

## Genealogy Resources Available at the Oregon State Library

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Assistance</b></li> </ul>	<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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Computers</b></li> </ul>	<p>6 computers are available to the public, 2 reserved for genealogy research.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ancestry.com</b></li> </ul>	<p>Ancestry.com is available for free on all computers.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Catalog</b></li> </ul>	<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— <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OSL/">http://www.oregon.gov/OSL/</a></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Geographical Areas</b></li> </ul>	<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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Microfilm</b></li> </ul>	<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 <b>Capitol Journal, Oregon Statesman, Statesman Journal, Oregon Journal, The Oregonian</b> are available on microfilm. Some city directories and marriage indexes for Oregon and Washington are also on microfilm.</p> <p>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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CDs</b></li> </ul>	<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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Oregon Index in the Alcove</b></li> </ul>	<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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Atlases, gazetteers, maps</b></li> </ul>	<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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cemeteries and death records</b></li> </ul>	<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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Census records</b></li> </ul>	<p>We have printed indexes for most states and Oregon including 1895 and 1905 Marion County and <a href="http://ancestry.com">ancestry.com</a> for all US Censuses, Canada and England.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>City directories and phone books</b></li> </ul>	<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>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Divorce records</b></li> </ul>	<p>Oregon Divorce Records 1946-1970 (microfilm) and 1961-2003 by husband's name only (microfiche).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Early New England</b></li> </ul>	<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 &amp; B Record, as well as many records on CDs.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Family Histories</b></li> </ul>	<p>We have a large collection of family genealogies and histories, located in the west end of the Reference Room.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Periodicals</b></li> </ul>	<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. <b>Oregon Historical Quarterly</b> is in the Reference Room.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Land records in Oregon</b></li> </ul>	<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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marriages</b></li> </ul>	<p>Oregon Marriage Indexes are on microfilm and microfiche for the years 1906-1924, 1946-1955, 1966-1970 and 1961-2005 (microfiche).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Military Records</b></li> </ul>	<p>Military records are in the microfilm room, including DAR Patriot Index, Revolutionary War Pension Index, and WWI Draft Cards for Oregon.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Oregon Trail Emigrants</b></li> </ul>	<p>We have a large collection of Oregon Trail information. See the separate document, <b>Oregon Trail Emigrant Resources</b>.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>General Research</b></li> </ul>	<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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Other Countries</b></li> </ul>	<p>We have some resources on other countries, especially German immigrants, Canadian and Irish immigration.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WVGS website-Indexes</b></li> </ul>	<p>The WVGS website is through the Oregon State Library:  <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OSL/GRES/genealogy.shtml">http://www.oregon.gov/OSL/GRES/genealogy.shtml</a>  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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Willamette Valley Genealogical Society</b></li> </ul>	<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>