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## WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM

**July 9th Thursday: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm**  
**WVGS Executive Committee Meeting.**  
**Room 308 at Oregon State Library**

**July 11th, 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—11:00 am General Membership Meeting**  
**Conference Room 103** (1st floor, opposite the elevator). Business meeting will be held to conduct society business.

**11:00 am to 12 noon Program Room 103**

Our speaker for the July program will be WVGS **Glenn Abernathy**, speaking on “**Researching Celebrity Connections**”. Glenn says:

“I am a retired civil engineer who worked as a bridge designer for ODOT for more than 40 years. I have been interested in genealogy for about 20 years and a member of WVGS for about 15 years. I have a website at [www.pcez.com/~glennab](http://www.pcez.com/~glennab) which has both genealogy and fan sites for actresses that I like, ranging from 11-year-old Elle Fanning to 88-year-old Maureen O'Hara. I have combined my interest in genealogy with

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my interest in movies by doing research on the ancestors of a few of my favorite actresses.”

“My program on July 11th will be about the methods I have used, for my own interest, to research the ancestors of some of these celebrity actresses. These methods can be used to research the genealogy of most celebrities. Many of these methods involve use of a computer and the internet.”

This should be a fun program, as help as informative on research methods on the internet. **Plan on attending and enjoying yourself!**

### **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.

### Program Schedule

**Bob Baldwin** and **Ruby Pantalone** now have a complete schedule of programs for the remainder of 2009, including our 40th Anniversary party, professional speakers on “Immigration and Naturalization”, “The Whitman Massacre”, and “Doing Genealogy Research on the Computer”.

### DAR Workshop

See page 4 for information on a *DAR Lineage Workshop*.

### Volunteers Needed

See page 3 for information on *volunteer opportunities at the Oregon State Library*.

**The Oregon State Library Genealogy/Reference Room** (north end of 2nd floor hall) will be open to the public on **Saturday, July 11th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm** for genealogical research. A volunteer will be available for assistance.

**Use the Winter Street entrance.**



### WVGS News

#### 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

August 8th: Birthday Celebration for WVGS' 40th Birthday

September 12th—Susan LeBlanc, "Immigration and Naturalization"

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

*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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### WVGS News

#### 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>
July 11th	Joan Kaiser	Bob Baldwin
August 8th	Jim Willhite	Joan Kaiser
September 12th	Susie Niggli	Marilynn O'Neill

#### 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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## WVGS News

## WVGS News/Research Sites

**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](http://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](mailto: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.**

**Godfrey Memorial Library**

The Godfrey Memorial Library in Middletown, CT has thousands of resources available on-line. They have city and business directories, vital records, census records, state and county histories, family and bible records, service and pension records and many more. The Godfrey Library presently has approximately 200,000 books and periodicals in its collection. A basic subscription is only \$35 and allows you to search the Premium Database and Godfrey Collections. Visit the library for more information at [www.godfrey.org](http://www.godfrey.org)

**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.

**Dick Johnson**

**Dick Johnson** is one of the genealogy volunteers on Friday afternoon. He began volunteering at the Oregon State Library after he retired in 2000 and was looking for something to do. He had worked on his family genealogy in the '90's and started working on his wife's family. He came in to do research, talked to a volunteer and ended up being a volunteer himself!

As for **Dick's** ancestry, he is an interesting combination of Macedonian and Scandinavian, with both sides have similar stories of arrival here. His mother's Macedonian family came in 1907 (Dick's grandfather), eventually ending up in Portland with his grandmother coming later. On his father's side his grandmother was Danish and his grandfather was Swedish. His great-grandparents of came from Denmark and Norway. On his wife side early ancestors came in the 1700's to New Jersey from Germany. Dick has made a trip to Macedonia to the village of his mother's family, but is limited in the research he can do.

**Dick** says there are good resources at OS� that many people don't realize that we have on states other than Oregon. More people use the internet now, so we get less people in to the library. Dick enjoys helping people with their interesting questions and stories so come visit him on Friday afternoons and get help with your brickwalls!

**LOOKING, Looking...**

We are still looking for volunteers to help in the Reference Room with Genealogy research on Wednesdays, the morning shift and the afternoon shift. We also need Book and Document Mending volunteers. If you are at all interested, please contact Robin Speer (503-378-5014) for more information. **Join the greatest team of volunteers in Oregon!**

**Robin Speer  
Volunteer Program Coordinator  
Oregon State Library  
503-378-5014**



### WVGS News

#### June Program

Our June program speaker was “Mountain Man” **Lloyd Weigel**. His nickname is also “Grizzly Killer” as he has killed nine grizzlies. Lloyd talked about the life of mountain men, only 3 of 100 trappers lasted for more than three years. Lloyd was dressed in period character clothing and had clothing, supplies, blankets, knives, and supplies for black powder ammunition for demonstrations. Guns are not allowed in the OSL so he was unable to bring his 1762 long rifle.

Lloyd also talked about the foods that trappers lived on, how they cooked and traveled. Trappers were in a constant battle with Indians as well as the elements and wildlife. But they traded with the Indians and also often married into the tribes as white women couldn't survive in the wilderness. Trappers were able to make six to seven times more money by trapping than by farming or working in town.

Beaver trade started in Oregon in the 1830's with trappers coming down from Canada, sometimes in brigades for the companies. Trading also occurred along the Oregon Coast with Hawaiians and Chinese.

Lloyd also talked about the Rendezvous, which he participates in modern day ones. He is an expert shot with the long gun, winning competitions and hunting around the world, in Alaska, Africa and New Zealand. Lloyd was very knowledgeable about the history and had lots of exploits to relate.

#### DAR Lineage Workshop

There will be a DAR ( Daughters of the American Revolution) and SAR ( Sons of the American Revolution) Lineage workshop on **July 11, 2009** from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m in room 102 of the Oregon State Library**. Ruby Pantalone (Anna Maria Pittman Chapter Registrar, Karen Farwell( Cheme-keta Chapter Registrar) and Shirley O'Neal( Oregon State Society Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage Chairman) will help individuals with their lineage back to the American Revolution. **Be sure to bring your Pedigree Chart, family groups sheets and any other information you think might help with finding your Revolutionary War Ancestor.**

If you have any questions, please call Ruby Pantalone 503-393-8334

### Research Sites/Conferences

#### Oakridge Museum

The Oakridge Museum will be sponsoring its annual Pioneer Picnic on **Sunday, July 12th, from 11 am til 4 pm at Greenwaters Park in Oakridge, Oregon.**

The picnic will include chicken and refreshments. Admission will be \$5.00. Don't miss the Drama and Music! Oregon is 150 years young! The reenactment will feature Joe Meek, Jesse Thornton, and Robert Moore of the 1848 Provisional Government.

For more information, contact Del Spencer, 541-913-2055 (del.spencer@yahoo.com) or Wes Tiller at 541-556-0734.

#### New Site—Ancestral Atlas

Ancestral Atlas has created a website that allows you to take your genealogical information and put it on the map — literally.

The site works as an overlay to Google Maps and allows you to put pins on a map showing where ancestral events occurred. These can be any type of event, not just birth, baptism, marriage, death, and burial. You can also add commentary to include contextual information. Users can view and search information uploaded to the site for free. **Subscribers** get additional features, like the ability to upload GEDCOM files, a messaging service to contact individuals who upload information, and use of a spatial search feature that allows you to make special searches, such as identifying all individuals of the same surname within a certain radius of a location. Subscribers also have the option to save specific searches so that they can reused to check for new information that has been uploaded. Ancestral Atlas is also in the process of adding a historical map layer that will allow subscribers to see a location as it was in an earlier time.

Because this is a British company, much of the currently available data is for the U.K., but Americans are quickly catching on and adding their information. Also, the historical maps currently offered and in the near future are for the U.K. and Ireland.

Check out these folks [www.AncestralAtlas.com](http://www.AncestralAtlas.com) and see how they will be able to help you, especially with your English research!



## WVGS LIBRARY REPORT

### WVGS LIBRARY REPORT FOR JULY NEWSLETTER

By Jim Willhite

#### ANCESTRY.COM – OUR SPECIAL THANKS

The Ancestry.com Library Edition is a valuable resource used by both OSL patrons doing genealogical research and others doing State related business. Thanks to the generosity of our friends the Comptons and their EENA foundation WVGS has met it's obligation to match OSL's contribution and we are pleased to announce Ancestry.com has been renewed for another year.

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 **July** meeting.

#### Genealogy Periodicals List July 2009

- Adair County Review (Columbia, KY), v.13 n.3 – v.14 n.4 (1999 – 2000)
- American Genealogist (Demorest, GA), v.14 n.3, v.27 n.3, v.33 n.1- v.76 n.3 (1938, 1951, 1957 – 2001)
- American Spirit (DAR – Washington, DC), v.135 n.8 – v.143 n.3 (2001 – 2009)
- Ancestor, Quarterly Journal of the Genealogical Society of Victoria (Melbourne/Victoria, Australia), v. 16 no. 1 – v. 16 no. 4 (1985)
- Ancestral Notes from Chedwato (Burlington, VT), various issues (1957 – 1966)
- Ancestry the Family History Source from Ancestry.com (Provo, UT), various issues (1997 – 2006)
- Ancestry Newsletter (Salt Lake City, UT), various issues (1984 – 1993)

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- The Annals of Iowa (Iowa City, IA), v.28 n.2, v.30 n.7 – v.48 n.3-4 (1946, 1951 – 1986)
- Annals of Wyoming (Cheyenne, WY), v.1 n.1 – v.9 n.3, v.11 n.2 – v.19 n.2, v.26 n.2 (1924 – 1954)
- Ansearchin' News (Brunswick, TN), v.1-9, v.12 – v.47 n.2 (1954 – 2000)

#### Periodicals Received During June 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
- 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 (Des Moines), "Quarterly", Des Moines County Genealogical Society, V 34 No 2, May 09
- KS, "Treebark", Southeast Kansas Genealogical Society, V 18 No 1, Jan-Mar 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 (Calhoun), "Generations", Calhoun County Genealogical Society, V 21 No 5, May-Jun 09
- 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

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- 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 (Linn), Lebanon Genealogical Society, Issue 3, June 09
- OR (Linn), "The Heritage Newsletter", Linn Genealogical Society, V 23 No 6, Jun 09
- PA, "The Heritage", Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical society, V 18 No 2, 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
- WV (Fayette, Raleigh), "News Notes", Fayette & Raleigh Counties Genealogical Society, V 26 No 2, Summer 09

#### PURCHASES AND DONATIONS

The following purchases and donated material 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 AND THE OREGON STATE LIBRARY

- German Immigrants in American Church Records V. 7, Iowa West Protestant  
\$65.95 pp



## WVGS LIBRARY REPORT

- Death and Marriage Notices from the Watchman and Observer 1845-1855. The notices are from VA, NC, SC and GA  
\$27.50. + 1.50 S&H
- Marriage and Death Notices from the Southern Presbyterian 1847-1865. The newspaper in GA carried notices from the Southern states and was not limited to Presbyterians  
\$35.00 + 4.50 S&H
- Social Networking for Genealogists  
\$18.95 + 5.00 S&H

#### PERIODICALS DONATED

by Sandy Graham

#### For THE SALE TABLE OR OTHER SOCIETY

- Nase rodina "Our Family", Newsletter of the Czechoslovak Gen. Soc. International, Mar. 1995 – Dec. 1999
- Rocenka, Yearbook of the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International, 1995 – 1998

#### CD DONATED by Frances Eddy TO THE OREGON STATE LIBRARY

- Oregon Spectator 5 Feb 1846 – 10 May 1855, Oregon City, Oregon

#### 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

**WVGS News - 40th Anniversary Party**

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**WVGS 40th Anniversary Party**

WVGS is celebrating our 40th Anniversary this year. We are planning a party for our August meeting on August 8th. We are inviting any charter members and previous officers to attend. We will highlight WVGS's history and hope to have a tour of the Oregon State Library and enjoy cake and good reminiscences.

Below is a list of the charter members of WVGS in 1969. We especially invite Erma Lee Brown, Patricia Bissell and Addie Dyal Rickey to attend as they are current members who were charter members in 1969. If you know any of these members, please contact Sue Rempel at 503-581-7365 so we can invite them to our party.

1	Mrs. Ruth	Beam
2	Mrs. Delorus	Fest
3	Richard E.	Reay
4	Ethel	Shipman
5	Mrs. Eva	Eckstein
6	Mayme E.	Keene
7	Mrs. Fern	Tague
8	Mable	Sohrt
9	Pauline	Cohen
10	Mrs. Ruby	Paschal
11	Mrs. Barbara	Thorn
12	Claudine	Shaw
13	Kitty	Kemner
14	Mrs. Berniece	Martinson
15	Mrs. Rhelda	Chilles
16	Harriet L.	Gaylord
17	Harriet	Bondell
18	Marguerite	Lucker
19	John	Lucker
20	Erma Lee	Brown
21	Minta	Boyer
22	Col. Lyle	Grimes
23	Mrs. Gladys M.	Laidlaw
24	Mrs. Janice E.	Schmidt
25	Ronald S	Jolley
26	Mrs. Joette	Jolley
27	Florence	Malone
28	Rosie	Wheeler
29	Ruth	Richardson
30	Lettie	Genre
31	Ica	Gerard
32	Patricia J.	Wahl
33	Adeline S.	Dyal
34	Ted	Pallman
35	Agnes	Custer
36	Ida M.	Steele

37	Ann	Neuharth
38	Barbara	Hainz
39	Elsie	Youngberg
40	Marian	Nelson
41	Helen	Haskin
42	Vera	Swartz
43	Edith	Dorn
44	Mrs. M. V.	Morelli
45	Cornell C.	Ward
46	Sal	Warkentin
47	Sadie M.	Thompson
48	George W.	Thompson
49	Virginia	Morgan
50	Hazel	Matrjse
51	Carla	Healy
52	Esther W.	Powell
53	Shirley A.	Larsen
54	Leah C.	Menefee
55	Juanita A.	Manley
56	Arizona Genealogical Library	
57	Mrs. Richard L.	Wright
58	Mrs. Mary	Brummett
59	Mrs. Nellie G.	Hiday
60	Mrs. Patricia	Bissell
61	Loretta	Hersha
62	Merl E.	Dimick
63	Dorothy M.	Reed
64	Robert W.	Leishman
65	Robert A.	Marsh
66	Julius	Pincus
67	Mary	Pincus
68	Darlene L.	Mann
69	Ruth E.	Finley
70	Richard W.	Nash
71	Ruby F.	Reser
72	Mrs. Lillian	Woodruff
73	Mrs. Mildred E.	Mackey
74	Mrs. Ivan	Curtis
75	Mrs. Wayne E.	Gurley
76	Willmetta	Bauguess
77	Nancy	Stanbery
78	Juanita	Wilson
79	Daye M.	Holin
80	Barbara	Henshew
81	Mrs. Lillian	Such
82	Willis G.	Corbitt
83	Mrs. Patricia	Hazelett

I apologize if I have misspelled any names—reading the original rosters was a little difficult. E. Tice

**WVGS News - 40th Anniversary Party****Research Sites**

We would also like to invite past officers to our party. Below is a list of WVGS Presidents, 1969-2009

1969	Erma Lee Brown
1970	Kitty Kemner
1971	Rev. James E. Alley
1972-73	Eva Eckstein
1974-76	(An Executive Committee)
1977	Patricia Wahl
1978	Rev. James B. Hoge
1979	Erma Lee Brown
1980	Richard Lerman
1981-84	Irene Harding
1985	Nancy Richings
1986	Anne Rose & Mabel Sohrt
1987	Allan Blodgett
1988-89	Ruby Pantalone
1990-92	Beverly McDougal
1993-94	Brenda Myers
1995-96	Erma Lee Acres
1997-2003	Frances Eddy
2004-05	Ruby Pantalone
2006-07	Jim Wilhite
2008-09	George Cropsey

Again we would like to invite these past presidents to our August meeting. If you know the addresses of any past presidents, please let Sue Rempel know at 503-581-7365.

**150 Books for Oregon's Sesquicentennial**

To help commemorate Oregon's Sesquicentennial, the Oregon State Library has posted the Oregon 150 Booklist. The list consists of 150 books for children, teens and adults that describe the Oregon experience, including fiction, non-fiction, history, and poetry. The books are available in libraries and bookstores and are highly recommended.

The list can be viewed or downloaded from the Oregon State Library website at

**<http://oregon.gov/OSL/OR150.shtml>**

**Update on FamilySearch Record Search**

This site is quickly becoming a major resource for research. Taking the millions of reels of microfilm in the Family History Library and making them available online is a daunting task, but the staff is working diligently to make that happen. The Record Search site is the latest iteration of accessing the vast collections.

There are now 115 collections from around the world available online in one way or another. In addition to the United States and Canada, you will find collections from Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Spain, and the United Kingdom. Some of these collections have images only. Others have indexes only. Some have a combination of the two, and still others have both searchable indexes and images.

Navigation of the site is quite easy, with plentiful dropdown boxes as well as text-entry boxes. Each collection has a brief description on the first page, with more detailed information available under an About This Collection link. The viewer on this site is one of the best viewers on a genealogy website. It requires no additional software, although you may be asked to download the most recent version of Adobe Flash player. This flash-based viewer works infinitely better than viewers on commercial websites, making it a snap to view, print, or download an image.

The site is still considered a pilot project, as they continue to tweak the software. That said, it works quite well and you will rarely encounter a problem using the collections. The only downtime may be when they are adding new data and images.

You can get to the site from [www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org) by selecting Record Search Pilot under the Search Records tab. You can also go there directly by visiting <http://pilot.familysearch.org>.



**Membership Dues and Cost of Beaver Briefs**

WVGS, as with many genealogical societies, is struggling with increased cost. Our main operating expense is for mailing and printing the newsletters and our quarterly bulletin Beaver Briefs. We will be discussing options for 2010 at the general meetings this fall. Also there will be a survey in the next Beaver Briefs concerning options for print or on-line versions. Please send that survey back to help the members make decisions concerning dues and costs. Remember that our main expense and purpose is to purchase genealogical books for OSL and therefore for the public to use.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

By Elizabeth Tice

**Membership for 2009, we have 17 Life Members, 76 single memberships, 15 family memberships (30 individuals), and 5 Historical/Genealogical Societies for a total of 128 members.**

**Newsletters**

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

***Welcome back member Carol Young!***

**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  
Jul-Sept: \$12.50    Oct-Dec: \$6.25**

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

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MAIDEN NAME

MAILING ADDRESS:  
STREET:

SPOUSE'S NAME

CITY, STATE,  
ZIP CODE:

TEL. AREA CODE & NO.

COUNTIES OF INTEREST - INCLUDING STATE ABBR.

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

YOUR MAILING ADDRESS: YES NO    YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER: YES NO    YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS: YES NO

Amount enclosed -

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Annual Dues (\$20 individual or \$25 family membership)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ payment to be applied toward Life Membership  Under age 70  Age 70 or Over

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ other (please identify) \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME-ADDRESS-PHONE	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Woodburn LDS Family History Center 1000 Country Club Rd. [back- ring bell] Woodburn, OR 97071 / 503-981-4731	CLOSED		9 am— 1 pm	CLOSED		By appointment only	CLOSED  12 pm– 4pm (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	CLOSED	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 Wed)	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)					Jul 11th ONLY 10am-4pm
Oregon State Archives 800 Summer St NE Salem, OR 97310 / 503-373-0701	CLOSED	8 am—12 am and 1 pm—4:45 pm (CLOSED State Holidays)					CLOSED
Salem City Library 585 Liberty St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-588-6315	Open 1 pm– 5 pm Sept-May	CLOSED	10 am—9 pm (CLOSED City Holidays)			10 am—6 pm	

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