Project and a list and order form for all our publications.

Upcoming Programs

Bob Baldwin and Ruby Pantalone continue to work hard on arranging interesting programs:

**January 2008** will feature **Trish Barker** who will speak about writing your own life story

**February 2008** will be **Connie Lentzen** who will speak about "Finding Your Ancestors on the Immigrant Trail".

WVGS Officers for 2008

According to the Standing Rules of WVGS, nominations should be printed in the November newsletter, elections will take place at the November meeting (elected by a majority of the members present at the meeting), and installed at the December meeting.

**WVGS Officers for 2008, elected at the November Meeting:**

**President: George Cropsey**

**1st Vice-President (Program): Ruby Pantalone and Bob Baldwin**

**2nd Vice-President (Membership): Elizabeth Tice**

**Recording Secretary: Marilyn O'Neill**

**Corresponding Secretary: Linda Doran**

**Treasurer: Joan Kaiser**

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Saturday Volunteers

**Our agreement with Oregon State Library states that WVGS will provide Genealogy Volunteers whenever the library is open. This includes the Saturday that the Library is open for our meeting and to the public. It is important that our members help out or the library cannot be open. The following members have signed up to volunteer:**

	<u>10 am—1 pm</u>	<u>1 pm—4 pm</u>
<b>December 8th</b>	<b>Linda Doran</b>	<b>Ruby Pantalone</b>
<b>January 12th</b>	<b>Evelyn Gatlin</b>	<b>Liz Tice</b>
<b>February 9th</b>		<b>Virginia Knapp</b>

Meeting Dates for 2008

The meeting dates for 2008 have been set by WVGS and the Oregon State Library as follows:

<b>January 12th</b>	<b>February 9th</b>
<b>March 8th</b>	<b>April 12th</b>
<b>May 10th</b>	<b>June 14th</b>
<b>July 12th</b>	<b>August 9th</b>
<b>September 13th</b>	<b>October 11th</b>
<b>November 8th</b>	<b>December 13th</b>

**Renew your membership for 2008 now! Fill out the form on page 7 and mail it in with your check.**

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Appointed Positions

**Newsletter Editor: Elizabeth Tice**

**Beaver Brief Editor: Sue Bell**

**Librarian: Jim Willhite, assisted by Susan Niggli**

**Periodical Librarian: Karen Farmer**

**Volunteer Coordinator: Susan Niggli**

**Beginners Class: Joan Kaiser**

**Publicity Coordinator: George Cropsey**



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**Willamette Valley Genealogical Society’s DNA Project**

WVGS has started a DNA Project for both men and women. To join under WVGS...

1. Go to the State Library URL at: <http://oregon.gov/OSL/GRES/genealogy.shtml>
2. Click on Genealogy Research on the left.
3. Click on WVGS DNA Project
4. Click on the Family Tree DNA icon in the middle of the page.
5. Scroll to the bottom of the next page and complete the form
6. Click CONTINUE to complete the next screen
7. Be sure to click only once when you are done so you order just one test.

You will receive a confirmation in your email box that your order was taken. Remember: Only men can order the Y-DNA test, but both men and women can order the mtDNA. It is cheaper to order the Y-DNA 37 marker test as it will tell you that you have a common ancestor within genealogical time for persons you match. Lesser tests (12 markers) provide information on older ancestors prior to 600 years ago. However, you may wish to start small and upgrade. For the mtDNA order both the HVR1 and HVR2 panels (mtDNA plus) as this will give you the best information on your ethnic origins. Again, you can start small and upgrade, if needed.

**Questions?...**

More information on Genetic Genealogy can be found at the following website by linking to its various pages (Click LEARN on the right side of the page): [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com)

If any of you have questions regarding DNA and which tests to order, please email Emily Aulicino at: [aulicino@hevanet.com](mailto:aulicino@hevanet.com)

The DNA Project is open to anyone, not just WVGS members. You are not charged until you send in your test kit. You can do the DNA testing through WVGS and submit it to other groups.

**DNA Tests Find Branches but Few Roots**

By RON NIXON

Published: November 25, 2007

in **The New York Times**

**HENRY LOUIS GATES JR.**, whose PBS special “African American Lives” explores the ancestry of famous African-Americans using DNA testing, has done more than anyone to help popularize such tests and companies that offer them. But recently this Harvard professor has become one of the industry’s critics.

Mr. Gates says his concerns date back to 2000, when a company told him his maternal ancestry could most likely be traced back to Egypt, probably to the Nubian ethnic group. Five years later, however, a test by a second company startled him. It concluded that his maternal ancestors were not Nubian or even African, but most likely European.

Why the completely different results? Mr. Gates said the first company never told him he had multiple genetic matches, most of them in Europe. “They told me what they thought I wanted to hear,” Mr. Gates said.

To read the complete article see

[http://www.nytimes.com/2007/11/25/business/25dna.html?\\_r=1&ref=business&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2007/11/25/business/25dna.html?_r=1&ref=business&oref=slogin)

**Fall Issue of Beaver Briefs**

The Fall Issue of **Beaver Briefs** was misplaced by the Post Office and mailed 23 days late. Also some copies were damaged by the machinery. If you received a damaged one and would like a replacement, please let **Sue Bell, Beaver Briefs Editor** know, (503) 585-0496. You can also contact me, **Elizabeth Tice, Newsletter Editor**, [eliztice@comcast.net](mailto:eliztice@comcast.net) to get a replacement



## WVGS LIBRARY REPORT

**WVGS LIBRARY REPORT FOR DECEMBER  
NEWSLETTER**

By Jim Willhite

**ANCESTRY.COM**

Ancestry.com is now available for the use of the public at the Oregon State Library. This system is now installed on the computers in the reference and microfilm.

**GENEALOGY PERIODICALS**

WVGS each month is bringing a few issues of OSL's Genealogical and Historical Periodicals from the stacks for your review. OSL has a complete list by State. If you find something of interest, check to see if the Library has additional issues. We started with the "A's". The following will be on the shelves just inside the door in the microfilm Room until after the December meeting:

**Genealogy Periodicals List  
December 2007**

- Gleanings from the Heart of the Cornbelt / McLean County Genealogical Society (Normal, IL), v.30 n.2 – v.40 n.2 (1996 – 2006)
- Grant County Genealogical Society Newsletter (Canyon City, OR), v.4 n.1 – v.7 n.2 (1998 – 2001)
- Great Migration Newsletter (Boston, MA), v.5 n.5; v.6 n.1-4
- Greene County Pioneer / Greene County History and Genealogy Society (Greeneville, TN), v.11 n.1 – v.21 n.1 (1995 – 2005)
- GSCM Reporter / Genealogical Society of Central Missouri (Columbia, MO), various issues (1996 – 1998)
- The Guilford Genealogist / Guilford County Genealogical Society (Greensboro, NC), v.18 (1991)
- Hamblen Heritage / Hamblen County Genealogical Society (Morristown, TN), v.9 n.2 – v.11 n.1 (1994 – 1996)
- Hawkeye Heritage / Iowa Genealogical Society (Des Moines, IA), v.22 n.1 – v.31 n.2 (1987 – 1996)

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- Heart of Texas Records / Central Texas Genealogical Society (Waco, TX), v.36 n.1 – v.37 n.4; v.41 n.2 – v.46 n.4 (1993 – 1994; 1998 – 2003)
- Henry County Genie (Kewanee, IL), various issues (2002 – 2005)

**NEW PERIODICALS RECEIVED LAST MONTH  
AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING**

By Karen Farmer

**Periodicals received during November 07**

- MI, "Flemish American Heritage", Genealogical Society of Flemish Americans, V XXV No 2, Aug 07
- IL "Chicago Genealogist", Chicago Genealogical Society, V 39 No 4, Sum 07
- IL, "Fox Tales", Fox Valley Genealogical Society, V 23 No 4, Jul/Aug 07
- IL, "Newsletter", Kishwaukee Genealogists, Vol XXII No 2, Nov/Dec 07
- IL, "Newsletter", The Genealogical Society of Southern Illinois, V 35 No 11, Nov 07
- IL, "Newsletter", Illinois State Genealogical Society, V 28 No 4, Jul/Aug 07
- IL, "Quarterly", Illinois State Genealogical Society, V 39 No 3
- IL, "Rodziny", Polish Genealogical Society of America, V 30 No 4, Fall 07
- IL (McLean), "Gleanings", The McLean County Genealogical Society, V 41 No 2, Fall 07
- IL (Will-Grundy), "Quarterly", Will-Grundy Counties, Illinois Genealogical Society, V XXV No 4, Vol XXVI No 1
- IL (Montgomery), "Quarterly", Montgomery County (IL) Genealogical Society, V 29 No 2
- KS, "Kansas Review", Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, V 33 No 2, Nov 07
- KY, "Kentucky Explorer", Nov 07
- MA, "New England Ancestors", New England Historic Genealogical Society, V 8 No 3, Sum 07
- MI (Jackson), "Lexicon", Jackson County Genealogical Society, V 29 Nos 2,3

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- MI (Calhoun), “Generations”, Calhoun County Genealogical Society, V 19 Nos 4,5, 6, Mar/Apr, May/June & Jul/Aug 07
- MI, “Magazine”, The Detroit Society of Genealogical Research, V 70 No 4, Index 06-07
- NC, “Journal”, North Carolina Genealogical Society, V 33 No 2, May 07
- NC, “NCGS News”, North Carolina Genealogical Society, V 31 No 4, Fall 07
- ND, “Newsletter”, Red River Valley Genealogical Society, Oct 07
- NE (Holt), “Newsletter”, Holt County Historical Genealogical Society, V XXVIII No II, Jun 07
- NY, “Record”, The New York Genealogical & Biographical Society, V 138 No 3, Jul 07
- OH, “Bulletin”, The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, V LXXXI No 2, Fall 07
- OK, “Quarterly”, Oklahoma Genealogical Society, V 52 Nos 2, 3, 2007
- OK (Bryan), “Quarterly”, Bryan County Genealogy Library & Archives, May, Nov 07
- OK (Pittsburg), “Tobucksy News”, The Pittsburg County Genealogical & Historical Society, Inc., V 24 No 3, Sept 07
- OR, “The Forum Insider”, Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc., V 19 No 4, Nov 07
- OR (Benton), “NewsLetter”, Benton County Genealogical Society, V 22 No 9, Nov 07
- OR (Crook), “Newsletter”, Crook County Genealogical Society, Oct/Nov/Dec 07
- OR (Crook), “The Meadowlark”, Crook County Historical Society, Nov 07
- OR (Deschutes), “The Homesteader”, Deschutes County Historical Society, Nov/Dec 07
- OR (Douglas), “Douglas County Pioneer”, Genealogical Society of Douglas County, V 21 No 3, Sep 07
- OR (Jackson), “Between Us Diggers”, Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, V 9 No 4, Nov 07
- OR (Lane), Newsletter, Oregon Genealogical Society, Issue 157, Nov 07
- OR (Lane), “Quarterly”, Oregon Genealogical Society, V 45 No 2, 3, 4, Spr, Sum, Fall 07

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- OR (Lane), “Trees from the Grove”, Cottage Grove Genealogical Society, V 20 No 3, Jul/Sep 07
- OR (Linn), “The Heritage Newsletter”, Linn Genealogical Society, V 21 No 11, Nov 07
- OR (Tillamook), “Tillamook County Historical Society News”, Tillamook Co Historical Society, V 22 No 4, Nov 07
- OR (Washington), “The Genea-Log”, Genealogical Society of Washington Co, OR, Oct 07
- OR (Yamhill), “The West Side”, Yamhill County Historical Society, Nov 07
- UT, Everton’s Genealogical Helper, V 61 Issues III, IV, V, May/June, Jul/Aug, Sep/Oct 07
- WA, “Bulletin”, Seattle Genealogical Society, V 56 No 2, Spring 07
- WA, “The Sounder”, Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, V XXI No II, 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr 07
- WA (Clark), “Newsletter”, Clark County Genealogical Soc, Vol 35 No 3, Nov 07
- WI, Newsletter, Wisconsin State Genealogical Society, V 53 Nos 1-4
- “New England Ancestors”, New England Historic Genealogical Society, V 8 No 4, Fall 07
- “The Highlander”, Jul/Aug & Nov/Dec 07

**PURCHASES AND DONATIONS**

The following material donated to OSL may not be immediately available. The books and microfilm have to be cataloged and put into the OSL system and the CD's installed on the hard drive before they are available for use. Books, Tapes, & Videos from the WVGS collection will be available for check out at the next meeting.

**BOOKS PURCHASED FOR WVGS COLLECTION**

- The Complete Great Migration Newsletter, Vols 1- 10, 40 issues -scholarly research covering the years 1620 to 1640;  
325 pp paperback \$19.95
- Early Landowners of Maryland Volume 4 Charles County 1640-1710, Robert W. Hall  
Abstracts of the earliest land records  
313 pp \$31.00

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- **Harford County MD. Inventories 1774-1804,**  
Henry C. Peden  
104 pp **\$19.00**
- **St. Mary County, Maryland Willis, Linda Davis**  
Reno 3 volumes  
1776-1791 2007, 237 pp **\$29.00**  
1791-1802 2007, 208 pp **\$29.00**  
1803-1820 2007, 226 pp **\$29.00**
- **Uncovering Your Ancestry Through Photographs,**  
by Maureen A Taylor  
Clues old photographs provide on your ancestors' lives  
2005, 144 pp **\$24.99**

**BOOK DONATED by WVGS to OSL**

- **Excerpts From The Woodburn Independent,**  
Volume 12, January 1900 – January 1901 (2 copies)

**BOOK DONATED to OSL by Debra Sparber**

- **The Meisser Family Genealogy (Meiser, Miser, Mizer, Myser)**

**SUGGESTED PURCHASES - DONATIONS**

**WANTED** - {Donations To Date = DTD}

The following materials have been suggested for purchase by the membership. As customary, donors pay half and, WVGS's book fund pays the remaining half. Donations are tax deductible in accordance with section 501(c)(3) of the US Tax Code. The books go into our collection for use of our members, with donor's getting first use. When the books are no longer being checked out they are donated to the Oregon State Library for use of the public.

**MICROFILM** - Silverton Appeal (another Marion Co. paper) @ \$57 per reel

**BOOKS** – Suggestions Please

**CD's** - Suggestions Please

**November Program**

The November program was presented by **Max Marbles**, professional bookbinder and conservator from the **Mission Mill**. He presented an excellent program on types of old photographs, dating photographs and scanning and fixing up old photos.

The oldest photographs are **Daguerreotypes**, from about 1839 to 1859. They are crystal clear, often found in cases. **Ambrotypes**, 1854 to the end of the Civil War, were similar to daguerreotypes, but exposed on glass. **CDV's (cartes de visite) and tintypes** were generally from 1859 to the 1890's. They were the first reproducible photos. CDV's were printed on paper. Tintypes were more durable, cheap, popular at State Fairs, and are generally sharp but dark. **Cabinet portraits** started in the 1870's until the Brownie camera came out in 1897 and changed things.

Dating old photos is done by knowing the type of photo that it is and when those were produced. When dating photos, look at the dress style. There are many books showing when styles were popular. Look at hair style, backdrop, posing style, furniture style, props, and borders. Also taxes were levied on photographs to help fund the Civil War and stamps affixed to the photographs can help date them.

The last topic Max addressed briefly was scanning in photographs yourself and fixing them up. Paint Shop Pro is relatively cheap and can do a lot. Various editions of Adobe Photoshop can do just about anything you want, but do take practice.

As with all topics nowadays, you can find many websites that assist in dating old photographs. Max is available at the Mission Mill to answer your questions.

**Renew for 2008!**

Now is the time to renew your WVGS membership for 2008!

Dues are \$20 for a single membership, \$25 for a family.

Fill out the form below and send it to our post office box:

WVGS  
P.O. Box 2083  
Salem, Oregon 97308-2083

Or pay at the meeting in December

Our treasurer, Joan Kaiser, has recently had back surgery. There may be a delay in processing your check, but we'll get to it!

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

By Elizabeth Tice

For 2007, we have 15 Life Members, 84 Single Memberships, 15 Family Memberships (30 Individuals) and 4 Genealogical Societies.

For 2008, we have 15 Life Members and 14 Single renewals.

Newsletters

WVGS currently exchanges periodicals with 41 societies. We also mail to 10 libraries. In addition we mailed 22 complimentary copies this month.

Welcome, new member Mary Beth Corrigan of Salem!

ANNUAL DUES for the calendar year 2008 are \$20 for a single membership, \$25 to include spouse/family. LIFE MEMBERSHIP fees are \$250 for those under 70 years of age, \$200 for those 70 or over. Membership brings you the quarterly *BEAVER BRIEFS* and the monthly *NEWSLETTER*, and for Willamette Valley residents, the opportunity to check out books from the Society library. Send your check and the form below to WVGS, P. O. Box 2083, Salem, OR 97308-2083, enclosing an SASE if you would like your membership card and receipt mailed to you. **Please notify us of address changes or corrections—the Post Office will not forward *BEAVER BRIEFS* or *NEWSLETTERS*.** Members' address labels show dues expiration date following **EXP**. Dues received after labels are printed will be reflected in the following months' labels.

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP			FAMILY MEMBERSHIP		
Pro-Rated Amounts	Join Jan-Mar: \$20	Join Jul-Sept: \$10	Pro-Rated Amounts	Join Jan-Mar: \$25	Join Jul-Sept: \$12.50
For new members:	Join Apr-Jun: \$15	Join Oct-Dec: \$5	For New Members	Join Apr-Jun: \$18.75	Join Oct-Dec: \$6.25

WVGS MEMBERSHIP FORM Please  if this is a NEW or RENEWAL membership

NAME		M Maiden NAME
MAILING ADDRESS		SPOUSE'S NAME
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE		TEL. AREA CODE & NO.
COUNTIES OF INTEREST—INCLUDING STATE ABBR.		

OPTIONAL—ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS

May WVGS include the following in our published membership rosters (please check each item):

- YOUR MAILING ADDRESS YES NO
- YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER YES NO
- YOUR ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS YES NO

Amount enclosed—  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Annual Dues (\$20 individual or \$25 family membership)  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payment to be applied toward Life Membership  Under Age 70  Age 70 or Over  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ other (please identify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME - ADDRESS - PHONE	SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
Woodburn LDS Family History Center 1000 Country Club Rd. [back—ring bell] Woodburn, OR 97071 / 503-981-4731	CLOSED		9 am-1 pm	CLOSED	By appointment only	CLOSED	12 pm-4 pm (CLOSED 3RD Sat)
Salem East LDS Family History Center 862 - 45th Ave., NE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-371-0453	CLOSED		9 am - 4 pm	2 pm - 9 pm	5 pm - 9 pm	9 am - 2 pm	9 am -1 pm (CLOSED 1st Sat)
Salem LDS Family History Center 4550 Lone Oak Rd., SE Salem, OR 97302 / 503-378-0383 ext. 7	4 pm—7 pm	CLOSED	9 am-9 pm	6 pm- 9 pm Closed last Wednesday	9 am-9 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monmouth LDS Family History Center 783 W. Church St. Monmouth, OR 97361 / 503-838-2964	5 pm-8 pm	12 pm-4 pm	6 pm-9 pm	6 pm - 9 pm	11 am - 3 pm	9 am—1 pm	CLOSED
Oregon State Library 250 Winter St., NE Salem, OR 97301-3950 / 503-378-5013	CLOSED	Genealogy/Reference Room, 2nd Floor 10 am-5 pm (Closed State Holidays)					December 8th ONLY 10 am-4 pm
Oregon State Archives 800 Summer St., NE Salem, OR 97310 / 503-373-0701	CLOSED	8 am -12 am and 1 pm—4:45 pm (Closed State Holidays)					CLOSED
Salem City Library 585 Liberty St., SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-588-6315	Open 1-5 pm Sept—May	CLOSED	10 am-9 pm (Closed City Holidays)			10 am-6 pm	

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