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WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM

May 7, Thursday: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
WVGS Executive Committee Meeting.
Room 308 at Oregon State Library

May 9th, 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 program for May 9th will be presented by WVGS Member **Thomas Branigar, Historian**, speaking on “**The Life and Times of Dwight D. Eisenhower**”. In his talk Tom will discuss his research on President Eisenhower’s family background. He will describe how standard genealogical research techniques enabled him to uncover significant information about the president’s father that had been previously overlooked by professional historians.

Thomas Branigar was born in Salem, Oregon, and was raised in Monmouth. He graduated from Linfield College in McMinnville (BA degree 1974). In graduate

school he studied archives and records management at Western Washington University (MA degree 1976).

From 1977 to 2008 **Tom** was an archivist at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library in Abilene, Kansas, a branch of the National Archives. His main task was to organize the records of the Eisenhower administration so they could be made available to historians. Significant collections on which he worked include the White House Central Files; the records of the National Security Council and the Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs; and the personal papers of Treasury Secretary Robert B. Anderson, Attorney General Herbert Brownell, USIA deputy director Abbott Washburn, and famed aviatrix Jacqueline Cochran. He also served as the Library’s staff expert on the Eisenhower genealogy, and helped answer inquiries about President Eisenhower’s family background.

Tom retired in October 2008 and returned to the Salem area. He is now working part time as assistant archivist at the Polk County Museum in Rickreall.

1:00 pm—Beginners’ Class

The Beginners’ Class will be conducted by **Joan Kaiser in Conference Room 103** (1st floor opposite the elevator). Pre-registration is not required. There is no charge, but we suggest a donation of up to \$3.00 toward the cost of printed handouts.

This will be #4 in the Beginners’ Series, **Researching on Location**. **Joan** will cover developing a “to do” list before you leave and contacts to make ahead of time. She also will cover researching at the Family History Center in Salt Lake City.

The Oregon State Library Genealogy/Reference Room (north end of 2nd floor hall) will be open to the public on **Saturday, May 9th 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

June 13th: Lloyd Weigel, Local Oregon Historian, "Northwest Trappers and Rendezvous occurring in the Oregon Territory"

July 11th: Glenn Abernathy "Researching Celebrity Connections"

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

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

Members at the April meeting decided to continue this 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, 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>
May 9th	Bob Baldwin	Ruby Pantalone
June 13th	Glen Abernathy	Liz Tice
July 11th	Joan Kaiser	Bob Baldwin

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 2009Elected Officer

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

Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor: Elizabeth Tice
 Beaver Brief Editor: Sue Bell
 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.

Historical Books Digitized through FamilySearch.org

An addition to the notes from last month's program by Carl Taylor of the South Salem FHC. Family history books are being digitized also. On the familysearch.org, select Search Records, then Historical Books. You will be connected to the Family History Collection at BYU and can easily search by family name. At this point there are **32102** books in the online collection.

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.

Sandy Graham

Sandy is a volunteer on Wednesday afternoons. She has been volunteering for about 2 years. She began volunteering because she needed experience in a research room for her Master's degree in Library Science (which she will finish this month!) and enjoyed genealogy and history. She worked on her own family history in the '90s, doing research at the National Archives in Seattle. Her mother's family is Slovakian, coming to the US in the early 1900's and her father's side is German, arriving in the 1880's. She has used a society in Wisconsin to help her with letters in Czech, sent letters to the towns of her ancestors and found a great-uncle and cousins. Her research here is limited, most of it has to be overseas.

Sandy hasn't made any genealogy trips, using the information now available on the internet. At the OSL she says there are so many primary resources in the stacks that are seldom used. Especially if you have ancestors who have been in this area for awhile, the library has lots of material. Sandy worked with Evelyn Gatlin in the **Oregon Trail Emigrant Resources at OSL** (list available on the website or in the Reference Room). She also says volunteers have lots of information and advice so be sure to ask when you come in!

British Genealogy

So many of us have British ancestry. We are always getting questions about how to search for information, sometimes just finding where our ancestor came from in the British Isles is a challenge. This website is an amazing compilation of websites for English Family History and Genealogy. Categories for sites are Genuki, Burial Indexes, Occupations, Civil Registration (BMD), Probate Records, Census and Census Substitutes, Surname Studies, Surname Distribution, Baptism Indexes, Emigration Records, Old Handwriting Aids, Religions, Marriage Indexes, Migration, Land and Court Records, Maps and Gazetteers, Military Records and much, much more. Amazing links!

http://www.pricegen.com/english_genealogy.html

(Thank you, Jim Willhite for this information!)



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April Program

Emily Aulicino was the speaker for the April program. Emily is a member of ISOGG and a project administrator for WVGS through Family Tree DNA. Emily went through the basics of DNA testing for genealogy, a complex subject. She recommend several books to help one get started as well a list of helpful websites. She also provided cost information from several companies doing DNA testing, both Y-DNA and mtDNA.

Why test your DNA? Paper sources may be inaccurate or missing, adoptions and illegitimate children are not always recorded, and name changes are not always recorded.

How does DNA help Genealogists? It can determine if two people are related or descend from the same ancestor, prove or disprove you family tree research, provide clues about your ethnic origins and find researchers interested in the same family lineage.

Emily talked about how to choose the person for which you wish to obtain DNA. Y-DNA tests an all male line or mtDNA test an all female. Male testing can also include mtDNA, since mothers pass on mtDNA to all their children. Sometimes you need to look a your pedigree chart to find other relatives that will give you the information that you want.

Anyone can sign up through WVGS, not just members, and get help from Emily. Emily's hand-out is available at the Reference Desk.

Seeking Michigan

The *Seeking Michigan* website is opening up Michigan's history to information seekers. A major project is the digitization of 1 million death records covering the years 1897-1920. Also currently included are more than 100,000 pages of Civil War documents, 10,000 photographs, WPA data and oral histories, a collaboration between the Archives of Michigan and the Library of Michigan.

<http://seekingmichigan.org/>

(Thank you Susie Niggli for this information!)

Texas Land Records Online

Did you know you might find your ancestor's land grant online? The Texas General Land Office maintains the Land Grant Database at <http://www.glo.state.tx.us/archives/landgrant.html>, which will let you locate your ancestor's land grant under that jurisdiction.

For another great online reference for Texas research, you can check out the Handbook of Texas Online at <http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online>.

Research Sites

Civil War Prison Records

Alton in the Civil War- Nearly 12,000 Confederate prisoners were held at the Alton Federal Military Prison www.altonweb.com/history/civilwar/confed/index.html
Gratiot Street Prison-It held Confederate prisoners of war, spies, guerillas, civilians suspected of disloyalty, and Federal soldiers accused of crimes
www.civilwarstlouis.com/Gratiot/gratiot.htm

Jackson County Genealogy Library, Oregon

www.rvgslibrary.org

The Jackson County Genealogy Library (JCGL) is operated by the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, an all-volunteer organization located in the Rogue River Valley in Southern Oregon. The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society has made a number of indexes available on the Jackson County Genealogy Library website. Copies of the records contained in many of the databases described below may be ordered from the library for a fee.

Vital Records: The Vital Records databases include birth for the period from 1863 through 2007+. The Marriage Database indexes marriage records for the years 1853–1946 and wedding announcements gathered from Jackson County newspapers are for the years 1942–2006. The Divorce Database indexes three volumes of records that cover the period 1856–1949. An index to a published volume of records for the Conger Morris Mortuary in Medford, Oregon, for the years 1904–1922 can also be found here. The Death Index contains records of Jackson County deaths for the period from 1906 to 1926. Death Certificates from local Jackson County records for the years 1904–1943 have also been indexed.

Also indexed are **Family Records** containing a list of the surnames of pioneers and early settlers of the Rogue Valley and five-generation family history charts submitted to the Rogue Valley Genealogy Society by its members. The library's **Early Records** from the mid-nineteenth century include juror lists (1854–1899), attendance records for the Roosevelt Elementary School (1889–1891 and 1895–1897), and the diary of William Hoffman that records the family's trip from Indiana to Oregon and his life in Jacksonville, Oregon. The **Cemetery** database currently includes more than 3,000 linked headstone photographs. For **Land Records** the deed index is the only JCGL resource available online. For **Obituaries**, you will find four obituary indexes for the following newspapers: the *Ashland Daily Tidings*, the *Medford Mail Tribune*, and the *Upper Rogue Independent* (1953–2006); *Medford Sun* (1910–1925); *Gold Hill News* (1910–1927); and *Central Point Herald* (1 of 5 volumes). The library has a **Naturalizations** database and **Court Records** and abstracts of court records from the Oregon State Archives containing will, probate and estate files.



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**WVGS LIBRARY REPORT FOR
MAY NEWSLETTER**

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 please contact any of the Board members who can assist with your tax deductible contributions.**

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 2009**

- Vinton County Heritage (Hamden, OH), v.11 n.3 – v.16 n.1 (2001 – 2006)
- Virginia Cavalcade (Richmond, VA), v. 1 no. 1 – v. 41 no. 2 (1951 – 1991)
- Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter (Richmond, VA), v. 12 no. 1 – v. 13 no. 2 (1986 – 1987)
- Magazine of Virginia Genealogy (Richmond, VA), v. 24 no. 1 – v. 25 no. 2 (1986 – 1987)
- Voyageur (Green Bay, WI), various issues (1996 – 2000)
- Warren County Genealogical Association (McMinnville, TN), v.2 n.4 – v.17 n.1-2 (1993 – 2008)
- Wagoner Genealogist (Wagoner, OK), v. 14 no. 1 – v. 16 no. 4 (1994 – 1996)
- Washington Heritage (Orting, WA), v. 3 no. 2 & 3 (1986)
- Washington Historical Quarterly (Seattle, WA), v. 1 no. 1 – v. 26 no. 4 (1906 – 1935)
- Western Historical Quarterly (Logan, UT), v. 1 no. 1 – v. 29 no. 2 (1970 – 1998)



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**NEW PERIODICALS RECEIVED THIS MONTH
AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AT OSL**

By Karen Farmer

Periodicals Received During April

- CT, "Connecticut Genealogy News", Connecticut Society of Genealogists, V 2 No 1, Spring 09
- IL (Effingham), "Crossroad Trails", Effingham County Genealogical & Historical Society, V 30 No 1, Mar 2009
- OH (Coshocton), "The Kinsman Courier", Coshocton County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society, V 32 No 1, Spring 09
- IL, "Quarterly", Illinois State Genealogical Society, V 41 No 1, Spring 09
- KS, "Kansas Review", Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, Feb 09
- OH, "Ohio Genealogy News", V 40 No 1, Spring 09
- KY, "Kentucky Explorer", V 23 No 10, Apr 09
- MI/ND, "Newsletter", Red River Valley Genealogical Society, Jan 09
- NY, "Journal", Western New York Genealogical Society, V 35 No 4, Mar 09
- OR (Clatsop), "Newsletter", Clatsop County Historical Society, Spring 09
- OR (Klamath), "Newsletter", Klamath Basin Genealogical Society, Mar 09
- OR (Linn), "Newsletter", Lebanon Genealogical Society, Apr 09
- OR (Linn), "The Heritage Newsletter", Linn Genealogical Society, V 23 No 4, Apr 09
- WA (Grant), "Big Bend Register", Grant County Genealogical Society, V 30 No 1, Mar 09
- WA (Snohomish, Island), "The Beacon", Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, Apr 09
- WA, "The Stillaguamish Star", Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society, V 22 No 1, Jan-Mar 09
- WA, "The Bulletin", Eastern Washington Genealogical Society, V 46 No 1, Mar 09
- "FGS Voice", Federation of Genealogical Societies, V 16 No 3, Mar 09



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PURCHASES AND DONATIONS

The following purchases and donated material to OSL may not be immediately available. The books and micro-film 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 6 Nebraska Protestant.**
\$59.50 + pp
- **Westwald to America-Some 18th Century German Immigrants**
\$29.50 + pp

CD PURCHASED by WVGS for The Oregon State Library

- **CD-2107 Switzerland - Swiss Emigrants to Germany in the 17th Century-some emigrants to America and Huguenots to Germany**
\$39.95+ pp

Total \$141.50

BOOKS DONATED by Anonymous to The OREGON STATE LIBRARY

- **A Frizzell Family Record**
- **Henson, 100 years, 1868-1968**

BOOKS DONATED by Thomas Branigar to The Oregon State Library

- **History of Kansas Newspapers (Kansas State Historical Society, 1916)**
- **Kansas History Ten-Year Cumulative Index (Kansas State Historical Society, 1988)**
- **Comprehensive Index to Publications, 1875-1930 (Kansas State Historical Society, 1959)**

PERIODICALS DONATED by Thomas Branigar to The Oregon State Library

- **Kansas History, 1978-1990 (scattered issues), 1991-2006 (complete)**

BOOK DONATED by Betsy Scott to The Oregon State Library

- **Black Roots, A Beginner's Guide To Tracing The African American Family Tree**



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BOOK DONATED by Frances Eddy to The Oregon State Library

- **Naperville Cemetery, A History of a Town in Stone (Naperville, DuPage, IL)**

PERIODICALS DONATED by Marallyn Kenagy to The OREGON STATE LIBRARY

- **Old Fort Log, Old Fort Genealogy Society of Southeastern Kansas, Fort Scott, KS 1999-2006**
- **OSL Surname File Material Donated By Anonymous**
- **Comptonology, The Compton Family Newsletter**

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

1840 Census Names

The 1840 U.S. Census does list the exact age and the name for those collecting a military pension or a widow's pension. They are often the head of household, but occasionally they are listed living with another family member. These names and ages appear on the second page of each enumeration sheet. The statistics for this was used to publish *A census of pensioners for revolutionary or military services, with their names, ages, and places of residence, as returned by the marshals of the several judicial districts, under the act for taking the sixth census.* (Washington, Printed by Blair and Rives, 1841). This volume can be seen online at www.usgennet.org/usa/topic/colonial/census/1840/

Databases of Alberta Genealogical Society, Canada www.abgensoc.ca/databases.html

Index to Applications Alberta Land Patents -1885 to 1897
Index to Alberta Homestead Records — 1870 to 1930
Index to Selected Alberta History Books
Index to Alberta Homestead Records — post-1930
Grande Prairie & District Branch-obituary databases
Lethbridge & District Branch-sixteen cemeteries



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WVGS Constitution Review

The Executive Board is still reviewing the Constitution and Standing Rules. This recommendations for revisions will be discussed at the May General Meeting. We still have the last of the Standing Committees to review before we are finally finished! (*Current language is in parentheses and italics*), **revisions in bold and underlined.**

1. Program Committee—we don't have a need for such a large committee.

STANDING RULES ARTICLE IX

Section 2 The Program Committee shall be composed of the First Vice-President for Program, who shall serve as the Chair, and (*four (4)*) **other** members, one of whom shall be the Publicity Coordinator selected by the Chair and Approved by the Executive Board.

2. Genealogical Research—materials are now housed at OSL, library and research procedures have changed.

STANDING RULES ARTICLE IX

Section 2 A (*checklist of these Marion County sources and publications, which are either located in the home of the Corresponding Secretary or are readily available to the Secretary in the Oregon State Library,*) **list of WVGS publications** shall be prepared by the Society.

The (*checklist shall be printed in the NEWSLETTER once a year*) **list will be available on the WVGS website** and shall be prepared as a brochure appropriate for mailing to research inquirers. This brochure shall include a complete outline of the Society's research policies as well.

Section 4 It shall be the policy of the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society to assist (*non-resident*) researchers in Oregon or other states with their family history research according to the following policies:

- A. Free research (*shall be provided to non-resident researchers in the sources listed on the checklist described in Section I*) **is available with assistance from volunteers at the Oregon State Library.**
- B. There shall be an hourly charge (or request for donation), to be approved by the Executive Board, for (*additional research beyond that described in Section I*) **research requests received by mail, phone, on-line or through OSL.**
- (*C. Names of local researchers who are willing to research for a fee may be sent to nonresident inquirers whose requests will require more time than defined above.*)

3. Treasurer—we don't prepare a budget ahead of time as income changes each year

STANDING RULES ARTICLE I

Section 6 The Treasurer shall:

- C. prepare (*an annual budget*) **a report of expense and income for the past year and recommend any changes for the coming year,** in conjunction with the Executive Board

STANDING RULES ARTICLE VI

Section 4 (*A proposed annual Operations Fund budget shall be prepared by the Treasurer and the Executive Board and submitted to the general membership for Adoption*) **A budget report for the past year shall be prepared by the Treasurer and the Executive Board and presented to the general membership for discussion for the current year** each January. The adopted budget shall be authorization for spending, with the following policies to be observed:

- A. The Executive Board may approve expenditures or Commitments under (*Two Hundred (\$200)*) **Three Hundred (\$300)** dollars, or may refer such expenditures to the general membership.
- B. Any expenditures or commitments over (*Two Hundred (\$200)*) **Three Hundred (\$300)** shall be brought to the general membership for vote.
- C. Transfer of funds from (*the Operations fund to the Publications or Book fund*) **one fund to another** shall be **presented to the Board and** approved by the general membership. (*In addition, funds over those needed for publications may be transferred to the Book or Operations fund if approved by the membership.*)

4. Librarian—procedures have changed over the years

STANDING RULES ARTICLE II

Section 1 The position of Librarian may be held by one person or two, and may be assisted by a committee (*composed of at least three persons, or any odd-numbered amount of persons over that*).

The Librarian(s) shall:

- A. solicit and collect through purchase and donation, genealogical, historical and biographical materials for the Society **and State libraries** (library).
- (*C. keep custody of all library materials and equipment*)
- (*E. offer members the opportunity to order AGLL, micro-film or fiche either to rent or to purchase for their personal use, by establishing a procedure whereby such material may be ordered, by collecting the charges due, and by depositing with the treasurer any monies received; and by maintaining the AGLL catalog kept in the Genealogy Services Room at the Oregon State Library.*)

STANDING RULES ARTICLE VII

Section 1 Library Policies:

- D. In accordance with the Society's agreement with the Oregon State Library, the Librarian(s) shall periodically transfer books from the Society Library to the State Library. Such books should be ones that first have been available to



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members for research, and have not attracted circulation requests for a period of time. *(Transfer of the books shall be made after a recommended list of such books has been prepared by the Librarian(s) and submitted to the Executive Board for approval.)*

Section 3

- D. send information to the Newsletter editor each month regarding - new periodicals
- the list of books that have been approved for transfer from the Society library to the Oregon State Library *(a copy of such lists to be furnished to the Recording Secretary to be maintained in the Society's historical record file as well).*
- F. Maintain the Society's collection of periodicals, newsletters, audiocassettes, microfiche, and research videotapes acquired by exchange, donation, and purchase
 - *(Bring) **Display the collection and make available at** (to) the Society's monthly meetings*
- H. Help Society members
 - (- understand the types of indexes, catalogs, books, and the Society library*
 - by making suggestions of books and periodicals where they may find information*
 - by making suggestions of books and periodicals that may benefit the members and the Society for purchase)*
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Library of Virginia
www.lva.virginia.gov

A large number of military records have been digitized, including Revolutionary War bounty warrants, land office military certificates, public service claims, and state pensions; Index to War of 1812 Pay Rolls and Muster Rolls; and World War I History Commission Questionnaires. Also available are Confederate Disability Applications and Receipts, Confederate Pensions Rolls for veterans and widows, Index to Virginia Confederate Rosters, and Index to Confederate Veteran Magazine. The pension files are filled with valuable information about births, marriages, and deaths as well as other family details. You can also find more details about an ancestor's military service as well.

Find A Grave

If you have been searching for an ancestor's burial site, you may find it on Find A Grave. This is a resource for finding the final resting place of family. Thousands of volunteer contributors submit listings and photos. You can volunteer to enter new records or survey cemeteries. You can search by cemetery or name, also graves of the famous are listed too.

<http://www.findagrave.com/>

Relationship Chart

Volunteers Needed

A genealogy volunteer is needed for Thursday mornings at the Oregon State Library. If you would like to volunteer, contact Robin Speer at OSL.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Elizabeth Tice

Renewals for 2009, we have 17 Life Members, 74 single memberships, 14 family memberships (28 individuals), and 5 Historical/Genealogical Societies for a total of 125 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 Ann Hill and Joe and Jaye Loerzell!

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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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)					May 9th 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
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