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WVGS ACTIVITIES - SALEM

May 8th, 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!

May 10th, 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 May Program with be **Gerald S. Lenzen** presenting **"Footprints of Our Wanderers (America to Germany). "How to research German ancestry from the USA":** Careful acquisition and examination of records on this side of the ocean helps determine where your ancestors may have originated on the other side. Learn how to scrutinize oral traditions and correspondence. Identify record types that point to family origins. Backtrack on the

trail your ancestors left to their original home.

Gerald S. Lenzen, a native of Wisconsin, lives in Portland, Oregon. He was educated at Portland State University. He retired from the Bonneville Power Administration in 1994 after 32+ years of service. Gerry Lenzen has been conducting historical and family research since 1963. He researched and co-authored several volumes of family history with his wife, Connie Miller Lenzen. Mr. Lenzen has traveled and researched extensively throughout the United States. He has done on-site research in Prussia and Bavaria where his father's ancestors originated. He teaches and lectures at local, state and national seminars and conferences. He has served, and is serving, as a board member of the St. Paul Mission (Oregon) Historical Society, the Archdiocesan Historical Commission of Portland, Oregon, the statewide Genealogical Council of Oregon, and on committees of the Genealogical Forum of Oregon. He holds current, past, and life memberships in many historical, family history, and genealogical societies throughout the U.S.

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 #3 in the series, Maps; Wills and Probate Records; Military Records. Joan will cover how to use maps and land records, genealogical information in wills and probate records and the importance of military records.

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

Use the Winter St. entrance.

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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:

June—Susan Niggli: Periodicals and Native American resources available at OSL

July—tentative: speaker on Native American Genealogical Research

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.

NORPAC Label Redemption Program

This program is just to cut out the UPC code on FLAV-R-PAC, Santiam, and WESTPAC products and turn them in to WVGS. We then (as a nonprofit organization) mail them in once a year and receive 5 cents per label. Labels can be turned in at any Saturday WVGS meeting throughout the year.

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:

May 10th Glen Abernathy Liz Tice
June 14th Joan Kaiser Bob Baldwin

Meeting Dates for 2008

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

May 10th
July 12th
September 13th
November 8th
June 14th
August 9th
October 11th
December 13th

WVGS Constitution and Standing Rules Review

It is time to review WVGS's Constitution and Standing Rules. The Board will be reviewing and then publish recommendations in the newsletter. If you would like input or to get a copy of the documents, contact **President George Cropsey**.

WVGS Officers for 2008

President: George Cropsev

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

Bob Baldwin

2nd Vice-President (Membership): Elizabeth Tice

Recording Secretary: Marilyn O"Neall 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
- 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.
- Scroll to the bottom of the next page and complete the form
- 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.

Ouestions?...

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 If any of you have questions regarding DNA and which tests to order, please email Emily Aulicino at: 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.

Susan Niggli

Susie Niggli is a volunteer on Tuesday afternoons. She has been a volunteer for 4 years, after retiring from working for more than 30 years at the Oregon State Library. She has been interested in genealogy since the 7th grade when her teacher had a project about where students' ancestors were from. Susie's grandparents came from Switzerland in 1896 and have had family reunions since 1962.

Susie really got started on genealogy though when she started working at OSL. She has tracked her Swiss ancestors back to the 1500's and is still working on her mother's side. Her ancestry is Swiss, Scotch, Welsh, English and German.

Working at the Family History Centers helped her a lot initially. At OSL ancestry.com is a big help now. There are also a lot of maps, history on all states, and many magazines and periodicals (she'll be presenting the program on this in June). Genealogy is more interesting than just a name and dates if you have pictures, stories and historical perspective to go with it. Genealogy projects make nice gifts to family members too.

Susie enjoys volunteering and helping people learn something when they come. Adoptees often come in to find out about their parents, but this is often a hard task. You can't always answer the "why's" without considering the social and historical aspects of the time. Susie also enjoys having more time now to work on her own family. She is also the volunteer trainer, a great asset to WVGS with her knowledge of what's available at the Library.

This is of interest if you go to the Genealogical Forum in Portland for research (forwarded from Emily):

Colleagues: This is to notify you that today I've received from Redside Development, our landlord, official confirmation that GFO members and visitors may park in non-GFO slots anywhere in the parking lot after 5:00 p.m. weekdays and anytime Saturdays and Sundays. A copy of the permission message will be filed with the lease. Those of you who have special interest groups may wish to confirm this with your members. I will also post a notification at the reception desk. -- Don

Don Holznagel

President, GFO



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By Jim Willhite

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 May meeting

Genealogy Periodicals List May 2008

- Maine Seine (Farmington, ME), various issues (1987 – 1990)
- The Maries Countian / Historical Society of Maries County, MO (Vienna, MO), spring 1991 – fall 1999
- Mason County Genealogical Society
 Newsletter (Maysville, KY), v.2 n.3-4 v.21
 n.3 (1984 2003)
- The Mayflower Quarterly / Society of Mayflower Descendants (Plymouth, MA) v.43 n.4 v.73 n.2 (1977 2007)
- Mennonite Family History (Morgantown, PA), v.22 n.1 – v.25 n.4 (2003 – 2006)
- Michigana / Western Michigan Genealogical Society (Grand Rapids, MI), v.41 n.1 – v.53 n.2 (1995 – 2007)
- Middle Tennessee Crossroads (Franklin, TN), v.1 – v.3 (1980 – 1982)
- The Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History (Nashville, TN), v.12 n.1 – v.14 n.4 (1998 – 2001)
- Missouri Historical Review / State
 Historical Society of Missouri (Columbia,
 MO), v.1 n.1 v.99 n.2 (1906 2005)
- Missouri State Genealogical Association Journal (Columbia, MO), v.8 n.1 – v.16 n.4 (1988 – 1996)

NEW PERIODICALS RECEIVED THIS MONTH AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING

By Karen Farmer

April Periodicals Received

- CA (Fresno), "Ash Tree Echo", Fresno County Genealogical Society, Mar 08
- · CA (Fresno), "The Jotted Line", Fresno County Genealogical Society, Apr 08
- IL, "The Saga of Southern Illinois", V35
 No 1, Jan-Mar 08
- IL, "Newsletter", Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, Apr 08
- KY, "The Bulletin", West-Central Kentucky Family Research Ass'n, V41 No 1, Spr 08
- KY, "Kentucky Family Records", West-Central Kentucky Family Research Ass'n, V32, Spr 08
- KY, "Kentucky Explorer", V21 No 10, Apr 08
- LA, "The Genie" Ark-La-Tex Genealogical; Ass'n, V42 No 1, 1st quarter 08
- MA, "The Mayflower Quarterly", General Society of Mayflower Descendants, V74 No 1
- MI, "Journal", The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the U.S., V64 No 4, Spr 08
- NC, "NCGS News", North Carolina Genealogical Society, V32 No 2, Spr 08
- NC, "Journal", North Carolina Genealogical Society, V33 No 4, Nov 07
- NY, "Journal", Western New York
 Genealogical Society, V34 No 4, Mar 08
- OH, "Quarterly", Ohio Genealogical Society, V48 No 1, Mar 08
- OR, "The Forum Insider", Genealogical Forum of Oregon, V19 No 7, Apr 08
- OR (Benton), "NewsLetter", Benton County Genealogical Society, V23 No 4, Apr 08
- OR (Crook), "Newsletter", Crook County Genealogical Society, Apr-Jun 08
- OR (Deschutes), "The Homesteader", Deschutes County Historical Society, Apr-May 08

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- OR (Douglas), "Genealogy Journal",
 Grants Pass Genealogical Society, V6 No
 4, Apr 08
- OR (Klamath), "Newsletter", Klamath Basin Genealogical Society, Apr 08
- OR (Linn), Lebanon Genealogical Society, Issue II. Apr 08
- OR (Linn), "The Heritage Newsletter",
 Linn Genealogical Society, V22 No 4, Apr
 08
- OR (Polk), "Newsletter", Independence Heritage Museum, Apr 08
- OR (Tillamook), "Newsletter", Tillamook County Historical Society, V23, No 2, Apr 08
- OR (Wasco), "Tales & Trails", Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society, V22 No 2, Apr 08
- OR (Washington), "The Genea-Log", Genealogical Society of Washington Co, V17 No 2, Apr 08
- OR (Yamhill), "The West Side", Yamhill County Historical Society, Apr 08
- PA, "Mennonite Family History", V27 No 2, Apr 08
- TX, "Forum", Federation of Genealogical Societies, V20 No 1, Spr 08
- WA (Clark), "Newsletter", Clark County Genealogical Society, V35 No 8, Apr 08
- WA, "Quarterly", Olympia Genealogical Society, V34 No 2, Apr 08
- WA, "The Stillaguamish Star", The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society, V21 No 2, Mar-Apr 08
- WA (Tacoma-Pierce), "TPCGS Newsletter", Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society, V2 No 4, Mar-Apr 08
- WA, "The Beacon", Sno-Isle Genealogical Society & Research Library, Apr 08

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

- German Immigrants In American Church Records: Vol 4, Wisconsin Southwest Protestant \$83.00
- German Immigrants In American Church Records: Vol 5, Wisconsin Southwest Protestant \$73.00

OREGON BOOKS PURCHASED FOR OSL COLLECTION

- The Cemeteries of Jordan, Linn County
 Oregon \$28.00
- Pine Grove Cemetery, Linn County, Oregon –
 A Statistical & Genealogical Reference
 \$28.00

OREGON BOOKS PURCHASED FOR OSL COLLECTION in Memory of Robert Marsh

 Last of the Willamette Valley Railroad Loggers 1920-1940, by Robert Graves

\$21.95

• Timber Up the Luckiamute by Peter Franz & Carla Brandon Day

\$19.55

• A Houck Family History, 1683 Germany to Benton County Oregon

\$41.00

BOOK DONATED BY Cliff Butler FOR WVGS COLLECTION

• Family History In the Genes, Trace your DNA and Grow Your Family Tree

BOOKS DONATED TO OSL by George Cropsy

- · Vital Records of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Poestenkill, NY 1833-1892
- Vital Records of Trinity Lutheran Church, West Sand Lake, NY 1784-1899

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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

Oregon State Library Spring Lecture Series: Wednesday, May 7, 12-1 pm, admission is free: "When Oregon Rocked! The Far Out Story of Vortex I" by Matt Love, Author and Teacher. The legend of the first (and only known) state-sponsored rock and roll festival in American history.

For more information contact **Joel Henderson**, (503) 378-2814 at OSL.

Mennonite

Mennonite Family History has started a project using DNA analysis to help genealogical research among Mennonites of Low-German background. Participation is now free! For more information visit www.menonitedna.com

April Program

The April Program was presented by WVGS member **Sue Bell,** talking about Serendipity in Genealogy. Whether you call it coincidence or serendipity (or sometimes a miracle), it happens when you least expect it. Sue recounted examples of "being in the right place at the right time" and intuition leading to finding a clue or unknown fact. Members also recounted instances from their genealogical research. A recommended book is "Psychic Roots" by Henry Z. Jones, Jr., also "More Psychic Roots". It was a very enjoyable presentation about "DBU's, as Sue calls them (Delightful But Unexplained)!

Online

More information on censuses:

To find additional statistics and reports on a census, go to www.census.gov. At the top Search, select Census.gov and put in the census year you are interested in.

Finding a county:

Don't forget that RootsWeb has a **county locator** feature, necessary as you often have a town name and state, but need the county. **http://resources.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/townco.cgi**

1880 Census DDD:

Officially the Defective, Dependent and Delinquent Classes census schedule for 1880 for citizens who were classified as sick, disabled, insane, institutionalized or indigent and only available at this point for 15 states, filmed by the National Archives. www.archives.gov

WVGS subscribes to the following societies and receives their publications, available at OSL:

KANSAS COUNCIL OF GEN SOCIETI	ES KANSAS REVIEW	TOPEKA	KS
KENTUCKY EXPLORER		JACKSON	KY
THE MAYFLOWER SOCIETY	MAYFLOWER QUARTERLY	PLYMOUTH	MA
UPPER SHORE GEN. SOCIETY OF M	EASTON	MD	
NORTH CAROLINA GEN SOCIETY		RALEIGH	NC
OHIO GENEALOGY SOCIETY		MANSFIELD	ОН
GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL OF OREC	ON	SALEM	OR
MENNONITE FAMILY HISTORY		MORGANTOWN	PA
WARREN CO GENEALOGICAL ASSO	CIATION	MCMINNVILLE	TN
FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL S	OCIETIES	AUSTIN	TX
WESTERN NEW YORK GEN SOCIET	Υ	HAMBURG	NY
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Upcoming Events

24th Annual *Sheep to Shawl* at the Mission Mill in Salem on May 17th, free. Contact Marion County Historical Society for more information.

Oregon Statewide Biennial Genealogy Conference

When? Saturday, July 19th, 2008

Where? Lane Community College Center for Meeting and Learning 4000 E 30th Ave, Eugene, OR 97405

Information? gco2008conference@yahoo.com

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Elizabeth Tice

For 2008, we have 15 Life Members, 75 Single Memberships, 10 Family Memberships (20 Individuals) and 4 Genealogical Societies for a total of 114 Members.

Newsletters

WVGS currently exchanges periodicals with 45 societies. We also mail to 10 libraries. In addition we mailed 23 complimentary copies this month. Visitors who sign-in receive complimentary copies for 3 months.

And welcome new members Shirley Penna-Oakes from TumTum, Washington and Trina Brown of Salem, Oregon

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

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ANNUAL DUES for the calendar year 2008 are \$20 for a single membership, \$25 to include spouse/family. LIFE MEMBER-SHIP 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.

For new members: Join Apr–Jun: \$15 Join Oct-Dec: \$5	For New Members Join Apr-Jun: \$18.75 Join Oct-Dec: \$6.25
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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	Gene	May 10th 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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10 am-

6 pm

10 am-9 pm

(Closed City Holidays)



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