

# WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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## WVGS ACTIVITIES - SALEM

**March 6th, Thursday—11:30 am to 1:00 pm**  
**WVGS Executive Committee meeting.**  
Room 308 at Oregon State Library. **Note the new starting time is 11:30 am!**

### March 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 - 11:00 am General Membership Meeting**

Conference Room 103 (1st floor, opposite the elevator). Business meeting to conduct society business.

#### **11:00 am– 12 noon: Program**

Our speaker for the **March** meeting will be **Jim Riehl and his wife** from Albany with a presentation on “**Traveling the Oregon and California Trails**”. They will speak about the new web site available to the public regarding **Oregon and California Trail**

**Emigrants.** The web site link can be found by going to USGENWEB, locate the appropriate state and there will be a link to this emigrant web site. They will talk about the organization that sponsors this site and how to find people who traveled across America. It should be a good follow-up from our last presentation.

#### **1:00 pm—Beginners’ Class**

The Beginner’s Class will be conducted by **Joan Kaiser** in Conference Room 202 (2nd floor, turn right from elevator). Pre-registration not required. There is no charge, but we suggest a \$1.25 donation toward the cost of printed handouts.

This will be class #1 in the series, **Beginning Genealogy**. **Joan** will cover the basics in getting started on your genealogy: starting with your own family, how to record your information, interviewing relatives, writing to relatives, other places to look for information and primary and secondary sources.

***The Oregon State Library Genealogy/Reference Room (north end of 2nd floor hall) will be open to the public on March 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.***



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**Oregon State Library**

Call 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.**

**This newsletter is now available on the internet through our website at OSL in pdf format.** In addition 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 research request form is there, as well as information on our DNA Project and a list and order form for all our publications.

**Ancestry.com** and **World Vital Records** are available at the Library. **Ancestry.com** is available on all computers in the library, with 2 computers reserved specifically for genealogical research.

**Upcoming Programs**

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

**March 2008** will be **Jim Riehl** from Albany, "Traveling the Oregon and California Trails"

**April 2008** will be **WVGS Member Sue Bell** speaking on **Serendipity in Genealogy Research**

**NORPAC Label Redemption Program**

WVGS has participated in the past in the **NORPAC Label Redemption Program**. Collecting the UPC symbols from **FLAV-R-PAC, WESTPAC, AND SANTIAM** products has been a way to earn some extra money for the Society. However we have been remiss in reminding members of this program during the year. The deadline for turning in all the UPC symbols is **March 31, 2008**. So if you have cut the UPC symbols from these products mail them to **WVGS at PO Box 2083, Salem, OR 97308**. The Society will evaluate the program after March 31 to see if we should continue this program, and do a better job of advertising it.

**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:**

	<b><u>10 am—1 pm</u></b>	<b><u>1 pm—4 pm</u></b>
<b>March 8th</b>	<b>Bob Baldwin</b>	<b>George Cropsey</b>
<b>April 12th</b>	<b>Linda Doran</b>	<b>Susan Niggli</b>
<b>May 10th</b>	<b>Glen Abernathy</b>	<b>Liz Tice</b>

**Meeting Dates for 2008**

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

<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. This is the last newsletter you will receive if you have not renewed for 2008!**

**WVGS Officers for 2008**

- 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*

**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.**

**WVGS Volunteers**

Our agreement with the Oregon State Library relies on volunteers to allow WVGS to use the building. Each month this year there will be an article featuring one of the volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, contact **Susie Niggli**, the Volunteer Coordinator.

**Cliff Butler**

**Cliff Butler** is a Genealogy Volunteer at the OSL on Tuesdays. Cliff has been volunteering for more than 10 years, after he joined WVGS. It is a chance to work on your own genealogy as well as meeting interesting people who are working on their family histories.

Cliff published a book last year on his **Butler** family. Most of his family was started in Virginia, then to Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri and Texas. He did find after publishing that a great-aunt did come to Oregon. His ancestors were early settlers of Texas when it was a republic. Butlers can also be traced back to Ireland in the early 1300s. Family research has been a good reason to make two trips to Ireland to visit the two Butler castles.

Publishing a book was a good experience. Cliff learned a lot about the process and what works and doesn't work. A good technical writer is needed to put it into a good format, MS Word to pdf, to a CD. Have your work in a format that can't be changed— 4 places messed it up! Go to at least 3 places to get estimates (not color). More copies cost less, of course, but for 200+ pages, including shipping, would be about \$45. He didn't have it bound so that people could add their own information to it.

For people visiting the Library, Cliff says to be sure to bring your own pedigree charts, be organized and if possible use the Oregon State Library catalog on the internet before you come. We have lots of books and CDs, family histories, periodicals, and a volunteer to give advice. We help but don't do the research for you. We have volunteers with experience in researching certain states and countries, so different people may be able to help you.

**Greetings!** This message is of most importance. Please read it and visit the link <http://www.isogg.org/savegina.htm>. At this link you will find instructions to Save GINA. **GINA stands for: "The Genetic Information and Non-Discrimination Act"** This bill keeps our DNA private. Only Senator Tom Coburn of Oklahoma has placed a "hold" on the bill to stall it from going to a vote in the Senate. The House has passed it. This is of paramount importance and I know that most of us do not like to write

our representatives, but this is our only voice in this matter and as all of you have shown an interest in DNA testing for genealogy, this can directly affect you. If the bill doesn't pass, many people will hear about it and hesitate to DNA test. We all know what that means. I urge you to help by writing your representatives. I urge you to share this with others who are interested in DNA Testing. I urge you to share this will all friends and family as it will affect them



## WVGS LIBRARY REPORT

**WVGS LIBRARY REPORT FOR  
MARCH NEWSLETTER**

By Jim Willhite

**PEDIGREE CHARTS**

Are you aware WVGS has a collection of Pedigree Charts of a good number of past and present members? Before the likes of Ancestry.com, Pedigree Charts were used by members and nonmembers to find others researching the same surnames. Their importance is emphasized in Section 5 A. of the Standing Rules of our organization. To paraphrase them "Members shall be encouraged either to submit a *Nine-Generation Pedigree Chart with a set of surname cards... or to submit computer-generated charts and surname information.*"

WVGS provides the surname cards and also has available fifteen-generation charts for sale along with the nine-generation charts. Each chart and each surname card and the name list should include your name and membership number along with as much vital information you have on each ancestor. Non-member charts are accepted and coded into the system with assigned identification numbers.

A number of years ago the WVGS card file names were made into an easy to use alphabetical data file that is kept in a large notebook in the WVGS section of the stacks and brought out usually on meeting day along with the pedigree charts. The information from newly submitted surname cards is entered into the surname data file and the cards are filed with others in the section in the alcove. Likewise for those who submit a computer generated chart and list of surnames on the chart (an ahnentafel), the names are added to the surname data file and the list of names is filed along with the chart in the computer generated chart notebook. If you have any questions please contact the Pedigree Chart chairman, currently Jim Willhite.

**Oregon State Library Surname Files**

Another place to check for possible information on the surnames you are researching. The Oregon State Library collection of surname periodicals, newsletters, and other file materials have been moved from the stacks to a new location in the back of the microfilm room where the 2<sup>nd</sup> copier used to be. The file cabinets were provided courtesy of OSL and the immense job of moving the material

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was done by volunteer Linda Doran. Our thanks for all her efforts.

**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 **March** meeting:

**Genealogy Periodicals List March 2008**

- **Joys of Genealogy: Relatively Speaking (Lebanon, OR), various issues (1999 – 2004)**
- **Kansas Historical Quarterly – Kansas State History Society (Topeka, KS), v.1 n.1 – v.54 n.4 (1931 – 1971)**
- **Kansas Review / The Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, Inc. (Topeka, KS), various issues (1982 – 2007)**
- **Kentucky Ancestors / Kentucky Historical Society (Frankfort, KY), v.12 n.3 – v.24 n.4 (1977 – 1989)**
- **Kentucky Explorer (Jackson, KY), v.8 n.1 – v.22 n.7 (1993 – 2008)**
- **Kentucky Family Records / West-Central Kentucky Family Association (Owensboro, KY), various (1982 – 2007)**
- **The Kentucky Genealogist (Louisville, KY), v.21 n.1 – v.28 n.2 (1979 – 1986)**
- **Kentucky Pioneer Genealogy and Records (Hartford, KY), v.1 n.1 – v.4 n.4 (1979 – 1982)**
- **Keystone Kuzzins, The Erie Society for Genealogical Research (Erie, PA) v.27 n.2 – v.35 n.3 (1999 – 2007)**
- **The Kinsman Courier / Coshocton County Chapter Ohio Genealogy Society (Coshocton, OH), v.10 n.1 – v.30 n.2 (1987 – 2007)**

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

By Karen Farmer

**Periodicals Received During February 2008**

- **CA (Fresno), "The Jotted Line", Fresno County Genealogical Society, Feb 08**

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- IL, “The Saga of Southern Illinois”, Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, V34 No 4, Oct-Dec 07
- IN, “Connections; The Hoosier Genealogist”, Indiana Historical Society, V47 No 2, Fall-Win 07
- KS, “Kansas Review”, Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, V33 No 3, Feb 08
- KY, “Kentucky Explorer”, V 21 No 8, Feb 08
- MD, “Chesapeake Cousins”, Upper Shore Genealogical Society of Maryland, V34 No 1, Fall-Win 07
- ND, “Newsletter”, Red River Valley Genealogical Society, Jan 08
- OH, “Ohio; The Cross Road of our Nation; Records & Pioneer Families, V48 No 4, 2007
- OR, “The Forum Insider”, Genealogical Forum of Oregon, V19 No 6, Feb 08
- OR, “Scandi-Roots”, Scandinavian Genealogical Society, V17 No 2, Jan 08
- OR (Benton), “NewsLetter”, Benton County Genealogical Society, V23 No 2, Feb 08
- OR (Deschutes), “The Homesteader”, Deschutes Co Historical Society, Feb-Mar 08
- OR (Jackson), “Between Us Diggers”, Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, V10 No 1, Feb 08
- OR (Josephine), “Genealogy Journal”, Grants Pass Genealogical Society, V6 No 2, Feb 08
- OR (Linn), Newsletter, Lebanon Genealogical Society, Issue 1, Feb 08
- OR (Linn), “The Heritage Newsletter”, Linn Genealogical Society, V22 No 2, Feb 08
- OR (Yamhill), “The West Side”, Yamhill County Historical Soc, Feb 08
- TX, “The Explorer”, Texana Genealogy Dept, San Antonio Pub Lib, V13 Nos 3-4, 2007
- TX (Hopkins), “Hopkins County Heritage”, Hopkins Co Genealogical Soc, V24 No 4, Dec 07
- WA (Clark), “Newsletter”, Clark County Genealogical Soc, V35 No 6, Feb 08
- WA (Pierce), “TPCGS Newsletter”, Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society, V2 No 3, Jan-Feb 08
- WA (final issue), “Newsletter”, Walla Walla Valley Genealogical Society, No 12, Dec 07

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**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.

**BOOK PURCHASED FOR WVGS COLLECTION**

- **Companions of Champlain: Founding Families of Quebec, 1608-1635** \$22.95
- **Obituaries from the Albany Democrat Herald**  
All volumes indexed  
Vol. 35 Jan. 1-Dec 31, 2005;  
Vol . 36 Jan. 1-June 30,2006;  
Vol. 37 July 1.-Dec. 31, 2006;  
Vol 38 Jan. 1-June 30, 2007  
Vol 39 July 1-Dec. 31, 2007  
Each volume is \$ 20 + \$ 3.00 Postage
- **German Immigrants in American Church Records: Vol. 4 Wisconsin Southwest Protestant.** by Roger P. Minert, 23,683 entries, Every Name Index, the southwest section of the state of Wisconsin - Counties La Crosse, Crawford, Sauk, Dodge, Grant, Dane, Jefferson, Green, Rock \$79.50
- **Companions of Champlain: Founding Families of Quebec, 1608-1636**

**CD PURCHASED BY WVGS for OSL – Donor EENA Foundation**

- **Pedigree Resource File, Vol. 5, CD's 100-125** \$46.50

**MICROFILM PURCHASED for OSL in Memory of Wayne Rose - Donors Ann Rose & WVGS**

- **Two rolls of the Silverton Appeal (another Marion Co. paper) @ \$57 per reel** \$114.00

**MICROFILM PURCHASED for OSL - Donor EENA Foundation**

- **11 rolls of the Silverton Appeal (another Marion Co. paper) @ \$57 per reel** \$627.00

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**BOOKS PURCHASED FOR OSL COLLECTION**

- Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska Civil War Veterans: Compilation of the Death Rolls of the Departments of Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, Grand Army of the Republic, 1883-1948 \$34
- Indiana Civil War Veterans: Transcription of the Death Rolls of the Department of Indiana, Grand Army of the Republic, 1882-1948 \$31
- Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Illinois: Transcription of the Death Rolls, 1879-1947 \$31

**DONATION TO OSL by Corky Lowen  
For OREGON COLLECTION**

- Scrapbook of Newspaper Articles circa 1940's of Salem, Marion County and Camp Adair

**BOOKS DONATED by WVGS to OSL      VALUE**

- African Americans on the Western Frontier \$19.95
- Plantagenet Ancestry: A Study In Colonial And Medieval Families \$ 66.55
- Los Angeles City Deaths 1877-1892 \$30.00
- Los Angeles County Deaths 1873-1899 \$ 25.00
- Los Angeles County Marriage Records, Vol's 1-4, 1851-1877 \$ 24.50
- Calendar of Sussex County Delaware Probate Records 1680-1800 \$25.00
- Vital Records of Kent And Sussex Counties, Delaware 1686-1800 \$18.00
- Genealogical Guide, Master Index of Genealogy in The DAR Magazine 1892-1955 \$18.50
- Appalachian Frontiers, Settlement, Society & Development in the Preindustrial Era
- A Century of Emigration From Affoltern Am Albis, Canton Zurich, Switzerland
- Park Hill Cemetery of Bloomington Illinois \$80.00
- Bits of Effington County History \$ 28.00
- Historical and Business Review of Altamont, Illinois \$ 9.00

- Arborcrest Memorial Park, Rural Effingham \$ 30.00
- Cemeteries, Effingham County, Illinois \$ 11.00
- Cemeteries Effingham County, Illinois Vol I \$ 17.00
- Palatine Origins of Some Pennsylvania Pioneers \$ 45.00
- The Great Migration, Immigrants to New England, 1634-1635, Vols I-IV, A-L \$ 58.95
- Irish Family History
- Biographical Record of Harford and Cecil Counties MD \$ 30.00
- The Ark and The Dove Adventurers, \$ 28.50
- Abstracts of Wills, Harford County, MD 1800-1805 \$ 5.00
- Inhabitants of Harford County, MD, 1791-1800 \$ 30.00
- A Collection of Abstracts from Otsego Co. NY Newspaper Obituaries 1808-75
- Reminiscences of Catskill, Local Sketches
- Ohio Marriages Recorded in County Courts through 1820 \$ 65.00
- Ohio Marriages Recorded in County Courts, Part 2, 1821-1830, 2 Vols \$ 72.00
- History of The Cherokee Indians and Their Legends and Folklore
- The Perkiomen Region Past and Present \$ 45.00
- Abstracts of The Wills of Montgomery County, PA, 1824-1850 \$ 25.00
- Abstracts of The Administrations of Montgomery Co. Pa, 1822-50 \$ 24.00
- The German & Swiss Settlements of Colonial PA: A Study of the So-Called Pennsylvania Dutch \$ 23.75
- The Scotch-Irish of Colonial Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania Births, Dauphin County, 1757-1825 \$32.00
- Genealogical Data Relating to the German Settlers of PA and Adjacent Territory \$ 26.50
- 18th Century Records of The German Lutheran Church At Philadelphia PA; Vol. 1: Baptisms 1745-1769 \$ 34.00





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- 18th Century Records of The German Lutheran Church At Philadelphia PA, Vol. 2: Baptisms 1770-1786 \$ 35.00
- Advertisements and Notices: Poor Children To Be Educated At County Expense, Montgomery Co. PA 1810-46 \$ 16.00
- Runaway Women, Elopements and Other Miscreant Deeds, As Advertised in The PA Gazette, 1728-1789 \$ 16.50
- Families of Old Pendleton District South Carolina, Vol's 1 & 2 \$105.50
- Warren County Tennessee Plat Books, Vol's 1-4, 1824-1894 \$114.00
- Adventures Of Purse And Person Virginia 1607-1624/5, 4th Edition, Vol. One, Families A-F \$ 89.50
- Adventures Of Purse And Person Virginia 1607-1624/5, 4th Edition, Vol. Two, Families G-P \$ 98.50
- Adventures Of Purse And Person Virginia 1607-1624/5, 4th Edition, Vol. Three, Families R-Z \$ 93.50
- Jamestowne Ancestors 1607-1699 \$ 24.00

**SUGGESTED PURCHASES - DONATIONS WANTED -**

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

**BOOKS - Suggestions Please CD's - Suggestions Please**

**New Publications for Sale from WVGS**

- Excerpts From The Woodburn Independent, Vol. 12 Jan. 1900—Jan. 1901, including name and subject indexes. \$21.50 + p/h.
- Beaver Briefs (WVGS's "quarterly") Indices. Vols. 30-39, 1998-2007. \$10.00 + p/h.
- 15 Generation Charts. \$2.95
- 8 Generation Charts. \$2.25

**New Opportunity for Volunteering**

The State Library has purchased the software for digitizing the **Oregon Index** in the Alcove. This is going to be a great addition to our electronic searching.

**We are looking for volunteers to work along with staff on this project to input the Index.** If you are interested please let me know. We are still working out the details but we should have a formal plan by mid January.

The work would include:

**One to two hours a week** - We can build schedules and work around your current reference Room schedule, Data Entry of the Oregon Index. We are not looking for speed - accuracy is our goal This could be tedious work to some, but very interesting work.

We have a work station set up in the alcove area on Tier 4. We will provide training and support. Alice will be scheduling training for late January or early February. **If you are interested please contact LeAnn Bromeland, 503 378-5014 or LeAnn.Bromeland.or.us.state. Or just drop by her office.**

**LeAnn Bromeland**

The following message, from **Jim Scheppeke, State Librarian**, was sent to staff of the State Library :

**All State Library Subject: LeAnn's Retirement**

**Dear Staff:** I need to inform you that **LeAnn Bromeland** has announced her retirement. Her last day will be March 31st. LeAnn has served the Library as our volunteer coordinator for 20 years and has done an outstanding job. More recently she coordinated our efforts to improve safety and security for our staff. I hope you will congratulate LeAnn and wish her well. We will be planning a celebration of her retirement in March. Be watching for the announcement. --> **Jim**

LeAnn has done an excellent job helping WVGS and we will miss her.

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Saturday Volunteers

Volunteering on Saturday is a good way to get started in being a volunteer at the library. There will be other members around to help you get familiar with the Library and the volunteer duties. However, you need to apply first with the OSL Volunteer Coordinator LeAnn Bromeland. You need to fill out a form with references, be approved and work with a trainer.

Come in on Saturday to get an idea of what is involved!

Photo IDs Needed for Computer Use

Starting March 1st, 2008, the public will have to show a photo ID and sign (print your name) in to use a computer, including the genealogy computers in the Microfilm Room.

Volunteer Handbook

A Volunteer Handbook is almost finished. It will be placed by the Genealogy Computer at the Reference Desk. The Handbook will contain information for volunteers about Oregon State Library procedures, WVGS information, general genealogy help suggestions for patrons, specific suggestions for researchers answering the most common research questions and what is available at the Library, and other off-site research help, both on the internet and at other sites.

There will be two notebooks so that one can be checked out by new volunteers. The notebook will be gone over at the next Volunteer Training, probably in May.

The Genealogical Council of Oregon Conference

The Genealogical Council of Oregon will be sponsoring a conference, "Online and Onsite", on **July 19, 2008** at Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon. The featured speaker will be **Cyndi Howells of Cyndi's List**. Plus: "Ask the Experts", free Ancestry.com access, luncheon speaker from FamilySearch Indexing, six other genealogical presentations, and vendor and society booths. More information to come or Google "Oregon GCO".

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January Program

The January program speaker was **Karen Harless**, talking about her product, **Heritage Makers**. It is an on-line program of storybooking to include stories, pictures, mementos, calendars, cards and more. You don't have to buy software. You can work on their program on-line, upload your pictures and then they publish a book.

The basic program is no charge, and the next level there are more templates and embellishments available. The company archives your product so if you need more you can order more later. A standard 5" by 5", 21 page book costs \$35 for example. Books are expandable to 99 pages. A calendar would cost \$40. Karen lives in Keizer and can be contacted at JKPhotoLegacy.com.

February Program

The February program was "**Research Your Overland Trail Ancestor in Oregon & Washington Repositories**" by **Connie Lenzen**. Connie provided some background on the Oregon Trail, approximately 2000 miles from St. Louis, Missouri to Oregon. In 1840 there were 13 immigrants, the 1845 Census reported less than 3,000 inhabitants, 1850 Census had a total of 13,000 people in Oregon and in 1852 alone there were 10,000 immigrants.

Connie talked about the types of sources, original or derivative and whether information is primary or secondary, as well as the Genealogical Proof Standard.

Oregon Donation Land Claims are on microfilm at the National Archives (see the flyer on page 9 of this newsletter), but are also at the Genealogical Forum of Oregon in Portland.

The Oregon State Library has a good collection of books and films pertaining to Oregon Trail Immigrants. Evelyn Gatlin just recently finished compiling a list of materials available at the OSL. Other repositories along the I-5 corridor:

**National Archives, Pacific Alaska Region.** 6125 Sand Point Way, Seattle, WA 98115-7999 URL: <http://www.archives.gov/facilities/wa/seattle.html>

**Seattle Public Library.** 1000 Fourth Ave, Seattle, WA 98104. URL: <http://www.spl.lib.wa.us/>

**Washington State Archives.** URL: <http://www.secstate.wa.gov/archives/>

**Washington State Library.** Point Plaza East, 6880 Capitol Blvd S., Tumwater WA 98501-5513. URL: <http://www.statelib.wa.gov/>

**Genealogical Forum of Oregon.** 1505 SE Gideon St., Portland. URL: <http://www.gfo.org>.

**Oregon Historical Society Library.** 1230 Southwest Park Avenue, Portland, OR 97205. URL: <http://www.ohs.org>

**Oregon State Archives.** 800 Summer Street NE, Salem 97310. URL: <http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/>

**U Of O Knight Library,** University of Oregon, Eugene OR 97403. Most complete body of filmed newspapers within Oregon, a list of newspapers is online at <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/govdocs/micro/news.htm>. See their *digital* General Land Office Maps at <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/map/GIS/Data/Oregon/GLO/index.htm>.

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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

By Elizabeth Tice

For 2008, we have 15 Life Members, 66 Single Memberships Renewals (84 in 2007), 8 Family Memberships Renewals (15 Families in 2007) and 4 Genealogical Societies (4 in 2007). We continue using the 2007 mailing list until March.

Newsletters

WVGS currently exchanges periodicals with 43 societies. We also mail to 10 libraries. In addition we mailed 21 complimentary copies this month. Visitors who sign-in receive complimentary copies for 3 months.

And welcome new members Jackie Haugen, Sharon Hanson and Gene Jacobs!

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.

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Pro-Rated Amounts	Join Jan-Mar: \$20	Join Jul-Sept: \$10	Pro-Rated Amounts	Join Jan-Mar: \$25	Join Jul-Sept: \$12.50
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NAME		M Maiden NAME
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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)					March 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
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