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WVGS ACTIVITIES - SALEM

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

September 13th, 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 202.

PLEASE NOTE: For September 13th only!

The **September 13th WVGS** business meeting, program and beginner's class will be held in **Room 202 on the second floor of the library.**

On September 13 there will be a state government career fair held on the capitol mall. There will be a large tent with representatives from several state agencies. Jim Scheppeke has offered the use of the State Library for this special event. Classes in resume writing and interviewing skills will be held on the first and third floor of the library building. Parking may be crowded that day so parking garage will be open for use.

Schedule of Events

10:00 - 11:00 am General Membership Meeting

Conference Room 202 (2nd floor, turn right after getting off the elevator). Business meeting will be held to conduct society business.

11:00 am– 12 noon: Program

"Our September 13th guest speaker will be **Susan LeBlanc**, from Gladstone, Oregon. She will be making a presentation on **Valuable Hidden Resources**. Sue will describe where to find valuable hidden sources and how to gain access to them. She will examine the types of sources and the evidence they provide. She will also use these sources to enhance the family history and prove relationships that are difficult to prove. And, finally Sue will show us how to document those sources so they can be used in the future.

Biographical sketch:

Susan LeBlanc, 2005 BYU graduate, BGS degree, Family History. Work includes ten years FHC, instructor, lecturer, coordinator of Ruth C. Bishop Volunteer Hall of Honor Awards with the Federation of Genealogical Societies. A member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Genealogical Council of Oregon, Genealogical Forum of Oregon and DAR.

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 #1** in the Beginning Class Series. Joan will cover the basics of getting started: starting with yourself, how to record information, interviewing relatives, primary and secondary sources and the basics of how to get organized.

The Oregon State Library Genealogy/Reference Room (north end of 2nd floor hall) will be open to the public on Saturday September 13th 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

October 11: Researching Native American History from the Siletz Indian Tribes of Oregon". Robert Kenta .

November 8th: Open

December 13th: Auction and Potluck

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>
Sept. 13th	Susan Niggli	Liz Tice
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:

September 13th	October 11th
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.

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.

Karen Farmer

Karen Farmer is a volunteer on Wednesday afternoons. She has been volunteering for about 2 years after seeing a notice in the newspaper about volunteers needed at OSL. Karen felt it was an opportunity to become familiar with the Library and genealogy as well as to help others. Her work background was in helping people. She became interested in her family history when her father did a search on his family and wrote a book. Karen is trying to add to it and research her mother's and husband's families. Her father's ancestry is Pennsylvania German and her mother's side, needing work, is a mixture of British Isles. She made one trip to SW Pennsylvania, got lost, saw her family name everywhere. Her husband's family has been in Rickreall for 150 years and they celebrated the farm being in the family for 150 years this summer.

Karen is also the Periodical Librarian for WVGS so she has become familiar with the huge number of periodicals at OSL. This is a rich source for researchers as current issues are kept in the Microfilm Room and back issues are kept in the stacks and can be quickly retrieved. She is happy that the family histories have been re-catalogued, now all by family name of the subject. For someone coming in, even if they think they know what they want, they should seek help from a volunteer as they might know of something else on the topic. Ancestry.com is a big help, city directories, family histories, periodicals are all there, just let a volunteer know.

In general according to Karen, the Oregon State Library is beautiful place to spend time, admire the exhibits and spend time looking through the catalogues.

Genetic Map of Europe:

The **genetic map of Europe**, which shows the genetic relationships between various European populations and which was published in *Current Biology*, "bears a clear structural similarity to the geographic map," the *New York Times's* Nicholas Wade writes. "The major genetic differences are between populations of the north and south (the vertical axis of the map shows north-south differences, the horizontal axis those of east-west). The area assigned to each population reflects the amount of genetic variation in it." Finland is quite divergent, as is, to a lesser extent, southern Italy.

http://www.mcwetboy.net/maproom/2008/08/genetic_map_of.php



WVGS DNA Project News

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Finding Ancestors through DNA

All genealogists find their lineage stops at some point...the proverbial brick wall. As records have been lost, burned or never existed to help us tunnel through that brick, a new tool in the genealogist's toolbox, just may be the answer. That new tool is DNA testing. DNA testing for genealogists began in 2000 and has rapidly grown ever since. That year, Bennett Greenspan, founder of Family Tree DNA, started the first company to sell DNA test kits to and for genealogists. Today his company handles the testing for the National Geographic Genographic Project and has the largest database for genealogists. Bennett is a genealogist. DNA testing continues reaching various milestones and has helped genealogists in many ways.

Through DNA testing, you may find a match between your surname and that of another tester who has a documented family tree that could add to your information. By finding other researchers with whom you have a common ancestor (a DNA match), you could focus on the missing generations between your families. ALSO, DNA testing rules out persons with the same surnames who are not a genetic match, thus allowing you to focus on lines that are definitely related to you.

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.

Article to be continued next month:

Emily Aulicino at Aulicino@hevanet.com

Greetings!

This announcement was just sent to Administrators and I want all of you to be the first to know....

WOW! Some of these tests are FREE!!!! (See message from the President of FTDNA at the bottom of this email and read it carefully for the parameters of this sale.)

However, you know that I suggest strongly that a Ydna test should be 37 markers to have a close match within genealogical time. Note that the upgrade from a 12 marker (currently free) to a 37 marker will cost: \$99. However you will wait 5-7 weeks for the free 12 marker and then 5-7 weeks for the upgrade. You decide.

IF any of you know someone who will test, please have them email me BEFORE they order a test so I am certain they understand what they are getting for their money and that the test they chose will meet their goals. Emily Aulicino

Email me at: aulicino@hevanet.com

Dear Group Administrator,

Due to popular demand Family Tree DNA is extending its Sizzling Summer Sale until September 30th!

This promotion is geared toward bringing new members to your projects by offering the following big incentives:

Product.....	Promotion...Original.....	Sale
Y-DNA12.....	Free mtDNA.....	\$189.....\$99
Y-DNA25.....	Free mtDNA.....	\$238.....\$148
Y-DNA37.....	Reduced.....	\$189\$119
Y-DNA37+mtDNA.....	Reduced.....	\$339.....\$189
Y-DNA67.....	Reduced.....	\$269.....\$218
Y-DNA67+mtDNAplus....	Reduced.....	\$409.....\$288
mtDNAplus.....	Reduced.....	\$189.....\$149

The purpose of this sale is to grow our database and at the same time help our Group Administrators encourage those "fence sitters" to climb off the fence and join your project. To date, the reaction has been very strong and we feel the benefit to the database and to your projects justifies the extension of this promotion. We would also like to thank all of our Group Administrators who have sent details of this promotion out by email or by postings to blogs and lists. It is clearly working, and we ask that you continue your efforts to make this promotion a growth vehicle for your projects. **IMPORTANT: This promotion requires that payment is either made by credit card or received by the conclusion of the sale on September 30th, 2008.**

As always, thank you for your continued support!

**Bennett Greenspan
President**



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By Jim Willhite

FORMER MEMBER PASSES AWAY

Cathy Sample, a member from 1998-2004, died in her home August 11, 2008. As customary, WVGS will take up a collection to purchase a book or two in her memory for the Oregon State Library.

ATTENTION OTHER LIBRARIES AND SOCIETIES

WVGS has 6 to 8 boxes of genealogy material, books and periodicals from mostly Oregon sources, that the Oregon State Library has no use for – free for the taking. Please see recent newsletters for a description. If your organization is interested, please contact me at jameswillhite@msn.com to make arrangements

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 September meeting:

**Genealogy Periodicals List
September 2008**

- Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly (Mansfield, OH), v.43 n.1 – v.48 n.1 (2003 – 2008)
- Ohio Genealogical Society Newsletter (Mansfield, OH), v.19 n.5 – v.32 n.11 (1988 – 2001)
- Olde Mecklenburg Society Genealogical Quarterly (Charlotte, NC), v.15 n.1 – v.22 n.4 (1997 – 2004)
- Old Westmoreland: The History and Genealogy of Westmoreland Co. PA (Laughintown, PA), v.2 n.2 – v.10 n.1 (1980 – 1990)
- Orange County (NY) Genealogical Publications (Goshen, NY), v.1 n.1 – v.31 n.2 (1971 – 2001)

- Oregon / End of Trail Researchers (Lebanon, OR), v.1 n.1 – v.5 n.4 (1970 – 1975)
- Oregon Genealogical Society Bulletin (Eugene, OR), v.1 n.1 – v.19 n.4 (1962 – 1981)
- Oregon Genealogical Society Quarterly (Eugene, OR), v.20 n.2 – v.46 n.3 (1981 – 2008)
- Oregon Historical Quarterly (Portland, OR), v.1 n.1 – v.108 n.3 (1900 – 2007)
- Oregon Voter (Portland Oregon), 1915 – 1982

NEW PERIODICALS RECEIVED THIS MONTH AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AT OSL

By Karen Farmer

Periodicals Received During August 2008

- GA (Coweta, Old Campbell), “The Coweta Courier”, Coweta County Genealogical Society, V 27 No 3, Summer 08
- IL, “Newsletter”, The Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, V 36 No 8, Aug-Sep 08
- IA (Des Moines), “Quarterly”, Des Moines County Genealogical Society, V 33 No 3, Aug 08
- KS, “Kansas Review”, Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, V 34 No 1, Aug 08
- MA, “The Mayflower Quarterly”, General Society of Mayflower Descendants, V 74 No 2, Jun 08
- NC, “Journal”, North Carolina Genealogical Society, V34 No 2, May 08
- OR, “Scandi-Roots”, Scandinavian Genealogical Society”, V 17 No 3, May 08
- OR (Deschutes), “The Homesteader”, Deschutes County Historical Society, Aug-Sep 08
- OR (Lane), “Trees From the Grove”, Cottage Grove Genealogical Society, V 21 Nos 1,2, Jan-Jun 08
- OR (Lane), “Quarterly”, Oregon Genealogical Society, V 46 No 3, Summer 08
- OR (Linn), “The Heritage Newsletter”, Linn Genealogical Society, V 22 No 7, Aug 08



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- **OR (Linn), "Newsletter", Lebanon Genealogical Society, Issue 4, Aug 08**
- **OR (Yamhill), "The West Side", Yamhill County Historical Society, Aug 08**
- **PA, "Mennonite Family History", V 27 No 3, Jul 08**
- **WA, "Quarterly", Olympia Genealogical Society, V 34 No 3, Jul 08**
- **WA (Grant), "Big Bend Register", Grant County Genealogical Society, V 29 Nos 1 & 2, Mar & Jun 08**
- **WA (Snohomish, Island), "The Sounder", Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, V 22 No 2, 2nd Quarter 08**
- **WA (Snohomish, Island), "The Beacon", Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, Aug 08**
- **WA (Pierce), "TPCGS Newsletter", Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society, V 2 No 5, Aug 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.

SALE TABLE

The sale table will again be set up at the **September** meeting so bring your money and a generous heart. A number of donated books that are not of use to OSL will be on sale for minimal prices with all proceeds going to the WVGS book fund. After the September meeting other societies or libraries will be contacted to see if they would like the leftovers for their collections.

BOOK DONATED To The Oregon State Library by Lorna Grauer

- **The People of Hopewell Cemetery, Too Well Loved To Be Forgotten – Yamhill County Oregon**

SUGGESTED PURCHASES - DONATIONS WANTED

Donors pay half and, WVGS's book fund pays the remaining half. Donations are tax deductible in accordance



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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

MICROFILM

The Oregon Newspaper Microfilm Project has an extensive collection of duplicate reels for sale. Some of the reels were formerly in the University of Oregon Library's collection and some of the reels are unused. The current price for a duplicate reel is \$28.50 (less than half price). These would all supplement the OSL collection – Donations anyone?

- **Silverton. SILVERTON TRIBUNE, Nov. 30, 1928 – Aug. 1, 1930**
- **Silverton. TORCH OF REASON , Jan. 28 1902 – Dec. 25 1902**

Donations to Oregon State Library

Jey Wann, Oregon Documents Depository & Acquisitions Coordinator at Oregon State Library recently sent a list of **134** items that WVGS has donated to the Library (it covers 2004-2008, "Some of these were donated quite a while ago, but have only recently been cataloged, which explains the kind of long period of time the list covers.")

So for those of you that are not familiar with the functions of WVGS, one of our primary functions is to donate books and periodicals to the Oregon State Library for the public to use. During a period of budget cuts, the OSL eliminated purchasing genealogical materials. So updating and increasing the genealogy collection at the Library is up to WVGS. Our money-making activities are for purchases and we also process materials donated to us that can be put in the Library. So we encourage you to join WVGS and to donate as this is the only way the genealogy collection can be kept up-to-date and available free to the public.

News from OSL	WVGS & Other Society News
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**LECTURE SERIES PLANNED BY
STATE LIBRARY**

The Oregon State Library will provide four noontime lectures this fall at the State Library in Salem. The presentations include **Pat Courtney Gold**, "Innovators and Traders: The Indigenous people of the Columbia River," Sept. 16; **Linda Carlson**, "Company Towns of the Pacific Northwest," Oct. 8; **Carole Glauber**, "Women Photographers in Oregon, 1852-1917," Nov. 19; and **Virginia Green**, "History on the Move in Salem," Dec. 10. You may bring your lunch or purchase a lunch or beverage at the library. All lectures are held from non-1 p.m. in the library's conference room 102. Lecture details and directions to the State Library can be found on the following web site: <http://library.state.or.us/services/training/lectures.php>

The Oregon Encyclopedia

The Oregon Encyclopedia, an authoritative compendium of information on Oregon people, places, events, and institutions. Over the next several months, culminating in 2009 as part of Oregon's State Sesquicentennial, the *Encyclopedia* will grow to contain thousands of entries on Oregon history and culture written by knowledgeable authors, reviewed by experts, and meticulously checked to ensure accuracy.

The Oregon Encyclopedia will include entries on all parts of the state, with special attention to smaller communities. It will include information on Oregon history, art, architecture, literature, anthropology, ethnology, folklore, and more. Encyclopedia editors and staff will involve as many local communities as possible by gathering information through Community Meetings. Public Community Meetings will be held on the project throughout 2008 in all corners of the state.

Salem Meeting:
Salem Public Library
Wednesday, September 24, 2008
6:00-8:30 PM
<http://www.oregonencyclopedia.org>

August Program

Beverly Rice, a professional genealogist from Coos Bay, presented an excellent program on Researching Courthouse Records. The biggest problem is not being prepared. County records are the primary repository for actions dealing with counties and have a wide variety of records.

Before you go:

- 1) know the types available (tax, land, vital, etc)
- 2) Research the county (formation, bordering counties)
- 3) Use microfilm first (if available)
- 4) Use the HandiBook or RedBook
- 5) Know the resource (original or derivative)
- 6) Don't forget about Directories, court records, survey maps, etc.

Go beyond the typical, dig deep and most of all be courteous to the county employees!

Marion County Historical Society

MCHS is having a Road Trip to Benton County Historical Society and Thompson's Mill on **Friday, September 19, 2008, 9:00 am—3:00 pm**. Cost is \$26 for members or \$31 for nonmembers, includes transportation, sack lunch and tours. Hosted by Ross Sutherland. For questions call **503-364-2128**.

GFO Fall Seminar

The Genealogical Forum of Oregon is having its Fall Seminar on **Saturday, September 27, 2008 at the Milwaukee Elks Lodge, Milwaukee, Oregon**. The featured speaker is **Ann Carter Fleming**.

More Info.....
PHONE: 503-963-1932
WEBSITE: <www.gfo.org>

Coos Bay Family History Seminar

2008 Coos Bay Family History Seminar will be held **November 8, 2008, from 9:30 am—4:00 pm**. Held at the Family History Center in North Bend, Oregon. For more information call **541-756-3575** or email: past-trackers@msn.com

Websites of Interest	Websites of Interest
<p><u>U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services</u> <i>USCIS has improved the method by which people can get records of deceased immigrants. In the past, genealogy requests were part of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process that required a lot of paperwork and could take months for a response to be received. This new process circumvents FOIA and allows genealogists more direct, and quicker, access to records. We hope this improves your ability to conduct research and will be of assistance to your patrons.</i></p> <p>Ed Sale Community Relations Officer 503-326-2807 Using information about an individual provided by the researcher, USCIS will search its historical immigration and naturalization index for citations relating to a specific immigrant. In order to search for an individual, they must have a date of birth more than 100 years ago or you must provide proof of death to USCIS. You will be provided with any record citations that the search uncovers, along with directions for ordering files from USCIS or the National Archives (NARA). Researchers with valid record citations to USCIS file numbers will also be able to request copies of historical files. The records that USCIS will be making available through this program are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naturalizations Certificate Files (C-files) from September 27, 1906 to April 1, 1956 • Alien Registration Forms from August 1, 1940 to March 31, 1944 • Visa files from July 1, 1924 to March 31, 1944 • Registry files from March 2, 1929 to March 31, 1944 • Alien Files (A-files) numbered below 8 million (A8000000), and documents within those files dated prior to May 1, 1951 <p>For more information on this service, visit www.USCIS.gov, and click on the Genealogy tab under the Services and Benefits section.</p>	<p><u>Georgia's 1919-27 Death Records IndexedOnline</u> The State of Georgia has made over 275,000 death certificates accessible online at no cost. Researchers will no longer have to request by mail or personally visit the state archives to obtain certificates for deaths that occurred between 1919 and 1927. Each name in the searchable online index is linked to a digital image of the actual death certificate. The extracted information is printed below the digital image. The certificates include age, county of death, parents' names, occupation, gender, race and cause of death. To search the index and view certificates, to go www.GeorgiaArchives.org. Under the "most popular" column, click "death certificates." The death certificate database is part of the Georgia Archives "Virtual Vault."</p>
<p><u>Passport Applications</u> Ancestry.com (available at OSL) now has a passport database (you can view the actual images). This database contains U.S. passport applications from 1795-1925, including emergency passport applications (passports issued abroad) from 1877-1907. It also contains passport application registers for 1810-1817, 1830-1831, and 1834-1906. Passport applications often include information regarding an applicant's family status, date and place of birth, residence, naturalization (if foreign-born), and other biographical information.</p>	<p><u>Civil War Soldiers and Sailors</u> The National Parks Service hosts the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System (CWSS) at www.itd.nps.gov/cwss. The system provides basic information on those who served during the Civil War. In addition to service information on individuals, you can find histories of various regiments, battles, prisoner of war records, and cemetery records. The CWSS is a partnership between the National Parks service and other private and public organizations, such as the Allen County Public Library, Utah Army Corps, National Archives and Records Administration, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the Civil War Preservation Trust.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Continued in column 2</i></p>	<p><u>Cemetery Locations</u> Search cemetery locations by name, county or state at Epodunk, www.epodunk.com/search cemeteries.html Results generate a Google map displaying graveyard locations.</p> <p><u>A New Home for the NEHGS Circulating Library</u> Ruth C. Bishop is establishing a major new research library in the Portland, Oregon, area, which will house the thirty thousand books from the NEHGS collection as well as at least forty thousand additional volumes. The Connor-Bishop Historical Resource Center is still in the planning stages, with location and opening date to be determined. The Center continues actively to acquire new materials.</p>

Lost and Found

We now have a “Lost and Found” box. It is a large box, located on the GRES shelf in the supply room, and it is clearly marked. If you find a lost item, please attach a sticky note or paper clip a note to the item with date and information on where it was found (e.g., 8/19/08 found next to computer station #3 or 8/22/08 left at the microfilm machine, etc).
Alice

Don't forget to check our website for WVGS publications that are for sale.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Elizabeth Tice

For 2008, we have 17 Life Members, 84 Single Memberships, 10 Family Memberships (20 Individuals) and 4 Genealogical Societies for a total of 125 Members.

Newsletters

WVGS currently exchanges periodicals with 47 societies. We also mail to 10 libraries. In addition we mailed 23 complimentary copies this month. Visitors who sign-in receive complimentary copies for 3 months.

Welcome to new member Ann Nelson of Salem and long-time member Sue Bell who became a life member this month!

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
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COUNTIES OF INTEREST—INCLUDING STATE ABBR.		

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 YOUR MAILING ADDRESS YES NO
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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	5 pm - 9 pm	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)					September 13th 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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