

# WILLAMETTE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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## WVGS ACTIVITIES - SALEM

**November 6th, Thursday-11:30 am to 1:00 pm**  
**WVGS Executive Committee meeting.**  
**Room 308 at Oregon State Library.**

**November 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. The building is not heated or cooled on Saturdays. Please dress accordingly!**

**Note—Name tags must be worn for security reasons. WVGS provides them for members and visitors on our meeting day. Please stop for yours in Room 103.**

### Schedule of Events

**10:00 - 11:00 am General Membership Meeting**  
**Conference Room 103** (1st floor, opposite the elevator). Business meeting will be held to conduct society business.

### **11:00 am– 12 noon: Program**

Our **November** program will be presented by **Ruby Pantalone**, a **WVGS member**, speaking on the topic of **“English Research”**. Ruby has been a member of WVGS for about 27 years and has been doing her own family history since that time. During a good part of that time Ruby has held the office of President, Vice President or Secretary. She is a member of the GCO and National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. For several years she volunteered in the State Library Reference Room on Tuesday afternoon's. She is a Senior Officer for the Children of the American Revolution in

the State of Oregon and the volunteer coordinator for the St. Edwards Catholic Church funeral committee.

**Ruby** says “My Research has taken me to most of the Southern States for my family and to Pennsylvania, Germany, England and Italy for my husband’s family. In 1991 I started working for H and R Block as a Tax Preparer. After a few years I became a Tax Consultant and have been busy teaching tax classes and taking other tax classes to keep up my license. I have 5 grandchildren and I now usually spend one morning a week baby sitting for my 2 year old grandson while his mother volunteers at the other children's school. I then have a granddaughter that plays volleyball for her school, a granddaughter and grandson that plays soccer. I try to make most of their games. Since I have done research for my husband’s grandmother, who was born in England, I will give some pointers on the English research that I have done. I will show how to find information on the Web and how to send for these records and the easiest way to pay for them.

### **1:00 pm—Beginners’ Class**

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

This will be **Class #3** in the Beginning Class Series, **Maps, Wills and Probate, and Military Records**. Joan will cover the kinds of maps and how to use them, researching land records, what genealogical information may be in wills and probate records and military records including pension records.

***The Oregon State Library Genealogy/Reference Room (north end of 2nd floor hall) will be open to the public on Saturday November 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for genealogical research. Use the Winter St. entrance.***



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**Oregon State Library**

Call the **Genealogy Volunteer** at the Reference Desk by dialing the new phone number. Also patrons can leave a message at that number and the next volunteer will call back. The greeting will also be updated monthly with information about the upcoming meeting and program. **The new number is (503) 378-5708.**

**This newsletter is now available on the internet through our website at OSL in pdf format.** In addition you can look at earlier issues as well as the current one. **Remember you can find WVGS at <http://oregon.gov/osl>**, then clicking on Genealogy on the right side of the screen. Also a research request form is there, as well as information on our DNA Project and a list and order form for all our publications.

**Ancestry.com** and **World Vital Records** are available at the Library. **Ancestry.com** is available on all computers in the library, with 2 computers reserved specifically for genealogical research.

**Upcoming Programs**

- December 13th: Auction and Potluck**
- January 10th, 2009: "Native American Research", by David Lewis, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde**
- February 19th: Harold Slavik, "Grave's Registration Program for Civil War Veterans"**

***If you plan on going to the State Library, State Archives, or City Library during the week, be sure you have lots of quarters for parking. Parking is metered at all the places and the staff does not make change. Be prepared! On street parking in the Capitol area is free on Saturdays.***

**NORPAC Label Redemption Program**

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

**Saturday Volunteers**

**Our agreement with Oregon State Library states that WVGS will provide Genealogy Volunteers whenever the library is open. This includes the Saturday that the Library is open for our meeting and to the public. It is important that our members help out or the library cannot be open. The following members have signed up to volunteer:**

	<u>10 am—1 pm</u>	<u>1 pm—4 pm</u>
<b>Nov. 8th</b>	<b>Linda Doran</b>	<b>Darlene Griffith</b>
<b>Dec. 13th</b>	<b>Noeline Briski</b>	<b>Glen Abernathy</b>

**Meeting Dates for 2008**

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

**December 13th**

**Meeting Dates for 2009**

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

**WVGS Constitution and Standing Rules Review**

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

**WVGS Officers for 2008**

- President: *George Cropsey***
- 1st Vice-President (Program): *Ruby Pantalone and Bob Baldwin***
- 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***
- Librarian: *Jim Willhite, assisted by Susan Niggli***
- Periodical Librarian: *Karen Farmer***
- Volunteer Coordinator: *Susan Niggli***
- Beginners Class: *Joan Kaiser***
- Publicity Coordinator: *George Cropsey***



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

WVGS has started a DNA Project for both men and women. To join under WVGS...

1. Go to the State Library URL at: <http://oregon.gov/OSL/GRES/genealogy.shtml>
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 test.

You will receive a confirmation in your email box that your order was taken. Remember: Only men can order the Y-DNA test, but both men and women can order the mtDNA. It is cheaper to order the Y-DNA 37 marker test as it will tell you that you have a common ancestor within genealogical time for persons you match. Lesser tests (12 markers) provide information on older ancestors prior to 600 years ago. However, you may wish to start small and upgrade. For the mtDNA order both the HVR1 and HVR2 panels (mtDNA plus) as this will give you the best information on your ethnic origins. Again, you can start small and upgrade, if needed.

**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 email Emily Aulicino at: [aulicino@hevanet.com](mailto:aulicino@hevanet.com)**

**The DNA Project is open to anyone, not just WVGS members. You are not charged until you send in your test kit. You can do the DNA testing through WVGS and submit it to other groups.**

**WVGS Volunteers**

Our agreement with the Oregon State Library relies on volunteers to allow WVGS to use the building. Each month this year there will be an article featuring one of the volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, contact **Susie Niggli**, the Volunteer Coordinator.

**Kathy Thrash**

**Kathy** is the newest Genealogy Volunteer at the Reference Desk on the 2nd floor of the Oregon State Library. She is also a volunteer for the Council on Disabilities and after attending the Job Fair at the Library decided to volunteer. She has not done any family genealogy yet, but is interested. Her mother has done a lot of family genealogy. Her family was from Germany on both sides. Her mother’s family were Germans from Russia who left Russia in 1890 to come to the US. Her father’s family name was originally Thrasche. She has met distant family at a reunion and is interested in finding out about that family castle in Germany!

At the Oregon State Library, Kathy finds ancestry.com very helpful and has used the Ellis Island website. She hasn’t yet had a chance to help patrons much or learn about what else is available in the library.

**October Program**

**Robert Kentta** was the speaker for October, talking about Native American Research. He is very knowledgeable about Native American history, particularly in the Northwest. He gave a history of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, social structure of Northwest tribes, language, and research problems. He gave an excellent presentation, continuing to answer questions long after the program was over. His hand-out with research suggestions is available at the Reference Desk on the 2nd Floor of the OSL. If you didn’t attend, you missed a wonderful speaker!

**Internet Searching Strengthens Brain Function**

Who knew that **Google** could actually improve your mental health? A new study at the University of California, Los Angeles has been measuring the brain activity of older adults as they performed searches on the Web. Two groups were used by Dr. Gary Small. One group had minimal experience with computers, while the other identified themselves as knowledgeable internet users. Those who were in the latter group showed more than double the neural activation than those less experienced computer users. This activity primarily occurred in the region of the brain that controls decision-making and complex reasoning. CNN reporter Madison Park recently reported on this fascinating study, and you can read about it at [www.cnn.com/2008/HEALTH/10/14/google.brain/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/2008/HEALTH/10/14/google.brain/index.html).



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### Breaking Brick Walls with DNA

Many times people ask me how to use DNA to get through their brick walls in genealogy. The late Randy Pausch said, "Brick walls are not there to keep us out. The brick walls are there to give us a chance to show how badly we want something, because the brick walls are there to stop the people who don't want it badly enough." Very wise words indeed! Brick walls are a test of our strength in pursuing what we want. Frankly, there are as many methods for this as there are walls. However, below are some basic steps to help a researcher use DNA testing to get past those bricks.

Tips for Toppling Bricks

#### 1. Know the basic rules for testing DNA.

Tutorial Information to assist you in understanding DNA Testing:

Books below can be found for under \$10. Some may be in your library.

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

Click on TUTORIALS on the right

<http://www.worldfamilies.net/>

World Families Net - many topics

<http://www.kerchner.com/dna-info.htm>

Genetics & Genealogy - An Introduction

Genetic Genealogy DNA Testing Dictionary

Genetic Genealogy Glossary

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

*The Genetic Genealogist*...a wonderful blog

Free booklet from Blain T. Bettineger, Ph.D. (Click on the icon on the right)

Wonderful beginners book on Genetic Genealogy:

*Family History in the Genes* by Chris Pomery

Also, find in your library or used book store:

*Trace Your Roots with DNA* by Megan Smolenyak and Ann Turner

#### 2. Review your research sources carefully. Note areas of doubt or conflict.

#### 3. Dig deep into the county records checking all resources.

#### 4. Expand your lineages to include siblings and cousins.

#### 5. Test others with the same surname that you find in the counties where your ancestors lived.

#### 6. Test the mother to find the father when the father is in question.

#### 7. Join forces with other related researchers.

#### 8. Be pro-active.

#### Genealogists.

If you have questions, please contact Emily Aulicino at [Aulicino@hevanet.com](mailto:Aulicino@hevanet.com)

Email me if you have questions before you order your test. If you need help, I can call you or email you to walk you through the process.

Emily

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### Budget Cuts at OSL

Due to the need to reduce their budget for 2009, the Oregon State Library will not renew the subscription to **ancestry.com** which is available to the public on all computers in the Reference Room. The subscription will end in June 2009 and currently costs about \$3,900 per year. WVGS is unable to fund this valuable resource. It is a popular and necessary aid in genealogical researching. If you have any suggestions for how to retain ancestry.com at the OSL, please contact WVGS President George Cropsey or any other WVGS officer. A suggestion has been made to apply for a grant. If you have any skills in grant writing and would like to work on this, please let George know.

### More Budget Cuts at OSL

We have provided access to journal/magazine articles and The Oregonian to our public patrons (on our computers in the Reference Room and the microfilm room). We use a database called Ebsco for the journal articles and The Oregonian is provided through NewsBank. The reason we've been able to provide these databases to the public is because the cost is reduced through a program called State-wide Database Licensing.

Unfortunately, The Oregonian has been dropped by the program, due to an excessive increase in cost. NewsBank raised the cost of the state license for the Oregonian database from \$54,000 to \$150,000 for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. So, the link to The Oregonian will be removed from the public computers. This means you will have to rely on the microfilm for finding articles/obits.

--Alice



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**WVGS LIBRARY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**

By Jim Willhite

**GENEALOGY PERIODICALS**

WVGS each month is bringing a few issues of OSL's Genealogical and Historical Periodicals from the stacks for your review. OSL has a complete list by State. If you find something of interest, check to see if the Library has additional issues. We started with the "A's". The following will be on the shelves just inside the door in the Microfilm Room until after the November meeting:

**Genealogy Periodicals List  
November 2008**

- Pioneer Trails (Pendleton, OR), v.1 n.2 – v.18 n.2 (1976 – 1994)
- The Pioneer Wagon, Jackson County Genealogical Society (Independence, MO), various issues (1995 – 1996)
- Pitt County Genealogical Quarterly (Greenville, NC), v.3 n.1 – v.4 n.4 (1996 – 1997)
- Pinon Whispers / Southwestern Colorado Genealogical Society (Pueblo, CO), v.14 n.2 – v.28 n.4 (1993 – 2007)
- Platte County Missouri Historical & Genealogical Society Bulletin (Platte City, MO), various issues (1988 – 1996)
- POINTERS, Pursuing Our Italian Names Together (Palos Verdes, CA), v.7 (1993)
- Polk County Genealogical Society Newsletter (Dallas, OR), v.1 n.1 (1987)
- The Prairie Gleaner , West Central Missouri Genealogical Society (Warrensburg, MO), v.1 n.1 – v.23 n.4 (1969 – 1992)
- Prairie Roots (Peoria, IL), v.1 n.1 – v.13 n.4 (1974 – 1986)
- Prince George's County Genealogical Society Bulletin (Bowie, MD), v.10 n.1 – v.17 n.3; v.33 n.1 – v.38 n.2 (1978 – 1985; 2001 – 2006)

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

By Karen Farmer

**Periodicals Received During October**

- CA (Fresno), "Ash Tree Echo", Fresno Genealogical Society, V 43 No 2, Oct 08
- CA (Fresno), "The Jotted Line", Fresno Genealogical society, Oct 08
- CO, "Piñon Whispers", Southeastern Colorado Genealogical Society, V 29 No 2, Sum 08
- IL, "The Saga of Southern Illinois", Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, V 35 No 3, Jul-Sep 08
- IL, "Newsletter", Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, V 36, No 9, Oct 08
- KY, "Kentucky Explorer", V 23 No 5, Oct 08
- LA, "The Genie", Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Ass'n, V 42 No 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr 08
- MA, "The Mayflower Quarterly", General Society of Mayflower Descendants", V 74 No 3, Sep 08
- NC, "NCGS News", North Carolina Genealogical Society, V 32 No 3, Fall 08
- OH (Coshocton), "The Kinsman Courier", Coshocton Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society, V 31 No 3, Fall 08
- OH, "Ohio Genealogy News", Ohio Genealogical Society, V 39 No 3, Fall 08
- OH, "Quarterly", Ohio Genealogical Society, V 48 No 3, Sep 08
- OR, "Oakridge Museum", Upper Willamette Pioneer Association, Oct 08
- OR (Benton), "Newsletter, Benton County Genealogical Society, V 23 No 8, Oct 08
- OR (Crook), "Newsletter", Crook County Genealogical Society, Oct-Dec 08
- OR (Klamath), Online newsletter, Klamath Basin Genealogical Society, Oct 08
- OR (Linn), Newsletter, Lebanon Genealogical Society, Issue 5, Oct 08
- OR (Linn), "The Heritage Newsletter", Linn Genealogical Society, V 22 Page 82, Oct 08
- OR (Marion), "Member Matters", Marion County Historical Society, Fall 08
- OR (Tillamook), "Pioneer Bylines", Tillamook County Pioneer Ass'n, Sep 08



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- OR (Washington), "The Forum Insider", Genealogical Forum of Oregon, V 20 No 3, Oct 08
- OR (Yamhill), "The West Side", Yamhill County Historical Society, Oct 08
- PA, "Mennonite Family History", V 27 No 4 + Index, Oct 08
- WA, "The Beacon", Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, Oct 08
- WA, "The Sounder", Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, V 22 No 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr 08
- WA (Clark), "Newsletter", Clark County Genealogical Society, V 36 No 2, Oct 08
- WA (Grant), "Big Bend Register", Grant County Register, V 29 No 3, Sep 08

**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.

**OREGON BOOKS**

**Donated by George Brown to OSL**

- The Hand of Catherine, Columbia's Daughter Catherine Roussil-Chalifoux-Comartin
- This Old House on Macleay Road, by Susan N. Bell

**BOOKS PURCHASED FOR WVGS COLLECTION - Match Donor Jim Willhite**

- Gallia Co. Ohio - Index to Wills and Estates \$11.25
  - Gallia Co. Ohio -Abstracts to Journals & Wills, A & B, 1803-1824 \$ 7.50
  - Gallia Co. Ohio -Abstracts to Journals & Wills, C & D, 1824-1847 \$15.00
- S & H \$ 6.00 = \$39.75

**CD Donated**

**by Jim Johnson to OSL**

- Life and Genealogy of Christian Bohna, written in 1927 by Inez Louisa Carver & Hannah Smith

**BOOK DONATED**

**TO THE OREGON STATE LIBRARY**

**by Carol W. Brown**

- A Near Pioneer, The Autobiography of Grace Brown Martin

**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

The journal, **Overland Monthly**, was published in the late 1800's in San Francisco. This historical journal contains articles on California and the Pacific NW. We recently discovered that it is available on the internet through the University of Michigan's "Making of America" project. We have added a link to the online version in our catalog.

**How can you search it from home?**

Go to the State Library web page: <http://library.state.or.us>

**library.state.or.us**

Click on the link: **Online Catalog (on the left side of the screen)**

Search on the title: **Overland Monthly**

**Click on the first title in the list**

**Click on the words "Connect to online issues, 1868-1900" on the next page.**

**The first issue, July 1868, contains two fun articles: "By Rail through France" by Samuel Clemens and "Portland-on-Wallamet" by M. P. Deady.**

**Happy reading!**

**--Alice Laviolette, OSL**

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The Board has continued to work on reviewing our Constitution and Standing Rules, but has been slowed down by lack of time at Board meetings and what to do with the issue of Life Membership. Life Membership was approved in 2001, and we have never instituted the provisions that were approved, concerning setting up a Life Membership Trust Fund and Life Membership Trust Fund Trustees. So we either had to amend the Life Membership article or do what we were supposed to do. Since the fund never has had the amount of money in it that was hoped for (currently \$4,000), we have decided to propose revising the Standing Rules. This has been discussed at several Board and General meetings. We still have the rest of the Constitution and Standing Rules to review and publish changes before actually voting on changes.

**Proposed changes to WVGS Constitution and Standing Rules:**

**Issue: Life Membership – we do not have a trust fund nor Life Membership Trust Fund Trustees.**

**CONSTITUTION:  
ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

Section 5 Effective January 1, 2001, the Society shall offer life membership to individuals, as described in The Standing Rules, Article VIII Membership Records, Policies, Section 2 E.

**(No proposed change to Section 5)**

**STANDING RULES:  
ARTICLE VIII MEMBERSHIP RECORDS, POLICIES**

Section 2 E. In addition to annual membership as described above, effective January 1, 2002, the Society shall offer life membership to individuals, subject to the following rules and policies. (Life membership shall not be available to families or couples or to institutional members.)

1. The fee for life membership shall be \$250.00 for individuals under age 70, and \$200.00 for individuals age 70 or over. The fee may be paid in installments, the total fee to be paid during the period of 12 months. All life membership fees shall be paid to the Second Vice President, who shall maintain necessary records.

**Proposed change to 1:**

1. The fee for life membership shall be \$250.00 for individuals under age 70, and \$200.00 for individuals age 70 or over. *(Delete: The fee may*

*be paid in installments, the total fee to be paid during the period of 12 months).* All life membership fees shall be paid to the Second Vice President, who shall maintain necessary records.

2. Life membership shall be effective on January 1 of the *second* year following the year the life membership fees are paid in full. Annual dues shall be paid by those in the life membership program until the effective date of their life membership. (For example, a life membership fee paid by December 31, 2002, would earn money in the Life Membership Fund during the year 2003, and the member's annual dues would be paid beginning January 1, 2004, when the earnings in 2003 are transferred to the Operations Fund, and thereafter.)

**Proposed change to 2:**

2. *Life Membership shall be effective as soon as the life membership fees are paid if paid prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>. If life membership dues are paid after March 1<sup>st</sup>, Life Membership starts the following year and annual dues shall be paid for the current year.*

3. All life membership fees will be placed in a Life Membership Fund, a trust fund dedicated to that purpose, which will be invested by the Treasurer in cooperation with the Life Membership Fund Trustees. The principal of the Life Membership Fund shall never be transferred to any other fund nor expended. No life member or heir of such member shall have any claim to any portion thereof. Earnings from the fees paid by deceased members will continue to benefit the Society.

**Proposed change to 3:**

3. *All life membership fees will be kept in the Treasurer's books in a separate category or may be deposited in a savings account or invested. The principal of the Life Membership Fund shall never be transferred to any other fund nor expended unless the Board and general membership deem an emergency exists. The members will vote on spending the Life Membership fees at a general membership meeting after publication in the monthly WVGS Newsletter, published ten (10) days prior to the meeting.* No life member or heir of such member shall have any claim to any portion thereof. Earnings from the fees paid by deceased members will continue to benefit the Society.



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4. A Life Membership card shall be issued to each life member by the Second Vice President as soon as possible after the effective date of the life membership.

**(No proposed change to 4)**

5. There shall be three Life Membership Fund Trustees, who shall serve terms of three Calendar years each, all terms expiring on December 31; except that in 2001, one shall be elected for a term expiring December 31, 2002; one for a term expiring December 31, 2003; and one for a term expiring December 31, 2004. After 2001, one Life Membership Fund Trustee shall be elected each year, at the same time as the election of the Officers of the Society. Life Membership Fund Trustees shall be members of the Society in good standing (annual dues paid for the current year, or life members). In the event of the death, resignation, or termination of membership in the Society of a Life Membership Fund Trustee, a member of the Society shall be elected to serve the balance of the unexpired term, no later than the second following General Membership Meeting. The Life Membership Fund Trustees may request the advice of non- Society-member financial advisors.

**Proposed change to 5:**

5. *The Board may decide to invest the Life Membership Fund in a savings account or an investment, such as a CD or money market account, with the approval of the general membership at a general membership meeting.*

6. The previous year's earnings of the Life Membership Fund will be transferred each January into the Operations Fund. Living life members shall be deemed to have paid annual dues in full.

**(No proposed change to 6)**

**Social Security Administration**

A recent posting by an individual to the ROOTS-L mailing list incorrectly stated that the Social Security Administration (SSA) was no longer providing information as it has done in the past. However, officials at the SSA have been contacted and there is no change in SSA policies in this area. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), researchers are still able to request a photocopy of a deceased individual's original application for a Social Security Card (the SS-5 application). For a copy of the form that can be submitted to the SSA, together with information on fees, visit: [www.ssa.gov/online/ssa-711.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/online/ssa-711.pdf)

Research News

**City Directories**

**City directories** are a very useful tool in genealogical research. The Oregon State Library has a large collection of Oregon city and county directories and a new search is available. By going to the webpage for the OSL, <http://oregon.gov/OSL/> and clicking on Online Catalog, you can enter city directories as a keyword. Some of the earliest are Portland, 1887-1889 (almost all of Portland's are there), Albany 1878, and The Dalles 1908-09. Most large cities in Oregon are represented and you can search the catalog from home.

**Siskiyou County Library, California**

**[www.snowcrest.net/siskiyoulibrary/pioneer.html](http://www.snowcrest.net/siskiyoulibrary/pioneer.html)**  
Siskiyou County is located in northern California on the Oregon border. Its county seat is Yreka. Short histories of the county can be viewed at **[www.snowcrest.net/siskiyoulibrary/cities.html](http://www.snowcrest.net/siskiyoulibrary/cities.html)**.

The Siskiyou County Library has three databases on its website.

**The Siskiyou County Newspaper Index**

The newspaper index covers the period from 1995 to the present. Some newspapers for the period 1990–1995 are also included in the index. Click on the link to access the search page. Enter a keyword or two in the search box. The data fields in the search results include result number, subject 1, subject 2, name, title, newspaper abbreviation, date on which the article appeared, and the page number.

**The Siskiyou County Obituary Index**

The obituary index covers the period from 1854 to 1991. Click on the link to access the search page. Enter a name in the search box. The data fields in the search results include result number, full name of the deceased, newspaper title, and date on which the obituary appeared.

**The Siskiyou Pioneer Index**

This database is a searchable index of the Siskiyou Historical Society's annual Siskiyou Pioneer Yearbooks. The data fields in the search results include result number, title, and date.

**Gold Mining in Siskiyou County — A Digital Collection**

**[www.snowcrest.net/siskiyoulibrary/gold/intro.html](http://www.snowcrest.net/siskiyoulibrary/gold/intro.html)**  
Gold mining played a major role in Siskiyou County's history. The Siskiyou County Library's collections contain many valuable documents, clippings, and microfilm related to the County's mining history.



**Nominations for WVGS Officers for 2009**

All the current officers have agreed to run for office again for 2009. No nominations were made from the floor at the October meeting. The following offices will be voted on at the November meeting and installation of WVGS officers for 2009 will take place at the December meeting.

**Nominations for Office:**

**President:** *George Cropsey*

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

**2nd Vice-President (Membership):** *Elizabeth Tice*

**Recording Secretary:** *Marilyn O’Neill*

**Corresponding Secretary:** *Linda Doran*

**Treasurer:** *Joan Kaiser*

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**By Elizabeth Tice**

For 2008, we have 17 Life Members, 86 Single Memberships, 11 Family Memberships (22 Individuals) and 4 Genealogical Societies for a total of 129 Members.

**Newsletters**

WVGS currently exchanges periodicals with 47 societies. We also mail to 10 libraries. In addition we mailed 25 complimentary copies this month. Visitors who sign-in receive complimentary copies for 3 months.

Welcome to new members Del and Mary Warren of Dallas, Oregon and Patricia Coleman of Salem.

**ANNUAL DUES** for the calendar year 2008 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, P. O. Box 2083, Salem, OR 97308-2083, enclosing an SASE if you would like your membership card and receipt mailed to you. **Please notify us of address changes or corrections—the Post Office will not forward BEAVER BRIEFS or NEWSLETTERS.** Members’ address labels show dues expiration date following **EXP**. Dues received after labels are printed will be reflected in the following months’ labels.

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP			FAMILY MEMBERSHIP		
Pro-Rated Amounts	Join Jan-Mar: \$20	Join Jul-Sept: \$10	Pro-Rated Amounts	Join Jan-Mar: \$25	Join Jul-Sept: \$12.50
For new members:	Join Apr-Jun: \$15	Join Oct-Dec: \$5	For New Members	Join Apr-Jun: \$18.75	Join Oct-Dec: \$6.25

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

NAME		M Maiden NAME
MAILING ADDRESS		SPOUSE’S NAME
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE		TEL. AREA CODE & NO.
COUNTIES OF INTEREST—INCLUDING STATE ABBR.		

**OPTIONAL—ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS**

May WVGS include the following in our published membership rosters (please check each item):  
 YOUR MAILING ADDRESS YES NO  
 YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER YES NO  
 YOUR ELECTRONIC 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-4 pm (CLOSED 3RD Sat)
Salem East LDS Family History Center 862 – 45th Ave., NE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-371-0453	CLOSED		9 am - 4 pm	2 pm - 9 pm	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 Wednesday	9 am-9 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monmouth LDS Family History Center 783 W. Church St. Monmouth, OR 97361 / 503-838-2964	5 pm-8 pm	12 pm-4 pm	6 pm-9 pm	6 pm - 9 pm	11 am - 3 pm	9 am—1 pm	CLOSED
Oregon State Library 250 Winter St., NE Salem, OR 97301-3950 / 503-378-5013	CLOSED	Genealogy/Reference Room, 2nd Floor 10 am-5 pm (Closed State Holidays)					November 8th ONLY 10 am-4 pm
Oregon State Archives 800 Summer St., NE Salem, OR 97310 / 503-373-0701	CLOSED	8 am -12 am and 1 pm—4:45 pm (Closed State Holidays)					CLOSED
Salem City Library 585 Liberty St., SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-588-6315	Open 1-5 pm Sept—May	CLOSED	10 am-9 pm (Closed City Holidays)			10 am-6 pm	

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