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WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM

August 6th Thursday: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
WVGS Executive Committee Meeting.
Room 308 at Oregon State Library

August 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. 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 am—10:30 am General Membership Meeting
We will have a short general meeting to conduct society business.

10:30 am—12:00 pm Program
2009 marks the **40th Anniversary** for the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society. Please come to our next monthly meeting on Saturday, August 8th for a party to celebrate this wonderful achievement. We will be recognizing the many past Presidents and special guests. Come and see your old friends and enjoy the festivities. We are offering a special tour of the library and the "stacks" area to show off the improvements and changes within the resource center. A quick general meeting will take place between 10:00-10:30 and then from 10:30-12:00 will be our program and social time. We sincerely hope you came come and enjoy the day with us.

Bob Baldwin, 1st Vice-President

Saturday, August 8, 2009

at the Oregon State Library

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Program

Introduction:

Ruby Pantalone, 1st Vice-President

Welcome:

Robert Hulshof-Schmidt, Program

Manager for Government Research

Services at Oregon State Library

Beginnings of WVGS:

Erma Lee Brown, 1st WVGS President

Tour of OSL:

Alice LaViolette, Oregon State Library

Joan Kaiser, WVGS

Refreshments and Conversation in Room 103

1:00 pm—Beginners' Class

There will be no Beginners' Classes in July and August. Joan is usually available after the meetings for individual assistance in the Reference Room.

Beaver Briefs Survey

You should receive the latest issue of WVGS's quarterly bulletin **Beaver Briefs** this week. **Sue Bell, Beaver Briefs Editor**, would like to remind anyone who receives it to please mail in the survey on the back cover. **We need your input to make a decision soon!**

The Oregon State Library Genealogy/Reference Room (north end of 2nd floor hall) will be open to the public on Saturday, August 8th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for genealogical research. A volunteer will be available for assistance. Use the Winter Street entrance.



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Oregon State Library

Call the Genealogy Volunteer at the Reference Desk by dialing the Volunteer 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 meetings and programs. The number is (503) 378-5708.

This newsletter is 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. Also on the website is a complete list of publications available from WVGS and an order form.

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

September 12th—Susan LeBlanc, “Immigration and Naturalization”

October 10th: Stephenie Flora, Oregon Historian and Genealogist, “The Whitman Massacre”

November 14th: Ruby Pantalone, WVGS Vice President and local genealogist, “Doing Genealogy Research on the Computer”

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 money-making 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, mailed to WVGS, or left at the Reference Desk at OSL.

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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 for genealogy research. The following members have signed up to volunteer:

	<u>10 am—1 pm</u>	<u>1 pm—4 pm</u>
August 8th	Jim Willhite	Joan Kaiser
September 12th	Susie Niggli	Marilynn O’Neill
October 10th	Glenn Abernathy	Liz Tice

Meeting Dates for 2009

The meeting dates for 2009 have been set by the Oregon State Library and WVGS as follows:

January 10th	May 9th	September 12th
February 21st	June 13th	October 10th
March 14th	July 11th	November 14th
April 18th	August 8th	December 12th

WVGS Constitution and Standing Rules Review

The WVGS Board is still reviewing the Constitution and Standing Rules, as time allows. Any recommendations for changes will be published in the newsletter and discussed at a general meeting. If you would like input or to a copy of the documents, contact WVGS President George Cropsey or Newsletter Editor Liz Tice.

WVGS Officers for 2009

Elected Officer

President: *George Cropsey*
 1st Vice-President (Program): *Bob Baldwin and Ruby Pantalone*
 2nd Vice-President (Membership): *Elizabeth Tice*
 Recording Secretary: *Marilynn O’Neill*
 Corresponding Secretary: *Linda Doran*
 Treasurer: *Joan Kaiser*

Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor: *Elizabeth Tice*
 Beaver Brief Editor: *Sue Bell*
 Librarians: *Jim Willhite and Susie Niggli*
 Periodical Librarian: *Karen Farmer*
 Volunteer Coordinator: *Susie Niggli*
 Beginners’ Class: *Joan Kaiser*
 Publicity: *George Cropsey*

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

WVGS has 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 set.

You will receive a confirmation in your e-mail 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. If any of you have questions regarding DNA and which tests to order, please e-mail Emily Aulicino at: aulicino@hevanet.com.

Emily is WVGS' Project Administrator.

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.

Lebanon Genealogical Society

The City of Lebanon, Oregon opened a new Library and Justice Center on July 11th. The Lebanon Genealogical Society collection is housed in the Lebanon Public Library's Genealogy Room. The collection contains almost 600 books on Oregon. A volunteer is available Wednesdays from 1—4 pm.

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.

Ruby Pantalone

Ruby Pantalone is the volunteer on Wednesday afternoons. She started working on genealogy in 1981. Her grandmother's two sisters here in Salem, talked about the family and got her interested. She saw an ad for learning about family history at the city library and has been hooked ever since. Ruby has been an active member in WVGS, serving as president twice and currently is 1st Vice-President. She is active in the DAR, holding offices and volunteers at OSL when she's not busy during tax time.

Ruby seriously started working on genealogy in 1987, working both on her family and her husband's family. Her husband's mother was English and Pennsylvania German, his father Italian, and she has made many trips to Philadelphia. On her side, most of her family is from the South and she makes a research trip every year. Her ancestors lived in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. She still hasn't found when they came, but has found a connection to President Barack Obama's mother.

As for the Oregon State Library, Ruby says people don't realize how much "good stuff" we have here for all states. Ancestry.com is very helpful also. If you have an interest in investigating a Revolutionary War ancestor and joining DAR, Ruby is the one to see.

Ontario (Canada) Adoption Records Open

Effective June 1, 2009, Ontario's adoption records are open. The means that adopted adults and birth parents can apply for post-adoption birth information from birth records and adoption orders.

An adopted adult, 18 years or older, can apply for a copy of the original birth registration and a birth parent can receive information from the adoption order once that child turns 19 years old.

To learn more about rights to information and privacy regarding adoption visit

www.ontario.ca/adoptioninfo



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July Program

Our July speaker was **Glenn Abernathy, WVGS Member**. Glenn has been interested in his genealogy for 20 years and a WVGS member for 15 years. As a child growing up in Portland, he enjoyed going to the movies and became a fan of several "movie stars". He has combined that interest with his interest in genealogy. Glenn does research on his favorites and showed his notebooks that he has compiled. The notebooks include pictures, movie/TV/stage information and genealogy using Family Tree Maker. Glenn has attended film festivals, met some of his favorites, been in touch with their agents and in some cases family members, and has many signed pictures. He has researched Maureen O'Hara (his first and oldest), Dakota Fanning (youngest and met twice), Shirley Knight, Karol Kane, Piper Laurie, Lili Taylor, Felicity Huffman, and Christopher Plummer and his wife Tammy Grimes and daughter Amanda Plummer.

Glenn presented his strategies for research and contacts. Research can be done on-line through ancestry.com, Wikipedia, and celebrity sites. He also uses fan clubs, Internet Movie Data Base, Facebook and MySpace, and just googling. For printed sources he uses books about the stars and autobiographies. You can make person contact through the mail, e-mail, and the fan websites.

Glenn presented a very interesting program on how you can combine genealogy with an interest in celebrities. Everyone enjoyed the program, and enjoyed seeing a different side to a retired engineer. Glenn's handout is available in the notebook at the Reference Desk from the Genealogy Volunteer, along with hand-outs from previous programs.

Sweet Home Genealogical Society

The Sweet Home Genealogical Society is celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Society Library Building on **Saturday 19, 2009 at 11:00 am** at the Library on **1223 Kalmia Street, Sweet Home, Oregon. You're invited!**

Other Societies

Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc Surplus Book Sale & Open House

Saturday, August 1st, 2009 9 am—3 pm

The GFO is having a Surplus Book Sale and Open House at their Library, including tours, Ask-The-Experts Sessions, demonstrations on their computers including ancestry.com, a raffle for a yearly membership and many books for sale.

Address: 1505 S.E. Gideon St, Portland, Oregon
One block north of 13th & S.E. Powell Blvd
Phone: 503-963-1932
Web: www.gfo.org

GFO Fall Seminar

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon is also announcing its **Fall Seminar, October 31, 2009**. The Seminar will feature **Beverly Rice**. Book vendors and other genealogical societies will be there and featured topics will be "**Breaking Through Brick Walls**", "**Newspaper Research**", "**An Ancestral Journey**" and "**Railroads and Their Role in Western Migration**". At the Milwaukee Elks Lodge in Milwaukee, OR.

From New England Historical Genealogy Society

Research Recommendations: Historical Currency Conversion by Michael J. Leclerc

When researchers are dealing with old land and estate records, I am often asked "How much would that be worth today?" While Yahoo and other currency calculators are great at modern money, they often do not include the ability to convert values through time.

One great website is called "Historical Currency Conversions." This website, available at <http://futureboy.homeip.net/fsp/dollar.fsp>, is capable of converting many different kinds of currency to today's dollars. Here you can convert dollars, cents, pounds, guineas, sovereigns, merk, mark, crowns, florins, shillings, groats, pence, and farthings into today's money. \$8000 dollars in 1860 had the same buying power as \$202,759.96 current dollars. \$11,200 dollars in 1860 had the same buying power as \$283,863.95 current dollars.

<http://futureboy.homeip.net/fsp/dollar.fsp>



WVGS LIBRARY REPORT

WVGS LIBRARY REPORT FOR AUGUST NEWS- LETTER

By Jim Willhite

ANCESTRY.COM

The Ancestry.com Library Edition is a valuable resource used by both OSL patrons doing genealogical research and others doing State related business. WVGS has a special category in our budget to try and accumulate donations for future funding of Ancestry after June 2010 should the need arise. *If you have a desire to assist WVGS with donations toward this worthy effort please contact any of the Board members who can assist with your tax deductible contributions.*

Genealogy Periodicals

WVGS is each month 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 August meeting.

Genealogy Periodicals List August 2009

- Appleland Bulletin (Wenatchee, WA), v.23 n.4 – v.24 n.4 (1995 – 1996)
- The Arkansas Family Historian (Hot Springs, AR) v.12 n.3, v.15 n.1 – v.20 n.2, v.28 n.1 – v.32 n.4 (1974-1994)
- Ash Tree Echo (Fresno, CA), v.17, v.21 – v.43 n.2 (1982, 1985 – 2008)
- The Backtracker (Port Orchard, WA), v.25 n.3 – v.34 n.1 (2000 – 2009)
- Le Baton Rouge (Baton Rouge, LA), v.6 n.2 – v.17 n.4 (1986 – 1997)
- Beaver Briefs (Salem, OR), v.1 n.1 – v.41 n.2 (1968 – 2009)
- Belgian Laces (Peru, IN), v.16 n.58 – v.30 n.118 (1994 – 2008)
- Berks of Old (Laughlintown, PA), v.1 n.1 – v.2 n.4 (1983 – 1985)
- Berkshire Genealogist (Pittsfield, MA), v.4 n.2 – v.24 n.1 (1983 – 2003)
- Big Bend Register (Ephrata, WA), v.12 n.1 – v.30 n.1 (1991 – 2009)



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Periodicals Received During July 09

By Karen Farmer

- CA (Fresno), "The Jotted Line", Fresno County Genealogical Society, Jun 09
- CO, "Piñon Whispers", Southeastern Colorado Genealogical Society, V 30 No 2, Summer 09
- CT, "Connecticut Genealogy News", Connecticut Society of Genealogists, V 2 No 2, Summer 09
- CT, "The Connecticut Nutmegger", Connecticut Society of Genealogists, V 42 No 1, Jun 09
- IL, "Chicago Genealogist", Chicago Genealogical Society, V 41 No 3, Spring 09
- IL (DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Will), "Fox Tales", Fox Valley Genealogical Society, V 25 No 2, Spring 09
- IL, "Newsletter", Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, V 37 No 6, Jun 09
- IL, "The Saga of Southern Illinois", Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, V 36 No 2, Apr-Jun 09
- IL (DeKalb), "Cornsilk", DeKalb County Historical-Genealogical Society, V 28 No 2, Summer 09
- IL, "Chicago Genealogist", Chicago Genealogical Society", V 41 No 4, Summer 09
- IL, "Quarterly", Illinois State Genealogical Society, V 41, No 2, Summer 09
- IL (Des Moines), "Quarterly", Des Moines County Genealogical Society, V 34 No 2, May 09
- IL (Effingham), "Crossroad Trails", Effingham County Genealogical & Historical Society, V 30 No 2, 2009
- IL (McLean), "Gleanings", McLean County Genealogical Society, V 43 No 1, Spring 09
- KS, "Treebark", Southeast Kansas Genealogical Society, V 18 No 1, Jan-Mar 09
- KS, "Treebark", Southeast Kansas Genealogical Society, V 18 No 2, Apr-Jun 09
- KY, "Kentucky Explorer", V 24 No 2, Jun 09
- KY, "The Bulletin", West-Central Kentucky Family Research Ass'n, V 42 No 2, Summer 09
- KY, "Kentucky Family Records, West-Central Kentucky Family Research Ass'n, Summer 09
- MA, "New England Ancestors", New England Historic Genealogical Society, V 10 No 2, Spring 09
- MI, "Michigana", Western Michigan Genealogical Society, V 55 No 2, Apr-Jun 09
- MI (Calhoun), "Generations", Calhoun County Genealogical Society, V 21 No 5, May-Jun 09



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- **NC, "NCGS News", North Carolina Genealogical Society, V 33 No 3, Summer 09**
- OH (Coshocton), "The Kinsman Courier", Coshockton County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society, V 32 NO 2, Summer 09
- OH, "Ohio Genealogy News", Ohio Genealogical Society, V 40 No 2, Summer 09
- OK (Pittsburg), "Tobucksy News", Pittsburg County Genealogical & Historical Society, V 26 No 2, May 09
- OR (Benton), "NewsLetter", Benton Genealogical Society, V 24 No 6, Jun 09
- OR (Clackamas), "Clackamas Legacy", Clackamas County Family History Project, V 22 No 2, Apr-Jun 09
- OR (Douglas), "Douglas County Pioneer", V 23 No 2, Jun 09
- OR (Grant), "Newsletter", V 15 No 2, Jun 09
- OR (Tillamook), "Spring 09 Newsletter", Tillamook County Historical Society, V 24 No 2, May 09
- OR, "The Bulletin", Genealogical Forum of Oregon, V 58 No 4, Jun 09
- OR (Lane), "Quarterly", Oregon Genealogical Society, V 47 No 3, Summer 09
- OR (Linn), Lebanon Genealogical Society, Issue 3, June 09
- OR (Linn), "The Heritage Newsletter", Linn Genealogical Society, V 23 No 6, Jun 09
- PA (Erie), "Keystone Kuzzins", Erie Society for Genealogical Research, V 37 No 2, May 09
- PA, "The Heritage", Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical society, V 18 No 2, Summer 09
- PA, "Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine", Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, V 46 No 1, Spring-Summer 09
- WA, "Newsletter", Clark County Genealogical Society, V 36 No 10, Jun 09
- WA (Kitsap, North Mason), "The Backtracker", Puget Sound Genealogical Society, V 34 No 2, Jun 09
- WA (Snohomish, Island), "The Beacon", Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, Jun 09
- WA, "The Stillaguamish Star", Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society, V 22 No 2, Apr-Jun 09
- WA, "Bulletin", Yakima Valley Genealogical Society, V 41 No 2, Jun 09
- WA, "The Bulletin", Eastern Washington Genealogical Society, V 46 NO 2, Jun 09
- WA (Island, Snohomish), "The Sounder", Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, V 23 No 2, 2nd Quarter 09
- WV (Fayette, Raleigh), "News Notes", Fayette & Raleigh Counties Genealogical Society, V 26 No 2, Summer 09
- "The Highlander, the Magazine of Scottish Heritage", V 47 No 4, Jul-Aug 09



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PURCHASES AND DONATIONS

The following purchases and donated material to OS� may not be immediately available. The books and microfilm have to be cataloged and put into the OS� 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**

- **Marriages and Death Notices from The Southern Presbyterian 1847-1855**
- **Death and Marriage Notices from the Watchman and Observer 1845-1855**
Total Both Vol. incl. S&H = \$ 68.50
- **German Immigrants in American Church Records, Vol. 7: Iowa West Protestants**
incl. S&H = \$65.95
- **Social Networking for Genealogists**
incl. S&H = \$23.45
- **Palentine Families of Ireland**
= \$28.50
- **German Immigrants in American Church Records, Vol. 8 Iowa Northern Protestant**
=\$56.95
- **Palentine Roots, The 1716 German Settlement in New York**
=\$49.50
- **Total all 3 incl. S&H=\$147.95**
- **Granville N.C. History and Genealogies of Old**
=\$38.50
- **Guilford County N.C. Wills 1771-1841**
=\$28.50
- **Total both incl. S&H=\$73.00**

SUGGESTED PURCHASES - DONATIONS WANTED

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.

BOOKS – Suggestions Please

CD's - Suggestions Please

Summary of Genealogy Resources Available at the Oregon State Library

We now have a summary of **Genealogy Resources Available at the Oregon State Library** available to hand out to visiting researchers at the OSL. This hand-out is in the brochure rack opposite the Reference Desk and also will be available on the website.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance • Computers • Ancestry.com • Catalog • Geographical Areas • Microfilm • CDs • Oregon Index in the Alcove • Atlases, gazetteers, maps • Cemeteries and death records • Census records • City directories and phone books 	<p>A Genealogy Volunteer is available for assistance at the Reference Desk, including on the Saturday that the Oregon State Library is open each month.</p> <p>6 computers are available to the public, 2 reserved for genealogy research.</p> <p>Ancestry.com is available for free on all computers.</p> <p>The Reference Room only has a portion of the materials available— there are 5 floors of stacks. Always check the on-line catalog to see what is at the library. This can be done at home— http://www.oregon.gov/OSL/</p> <p>Our major emphasis is on Oregon history and genealogy, but we have genealogy resources for almost all states and for some other countries as well.</p> <p>Limited editions of newspapers from these Oregon cities are available on microfilm: Albany, Bend, Corvallis, Crook County, Astoria, East Oregonian, Eugene, Medford, Oregon City. Almost all editions of the Capitol Journal, Oregon Statesman, Statesman Journal, Oregon Journal, The Oregonian are available on microfilm.</p> <p>Some city directories and marriage indexes for Oregon and Washington are also on microfilm. The microfilm cabinet contains Oregon WWI Draft Cards, Oregon Censuses, a variety of other federal censuses, Oregon death/marriage/divorce indexes, other newspapers, Pacific Northwest history, Oregon Provisional and Territorial Records.</p> <p>The virtual drive has over 150 CDs installed on the hard drive, covering vital records, pedigrees, censuses, reference publications, military records, Everton's Pedigrees, church records, land records, wills and probates.</p> <p>In addition to the CDs on the virtual drive, we have over 100 other CDs of genealogical records from around the country.</p> <p>This is a limited index to newspapers and other documents in OSL from about 1915 to 1986. Cards are indexed by surname and subject. Subjects cover Oregon history, events, persons, and places with an emphasis on state government issues and agencies. Also in the Alcove is an index to WPA files.</p> <p>We have Metsker maps for all Oregon counties, Sanborn maps on microfilm, general references for the US like the Township Atlas of the United States and Oregon Geographic Names and many more maps and gazetteers.</p> <p>Oregon and other states, Washington State Death Index 1910-1979 are on microfilm, as well as Oregon Death Index, obituary files for Salem and Salem Pioneer Cemetery index.</p> <p>We have printed indexes for most states and Oregon including 1895 and 1905 Marion County and ancestry.com for all US Censuses, Canada and England.</p> <p>Portland 1861-1935 is on microfilm and most other years up to 1986 in the stacks. Other cities that we have early years for are Astoria (1902-1960), Baker (1908-1959), Bend (1936-1960), Eugene (1905-1934), Hood River (1910-1920), Medford (1911-1921), Pendleton (1912-1935), The Dalles (1905-1960) and Salem (1889-1996).</p>
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Summary of Genealogy Resources Available at the Oregon State Library

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divorce records • Early New England • Family Histories • Periodicals • Land records in Oregon • Marriages • Military Records • Oregon Trail Emigrants • General Research • Other Countries • WVGS website-Indexes • Willamette Valley Genealogical Society 	<p>Oregon Divorce Records 1946-1970 (microfilm) and 1961-2003 by husband's name only (microfiche).</p> <p>The collection contains Massachusetts Vital Records, by city, early 1700's to 1850, the NEHGS Register, Great Migration Series, Quaker records, Pennsylvania Archives, New Jersey Archives, Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Records and the NYG & B Record, as well as many records on CDs.</p> <p>We have a large collection of family genealogies and histories, located in the west end of the Reference Room.</p> <p>Most periodicals are in the stacks, but can be checked out. The latest editions of current periodicals are in the microfilm room. We receive periodicals from around Oregon and other states and have many older periodicals in the stacks. Oregon Historical Quarterly is in the Reference Room.</p> <p>We have land claim abstracts for Clatsop County, books and genealogies on Oregon pioneers, Oregon Donation Land Claims 1852-1903 on microfilm, and the recent Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery genealogy.</p> <p>Oregon Marriage Indexes are on microfilm and microfiche for the years 1906-1924, 1946-1955, 1966-1970 and 1961-2005 (microfiche).</p> <p>Military records are in the microfilm room, including DAR Patriot Index, Revolutionary War Pension Index, and WWI Draft Cards for Oregon.</p> <p>We have a large collection of Oregon Trail information. See the separate document, Oregon Trail Emigrant Resources.</p> <p>We have genealogy reference books, like the Red Book and Handy Book, encyclopedias such as The World Book and Britannica, pedigree charts and group sheets.</p> <p>We have some resources on other countries, especially German immigrants, Canadian and Irish immigration.</p> <p>The WVGS website is through the Oregon State Library: http://www.oregon.gov/OSL/GRES/genealogy.shtml Under Resources at the State Library are on-line indexes for the Oregon Index (Oregon newspaper 1980/90/s—2004), complete list of Genealogical Periodicals at the OSL, Oregon Trail Emigrant Resources, Family Newsletters at the OSL, Master file of the Microfilm Cabinet.</p> <p>WVGS works with the OSL to provide genealogy volunteers for the Reference Desk and donates books to OSL for the genealogy collection. Membership and publications brochures are on the brochure rack opposite the Reference Desk. Newsletters, publication order forms, meeting dates, information on DNA testing, and how to send a research request are on the site. WVGS helps anyone who comes to the OSL with their genealogy for free. Research requests by phone or e-mail are for a fee. Costs vary, for example Oregon statewide searches for deaths, obituaries are \$5 each (3 for \$10), Marion County searches \$10 or all other research projects at \$10 per hour.</p>
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Oregon State Fair

WVGS will be participating with other genealogy societies at the Oregon State Fair. We will have a table on **Friday, September 4th**. We will need volunteers to help at the table and will discuss this at the August meeting.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Elizabeth Tice

Membership for 2009, we have 17 Life Members, 76 single memberships, 16 family memberships (32 individuals), and 5 Historical/Genealogical Societies for a total of 130 members.

Newsletters

WVGS currently exchanges periodicals with 45 societies. We also mail to 10 libraries and mailed 24 complimentary copies this month.

Welcome new members Christine Knight and Charles Currey (family membership)!

ANNUAL DUES for the calendar year 2009 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, PO Box 2083, Salem, OR 97308-2083, enclosing a SASA if you would like a 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

Pro-rated Amounts for new members only who join:

Jan-Mar: \$20 Apr-Jun: \$15
Jul-Sept: \$10 Oct-Dec: \$5

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Pro-rated Amounts for new members only who join:

Jan-Mar: \$25 Apr-Jun: \$18.75
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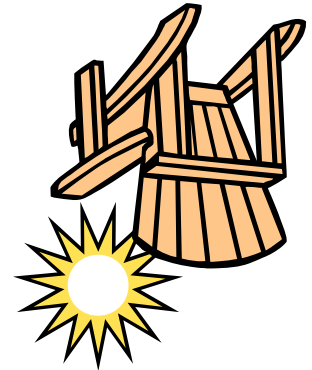
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Woodburn LDS Family History Center 1000 Country Club Rd. [back— ring bell] Woodburn, OR 97071 / 503-981-4731	CLOSED		9 am— 1 pm	CLOSED	5 pm - 9 pm	CLOSED	12 pm- 5 pm
Salem East LDS Family History Center 862 45th Ave NE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-371-0453	CLOSED		9 am— 4 pm	2 pm— 9 pm	CLOSED	9 am— 2 pm	9 am— 1 pm
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	9 am— 9 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
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