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WVGS ACTIVITIES - SALEM

October 9th, Thursday-11:30 am to 1:00 pm
WVGS Executive Committee meeting.
Room 308 at Oregon State Library.

October 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. 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

The **October** program will be “**Researching Native American History**” by **Robert Kentta** from the **Siletz Indian Tribes of Oregon**. Mr. Kentta is the Director of Cultural Resources for the Siletz Indian Tribal Offices.

Robert Kentta noted that there is also a directory of Tribal offices across the U.S., that can help people make contact with various tribes, but everyone needs to understand that Tribes are very individual. Many are very cautious to respond to questions from

folks who are trying to track Tribal ancestors/prove eligibility for enrollment. There is generally a feeling that if families or individuals wandered away several generations ago, and there has been a break in contact...there is a real potential for risk of people with no background (did not grow up there - with a sense of pride and identity, do not know people and the community)...becoming involved in Tribal decision making....such as resource allocation, etc. Some tribes do not even automatically allow people born off their reservation to enroll, no matter if they are full blood descendant of that tribe - they have to be nominated for membership and it's put to a vote. That's part of protecting the tribal organization from outside interests and influences....maybe not always considered fair - but the Tribes have their own systems of government and ways of maintaining them.

1:00 pm—Beginners' Class

The Beginner's Class will be conducted by **Joan Kaiser** in Conference Room 202 (2nd floor, turn right from elevator). Pre-registration not required. There is no charge, but we suggest a \$1.25 donation toward the cost of printed handouts.

This will be **Class #2** in the Beginning Class Series. Joan will cover the basics of getting organized, note-keeping and filing genealogical correspondence. Joan will also cover censuses and the information contained in these federal, state and local censuses.

The Oregon State Library Genealogy/Reference Room (north end of 2nd floor hall) will be open to the public on Saturday October 11th 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

November 8th: "English Research", by member Ruby Pantalone

December 13th: Auction and Potluck

January 10th, 2009: "Native American Research", by David Lewis, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

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.**

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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. The following members have signed up to volunteer:

	<u>10 am—1 pm</u>	<u>1 pm—4 pm</u>
Oct. 11th	Susan Niggli	Bob Baldwin
Nov. 8th	Linda Doran	Darlene Griffith
Dec. 13th	Noeline Briski	Glen Abernathy

Meeting Dates for 2008

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

November 8th

December 13th

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 If any of you have questions regarding DNA and which tests to order, please email Emily Aulicino at: 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.

*To our Volunteers at the State Library,
The world is hugged by the faithful arms
of volunteers. (~Everett Mámor)
--Thank you from Alice and Robin.*

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.

Ferne Hellie

Ferne Hellie is the Genealogy volunteer on Thursday morning. She has been a volunteer at OSL for almost 20 years. She has done a lot of typing for WVGS in the past, including Beaver Briefs. She is a very busy person with writing grants and secretary to the Car Museum in Powerland (in Brooks, Oregon). **Ferne's** ancestry is English and on her mother's side from Holland (way back) who were Pennsylvania Germans. She has made a trip to Salisbury, England. Her husband is Norwegian ancestry back to charter kings. With the help of a cousin of his, he has published a book on his family. A 1992 reunion had relatives coming from Norway.

Ferne originally got interested in family history through a friend who she worked with, Addie Rickey, and researched her maiden name Hibbard, then helped publish a book on Mr. Home Cemetery here in Marion County. It is now on-line to be more accessible. She is very involved in Salem Pioneer Cemetery (aka I.O.O.F, Oddfellows, Rural). Volunteers research people interred there, trying to put pictures and obituaries with the names. It is easy to get carried away, she says, it's like a detective story. Ferne likes to help people find answers whether it's at the Library or through Pioneer Cemetery. There are lots of interesting stories and she enjoys researching for other people.

Salem Pioneer Cemetery can be accessed at www.salempioneercemetery.org. Friends of Pioneer Cemetery was organized in 1986 to promote restoration and maintenance of Pioneer Cemetery. Information available at the website. Volunteers are welcomed. Besides USGenWeb, Marion County Cemeteries can be accessed at

Change in Hours

Salem East LDS Family History Center on 45th NE will no longer be open on Thursday evenings.



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Finding Ancestors through DNA

By Emily Aulicino

Article continued from last month

The DNA results will not tell you the name, place, or time the common ancestor lived, but will tell you there is a common male ancestor between two or more testers. This is called the **Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA)** by geneticists.

Depending upon the number of markers tested and the quality of the match, DNA results can provide a time frame in which the common ancestor has a high probability of existing. Basically, the following list indicates the highest probability.

If there is a match for a...

...12 marker test, the MRCA is prior to 600 years ago.

...25 marker test, there is a 95% probability of an MRCA being within the last 600 years.

...37 marker test, there is a 95% probability of an MRCA being within the last 300 years.

...67 maker test, there is a 95% probability of an MRCA being within the last 150-200 years.

NOTE: A match is considered to be an exact numerical copy up to a genetic difference of four.

Genetic Difference is the numerical differences between two person's markers. This is calculated in two different ways depending upon the particular marker. Most generally you can just subtract the two numbers in each marker (allele) to get the difference. When you have differences in fast mutating markers, which have various parts to them (indicated by red on the Family Tree DNA websites (<http://www.familytreedna.com/>) and having a small alphabetic number after the name of the marker. EX: 464a or CDYb), these are often (not always) considered a difference of one although the various parts of the one marker could have differences in all parts. For example: 464 has several parts...a to g. If someone has the results below, they would still have a genetic difference of one.

.....**464a...464b...464c...464d**
 Tester 1:16.....17.....17.....16
 Tester 2:16.....16.....16.....16

After finding a good match, it is very important to check your paper trail and to test a distant cousin of both testers who matched. In this case, go back to the oldest known ancestor and bring an all male line forward to the present on a son different than that of the person who

tested. This could be a person you do not know and probably is. However, after contact and after getting to know them you may convince them to test, but you may have to help pay for their test. The idea is to confirm that your DNA is that of your paper trail and your surname. Since time began our ancestors have taken in the orphaned children of the neighborhood. Many adoptions and name changes have existed over these thousands of years without any written record...even into the 20th century. By testing more than one person on a surname, you can determine if any adoptions (formally or informally) have taken place.

After you have tested a distant cousin and proven your DNA matches his, then you are ready to compare your results with other testers to find more cousins. At this point you should be in contact with persons matching your test results and comparing your pedigrees.

If you find that both your lines are in the same general areas, then it's back to basic genealogy research to find the paper trail which supports the DNA match. If you can't find that common land area (county, etc), consider the brothers and uncles along the same branch of your pedigree chart. The two testers could be related through an uncle's family who came to the area. Sometimes it is necessary to test the descendant of other people in the area who bear the same surname.

As more people test...and hundreds are doing so weekly...the number of potential matches will increase. The more matches you find the easier to narrow down your MRCA. DNA testing can be helpful for the present and even more valuable in the future.

These are exciting times and the field of genetics is moving quickly. It has been said that within the next twenty years genealogists will start with their DNA first and then work on the paper trail. At the rate genetics is moving this will happen sooner. More and more people are beginning to understand how genetics can help genealogy. Those who use this new tool no longer consider themselves genealogists, but are proudly called Genetic Genealogists.

If you have questions, please contact Emily Aulicino at Aulicino@hevanet.com Email me if you have questions before you order your test.
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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 **October** meeting:

**Genealogy Periodicals List
October 2008**

- Ozark Happenings Newsletter (Houston, MO), v.20 n.4 – v.22 n.4 (2003 – 2005)
- Ozar-kin / Ozarks Genealogical Society (Springfield, MO), v.1 n.1 – v.20 n.4 (1981 – 1998)
- Pacific Historical Review (Berkley, CA), v.1 n.1 – v.62 .n.2 (1941 – 1993)
- The Palimpsest / Iowa State Historical Society (Iowa City, IA), v.1 n.1 – v.66 n.5 (1920 – 1985)
- Pastfinder / Journal of the La Salle County Genealogy Guild (Ottawa, IL), v.11 n.1 – v.18 n.1 (1997 – 2004)
- Pennsylvania Genealogist and Historian (Laughlintown, PA), n.4 – n.26 (1988 – 1995)
- Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine (Philadelphia, PA), v.35 n.1 – v.44 n.4 (1987 – 2006)
- The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography (Philadelphia, PA), v.1 – v.123 (1877 – 1999)
- Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage / Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society (Lancaster, PA), v.3 n.1 – v.20 n.1 (1980 – 1997)
- Phelps County Genealogical Society Quarterly (Rolla, MO), v.11 (1995)

NEW PERIODICALS RECEIVED THIS MONTH AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AT OSL

By Karen Farmer

Periodicals Received During September 2008

- “Everton’s Genealogical Helper”, V 62 No 5, Sep-Oct 08

- “The Highlander, V 46 No 4, Jul-Aug 08
- “The Highlander”, V 46 No 5, Sep-Oct 08
- CA (Fresno), “The Jotted Line”, Fresno County Genealogical Society, Sep 08
- CA (Sonoma), “The Sonoma Searcher”, Sonoma County Genealogical Society, V 35 No 3, Spr 08
- CA (Sonoma), “The Sonoma Searcher”, Sonoma County Genealogical Society, V 36 No 1, Fall 08
- CT, “The Connecticut Nutmegger”, Connecticut Society of Genealogists, V 41 No 1, Jun 08
- CT, “Connecticut Genealogy News”, V 1 No 1, Spr 08
- CT, “Connecticut Genealogy News”, V 1 No 2, Spr 08
- GA (Coweta), “The Coweta Courier”, Coweta County Genealogical Society, V 27 No 3, Summer 08
- IL, “Quarterly”, Illinois State Genealogical Society, V 40 No 2, Sum 08
- IL, “Chicago Genealogist”, Chicago Genealogical Society, V 40 No 4, Sum 08
- IL, “Rodziny”, Journal of the Polish Genealogical Society of America, Sum 08
- IL (DeKalb), “Cornsilk”, DeKalb County Historical-Genealogical Society, V 27 No 2, Sum 08
- IL (DuPage), “The Review”, DuPage County (IL) Genealogical Society, V 35 No 1, Aug 08
- IL(DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Will), “Fox Tales”, Fox Valley Genealogical Society, V 24 No 3, Sum 08
- IL (Effingham), “Crossroad Trails”, Effingham County Genealogical & Historical Society, V 29 No 2
- IL (Montgomery), “Quarterly”, Montgomery County (IL) Genealogical Society, V 30 No 2, 2008
- IL (Will-Grundy), “Quarterly”, Will-Grundy Counties, Illinois, Genealogical Society, V 26 No 4, 2008
- IN, “Belgian Laces”, The Belgian Researchers, V 30 No 117, Jul 08
- KY, “Kentucky Explorer”, V23 No 24, Sep 08
- KY, “The Bulletin”, West-Central Kentucky Family Research Ass’n, V 41 No 3, Fall 08



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- KY, "Kentucky Family Records Volume 32", West-Central Kentucky Family Research Ass'n, Fall 08
- MA, "New England Ancestors", New England Historic Genealogical Society, V 9 No 3, Sum 08
- MA, "The New England Historical & Genealogical Register", N.E. Historic Genealogical Society, V 162 No 647, Jul 08
- MI, "Michigana", Western Michigan Genealogical Society, V 54 No 2, Apr-Jun 08
- MI, "Magazine", The Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, Summer Index, V 71 No 4
- MI (Jackson), "Lexicon", Jackson County Genealogical Society, V 30 Nos 3 & 4
- MN/ND, "Newsletter", Red River Valley Genealogical Society, Jul 08
- MO (Texas), "Ozark Happenings Newsletter", Texas County Missouri Genealogical & Historical Society, V 22 No 4, V 23 Nos 1-4, V 24 Nos 1-4, V 25 No 1, Jan-Mar 08
- NC, "Journal", North Carolina Genealogical Society, V 34 No 3, Aug 08
- NC, "NCGS News", North Carolina Genealogical Society, V 32 No 2, Summer 08
- NE, "Nebraska Ancestry", Nebraska State Genealogical Society, V 30 No 4, Spr 08
- NE, "Nebraska Ancestry", Nebraska State Genealogical Society, V 31 No 1, Sum 08
- NE, "Newsletter", Holt County Historical Genealogical Society, V 30 No 3, Aug 08
- NY, "The New York Researcher", New York Genealogical & Biographical Society, V 19 No 2, Spr 08
- NY, "Record", New York Genealogical & Biographical Society, V 139 No 3, Jul 08
- NY, "Journal", Western New York Genealogical Society, V 35 No 2, Sep 08
- OK, "Quarterly", Oklahoma Genealogical Society, V 53 No 2, Jun 08
- OK (Bryan), "Quarterly", Bryan County Genealogy Library & Archives, May, Aug 08
- OK (LeFlore), "The LeFlore County Heritage", Poteau Valley Genealogical Society, V 28 No 1, Jan 08



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- OK (LeFlore), "The LeFlore County Heritage", Poteau Valley Genealogical Society, V 28 No 2, Apr 08
- OK (Pittsburg), "Tobucksy News", Pittsburg County Genealogical & Historical Society, V 25 No 3, Sep 08
- OR (Benton), "NewsLetter", Benton County Genealogical Society, V 23 No 7, Sep 08
- OR (Deschutes), "The Homesteader", Deschutes County Historical Society, Sep-Oct 08
- OR (Josephine), "Genealogy Journal", V 6 No 6, Sep 08
- OR (Lane), "Newsletter", Oregon Genealogical Society, Sep-Oct 08
- OR (Linn), "The Heritage Newsletter", Linn Genealogical Society, V 22 No 67, Sep 08
- OR (Multnomah), "The Bulletin", Genealogical Forum of Oregon, V 58 No 1, Sep 08
- OR (Crook), "The Meadowlark Quarterly Newsletter", Crook County Historical Society, Aug 08
- OR (Douglas), "Douglas County Pioneer", V 22 No 3, Sep 08
- OR (Grant), "Newsletter", Grant County Genealogical Society, V 14 No 3, Sep 08
- OR (Lane), "Oakridge Museum", Upper Willamette Pioneer Association, Summer 08
- PA, "The Heritage", Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, V 17 No 3, Fall 08
- PA, "Legacies", Historical Society of Pennsylvania, V 8 No 1, May 08
- PA, "The Pennsylvania Magazine of History & Biography", The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, V 132 No 3, Jul 08
- PA, "The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine", Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, V 45 No 3, Spr-Sum 08
- PA (Erie), "Keystone Kuzzins", The Erie Society of Genealogical Research, V 35 No 3, Aug 08
- PA (Crawford), "Crawford County History", Crawford County Historical Society, V 26 No 2, Spr 08
- TN (Greene), "The Greene County Pioneer", V 23 No 1, May 07
- TN (Greene), "The Greene County Pioneer", V 22

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Nos 1 & 2, May & Nov 06

- TN (Greene), “The Greene County Pioneer”, V 9 No 2, May 93
- WA, “The Stillaguamish Star”, Stillaguamish Valley Genealogical Society, V 21 No 4, Jul-Aug 08
- WA, “The Bulletin”, Eastern Washington Genealogical Society, V 45 No 3, Sep 08
- WA, “Bulletin”, Yakima Valley Genealogical Society, V 40 No 3, Sep 08
- WA (Kitsap, North Mason), “The Backtracker”, Puget Sound Genealogical Society, V 33 No 3, Sep 08
- WI, “Newsletter”, Wisconsin State Genealogical Society, V 54 No 4, Apr 08
- WV (Fayette, Raleigh), “News Notes”, Fayette & Raleigh Counties Genealogical Society, V 25 No 3, Fall 08
- VT, “Vermont Genealogy, Genealogical Society of Vermont, V 13 No 3, Jul 08

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

- **Oregon History Online**
14 unabridged volumes, Pre-history of Oregon and its coast The concentration is on the Central Oregon coast, with special interest give to East Lincoln County, Oregon
CD \$15.00

OREGON BOOKS Donated

by Lone Oak Family History Center to OSL

- **McMinnville Oregon City Directory 1922 and Yamhill County City Directory 1923**

PERIODICALS DONATED To Oregon State Library

by Erma Lee Brown

- **The Green County Pioneer, Vol 9, #1, 1993; Vol. 22, #1 & #2, 2006; Vol 23, #1, 2007**

- **Ozark Happenings Newsletter, Vol 22 # 4, Vol 23 & 24, and Vol 25 # 1**

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL TO SALE TABLE

DONATED by Erma Lee Brown

- **Syllabus from GCO 2004 State Conference and Various Research Aids**

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

September Program

The September presenter was **Susan LeBlanc**, talking about Valuable Hidden Sources. An outline of sources:

Types of sources:

used for documenting relationships in family history records, sources used as evidence to establish connections between family members, personal and general (in repositories).

Vital records are not just found in government offices, could be town clerks, churches, marriage, cemetery, mortuary records.

Census records determine location, family group, place of birth, citizenship, agricultural, veterans, etc

Court records research is time-consuming, but often yield bountiful information. Deads, probate, adoption, obscure records like apprenticeship, coroner's requests, naturalization, prison

Directories include city directories, farmers, post office guides, street indexes

Susan gave a very interesting program, with lots of hints, but didn't have enough time to cover everything and we'll have to have her back. Her complete outline is available at the Reference Desk on the 2nd floor of the Oregon State Library from the Genealogy Volunteer.

Website of Interest

Research Information

Wiki Adds Resources to FamilySearch Research

Genealogical researchers have a new, easy-to-use tool providing sources for research. FamilySearch Research Wiki, which is in beta testing, is an "encyclopedia of research sources" from around the world, said Jim Greene, Wiki product manager. Greene said he hopes that within three to four months, the program will be formally released, with a link on The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' familysearch.org Web site. Until then, Wiki can be found at wiki.familysearch.org.

"The idea behind Wiki is let's create a community landing page where we can share knowledge, share tips and tricks, tell people what's successful, what works, what's the latest information out there."

FamilySearch.org helps with genealogical research, but researchers eventually will have to look beyond it, Greene said. That is where Wiki comes in.

There is a huge surge of source documents being added on the Internet every day, Greene said, coming from areas like Indexing and Record Search, both part of FamilySearch. Wiki is the place searchers can go to find out where all these different sources are located, Greene said. Greene said that, like the Web site www.wikipedia.org, anyone can share information about genealogy sources on Wiki. The community provides all of the content, he said. To edit and add content, users need to set up an account with the site. "We don't want to know about your ancestors; we don't want success stories. What we want is a list of sources and materials that are available for people to go look up their ancestors."

Once users set up an account and find a page of interest, they can choose the "watch" application and have all updates on the page e-mailed to them. Greene said that Wiki is one of the "collaborative, next-generation Internet applications" that make up Web 2.0. Other Web 2.0 applications include blogs, forums, Facebook and other social networking sites, he said.

"Wiki isn't the last place to look, but if it's the first, you'll be more successful."

Research Recommendations: Estimating Dates

by Michael J. Leclerc

When you are researching and compiling your family history, you will often come across people for whom you have no exact date of birth, marriage, or death. When you cannot find documentation of the exact date, it is best to estimate the date from the information you do have.

One can often calculate a year of birth from the age at death. Remember that there is a difference between someone who dies "ae 66 years" (which makes them born 66 years earlier) and someone who dies "in their 66th year" (which makes them born 65 years earlier). Dates of birth can also be estimated from census records, remembering that they can be off by a decade or more. The date of first marriage is helpful, estimating an average age of 25 for men and 21 for women. Dates of marriage can also be estimated by the ages of the children, being mindful that large gaps in the ages of children may indicate multiple marriages.

When there is a will, one can place the death between the date of the will and the date it was entered into probate.

When there is an administration, one can estimate the death prior to the date when administration of the estate was granted. If you are familiar with the probate laws of the area, you may be able to narrow down the date of death even further. The birth of a posthumous child to a father places his date of death within nine months of the birth.

In all cases, it is preferable to have an estimated date than none at all. This will help you research more accurately, and make your compiled work easier to understand for the reader. Always clearly indicate that you are estimating the date, and how you arrived at that estimate.

Small Tidbits of Interest**Museum of Funeral Customs:**

The Museum is in Springfield, Illinois. Website: www.funeralmuseum.org.

New Netherlands Connections:

New Netherlands Connections focuses on the Dutch Colonial period in New York and New Jersey. *The New England Historic Genealogy Society* will create an electronic index to all volumes of the journal and display the associated scanned pages.

Midwest Genealogy Center:

Family researcher in the Kansas City area now have a great new resource, *the Midwest Genealogy Center*, billed as one of the nation's largest libraries specifically for people tracing their ancestry.

The **Ancestry Library** database is available from *all* of our public computers, the ones in the microfilm room AND the main part of the Reference Room. Here are the steps you'll need to follow:

1. You will be logged on to the computer.
2. Click on the blue "e" to open Explorer.
3. Click on the "Yes" box to agree to follow our Reference Room purpose.
4. The next screen lists the databases that are available to our patrons. Click on "Ancestry".

If you have any questions or would like a demonstration, please let me know and I'll be happy to show you.
--Alice

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Elizabeth Tice

For 2008, we have 17 Life Members, 85 Single Memberships, 10 Family Memberships (20 Individuals) and 4 Genealogical Societies for a total of 126 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 member Dianne Thompson of Dallas!

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.**

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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-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)					October 11th 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
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