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WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM

December 10th Thursday: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
WVGS Executive Committee Meeting.
Room 308 at Oregon State Library

December 12th, Saturday **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society will meet in the Oregon State Library Building, 250 Winter St. NE. Metered, on-street parking in the vicinity is *free* on Saturdays (and the underground Capitol Mall Parking Structure is closed). **Visitors are welcome at all events! Use the Winter St. entrance—the mall entrance is locked on Saturdays. Note—Name tags must be worn for security reasons. WVGS provides them for members and visitors on our meeting day. Please stop for yours in Room 103.**

Schedule of Events

10:00 am—10:30 am General Membership Meeting
Conference Room 103 (1st floor, opposite the elevator). Business meeting will be held to conduct society business. **We will have a short business meeting in order to install the new WVGS officers for 2010.**

10:30 am—12:00 pm Program
Seasons Greetings !

December is that time again when WVGS sets aside our normal agenda so we can party a little. On December 12, we will have our annual Christmas luncheon and auction. The auction is one of our attempts to raise a few dollars to support WVGS. The Board has increased the number of benefits to the community, the OSL, and WVGS membership. We can not do this without your support and participation. Last year our

auction earned about \$200. This year please come and join us for another fun filled morning and maybe find either a bargain or a special gift for the holidays. It is also a great time to meet old friends and enjoy good social time.

For the auction please bring small items to donate for this great cause. Some suggestions include: Crafts are always good, homemade jams and jellies are great, home baked cookies or brownies always sell well or anything related to genealogy. For the luncheon please bring finger foods, desserts, or salads for our pot-luck. We will provide paper products, utensils and beverages. We hope to see you there!!!

Beginners' Class

There will **not** be a Beginners' Class this month. **Joan Kaiser** will resume the Beginners' Class series in January.

Dues for 2010

It is now time to pay your dues for 2010! Dues have not increased—it is still only \$20 for a single membership or \$25 for a family. However the members at the November meeting approved having our quarterly publication, *Beaver Briefs*, go on-line in 2010. Those wanting a hard-copy mailed to them will need to include an additional \$6.00 for postage.

The Oregon State Library Genealogy/Reference Room (north end of 2nd floor hall) will be open to the public on Saturday, December 12th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm for genealogical research. A volunteer will be available for assistance. Use the Winter Street entrance.



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Oregon State Library

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

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

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

Upcoming Programs

December 12th: Annual Potluck and Auction

January 9th: Julie Starr Hook, "Organizing Your Personal Files"

February 20th: Jim Willhite and Alice LaViolette, Jim will discuss Pedigree Charts. Alice will address OSL Cataloging and Using Various Special Internet Sites

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

NORPAC Label Redemption Program

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

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Saturday Volunteers

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

	<u>10 am—1 pm</u>	<u>1 pm—4 pm</u>
December 12th	Linda Doran	Bob Baldwin
January 9th		Bob Baldwin
February 20th		Liz Tice

WVGS Constitution Review

We have finally finished reviewing the WVGS Constitution and Standing Rules. All proposed changes have been published in the newsletters and discussed at General Meetings as required. At the January General Meeting we will look at the whole document and vote on approval and/or final changes. And in February the new document should be ready!

WVGS Meeting 2010 Dates

January 9	May 8	September 11
February 20	June 12	October 9
March 13	July 10	November 12
April 10	August 14	December 11

WVGS Officers for 2009

Elected Officer

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

Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor: *Elizabeth Tice*
 Beaver Brief Editor: *Sue Bell*
 Librarians: *Jim Willhite and Susie Niggli*
 Periodical Librarian: *Karen Farmer*
 Volunteer Coordinator: *Susie Niggli*
 Beginners' Class: *Joan Kaiser*
 Publicity: *George Cropsey*

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

WVGS has a DNA Project for both men and women.

To join under WVGS:

1. Go to the State Library URL at: <http://oregon.gov/OSL/GRES/genealogy.shtml>
2. Click on Genealogy Research on the left.
3. Click on WVGS DNA Project.
4. Click on the Family Tree DNA icon in the middle of the page.
5. Scroll to the bottom of the next page and complete the form.
6. Click CONTINUE to complete the next screen.
7. Be sure to click only once when you are done so you order just one set.

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

Questions?...

More information on Genetic Genealogy can be found at the following website by linking to its various pages (Click LEARN on the right side of the page):

www.familytreedna.com. If any of you have questions regarding DNA and which tests to order, please e-mail Emily Aulicino at: aulicino@hevanet.com.

Emily is WVGS' Project Administrator.

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

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.

Linda Wisher

Linda Wisher is one of the Wednesday afternoon volunteers. She has been volunteering for a couple of months after seeing a notice for volunteers in the newspaper. She is retired and looking for ways to keep busy. She also volunteers at Salem Public Library.

Linda has been interested in genealogy since high school. She was born in Iowa where her ancestors migrated to. Wisher was originally Wischer and her family was German, coming to Pennsylvania in the 1850's. She also has ancestors on her father's side from Luxembourg and Alsace-Lorraine. Her ancestors were Catholic, so the church records have been of great help. They all settled in a Catholic community in Iowa also. On her mother's side her ancestry is English, German and some unknowns.

Linda has been to England to the little town her great-great-grandparents were from and had a great experience. Her mother's family also ended up in Iowa, although with stops along the way. She started her interest young and was lucky to be able to get information from her grandmother. She's been to the original homesteads in Iowa. She also has made three trips to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

Linda is still learning about the State Library, but is amazed that so many local people are unaware of the resources here. She feels we have an excellent collection that covers many areas, not just Oregon.

Linda is very willing to help people starting out, and has helped two friends with their research since she started volunteering. Come see her on Wednesday afternoons!

Findagrave

Even though information about **FindAGrave** has been published here before, there were several questions about it at the program last month. So here it is again. **FindAGrave** offers users the opportunity to search more than 38 million grave records (many with images of the individual and their final resting place). In order to find a grave, users simply search by either name or cemetery. The site is dependent on volunteers submitting information so you may or may not be lucky!

And don't forget you can volunteer to help by volunteering to survey and submit cemetery information at **www.findagrave.com/**

WVGS News**2010 WVGS Officers**

The election for 2010 Officers took place at the November General Meeting. Officers will be installed at the December meeting.

President: *Liz Tice*

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

2nd Vice President (Membership): *Sue Rempel*

Recording Secretary: *Marilynn O'Neill*

Corresponding Secretary: *Linda Doran*

Treasurer: *Joan Kaiser*

Beaver Briefs for 2010

Members at the November General Meeting approved putting our quarterly bulletin, **Beaver Briefs**, on-line and charging an additional \$6.00 for the four annual issues to pay for postage.

This will start with the 2010 Winter Issue of Beaver Briefs. If you wish to receive copies in the mail, include the \$6 fee with your dues (see membership form on page 7).

All of the details have not been worked out yet with the Oregon State Library. **Beaver Briefs** will be added to our website and you will need a password to access it. Each time in the newsletter that comes out just before **Beaver Briefs**, there will be a table of contents and a reminder when the quarterly will be accessible on the website.

We are planning on mailing letters in January to all members, libraries, societies and exchanges with instructions and your password. Libraries and member societies will still receive hard copies.

If you have any questions, contact Sue Bell or Liz Tice.

November Program

Ruby Pantalone presented a program on "Genealogy Programs", after some difficulty with the overhead display! She talked about PAF, a free genealogy program from Family Search. The Beginners program is free and easy to use, and a small fee for a more advanced program. She also showed what is available on familysearch.org.

Ruby wasn't able to show Family Tree Maker, which is the program she uses. **RootsMagic** is another popular program that genealogist are using and very happy with.

Research**Family History IGI**

The International Genealogical Index (IGI) on FamilySearch.org has a great deal of information of use to genealogists. Unfortunately, because much of it comes from undocumented patron submissions, the value varies greatly.

Beneath the record in IGI entries is source information for that record. It often will say "Record submitted by a member of the LDS Church..." The original submissions were microfilmed, and you can rent the microfilm through your local Family History Center. Most of them will not have any additional information, but occasionally the information is listed on family group sheets, which may give you more information on the family, or reveal the individual's source for the IGI record

In addition to patron submissions, the IGI has a large number of extracted entries. The message field for these records states that is an extraction. In the Source Information section you will find the Batch Number, Dates, Source Call Number and Type. You may also find a Printout Call Number and Type. Most extractions begin with a C (for baptisms/christenings) or an M (for marriages). Other Batch Numbers may begin with an A, F, I, L, etc.

www.familysearch.org

Record Search from familysearch.org

Don't forget to check the LDS Family Search's new site. On this site, which is still being added to, you can search millions of indexed records from around the world. Their November update included records from Switzerland and Marriage Records from Massachusetts, 1842-1915.

You can start with "Discover Your Ancestors" and enter names, date, location, etc. You can also browse the record collection and select a region or country. Then you can search by collection. Some are browse images only, some are indexes with no image and some you can search and then look at the original image.

The website can be reached from **familysearch.org** or at **<http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/>**



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By Jim Willhite

Genealogy Periodicals

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

Genealogy Periodicals List December 2009

- Connecticut Historical Society Bulletin (Hartford, CT), v.57 n.1 – v.59 n.4 (1992 – 1994)
- Connecticut Nutmegger / Connecticut Society of Genealogist (Glastonbury, CT), v.1 n.1 – v.42 n.1 (1968 – 2009)
- Coos Genealogical Forum Bulletin (North Bend, OR), v.4 – v.26 n. 1 (1968 – 1991)
- Cornsilk, DeKalb County Historical & Genealogical Society Quarterly Newsletter (Kingston, IL), v.18 n.1 – v.28 n.2 (1998 – 2009)
- Coweta County Genealogical Society Magazine (Newnan, GA), v.8 n.1 – v.13 n.4 (1988 – 1994)
- The Coweta Courier (Newnan, GA), v.14 n.1 – v.28 n.4 (1994 – 2009)
- Crawford County Genealogy (Meadville, PA), v.17 n.1 – v.29 n.1 (1994 – 2006)
- Crawford County History (Meadville, PA), v.23 n.1 – v.26 n.3 (2005 – 2008)
- Crook County Genealogical Society Newsletter (Prineville, OR), v.3 n.3 – v.5 n.2 (1999 – 2000)
- Crook County Historical Society Newsletter (Prineville, OR), various issues (1977 – 1991)

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.

BOOK DONATED TO OREGON STATE LIBRARY by Linda Doran

- Huset av Qvaale is Norwegian for House of Quall

BOOKS DONATED TO OREGON STATE LIBRARY by WVGS

- The Records of the Church at Williams Creek, Warren Co. GA
- The Records of the Church on the Ohoopee, Washington Co. GA
- The Estate Record of Washington Co. GA, 1822-1885
- The Matilda Archer Story & Archer Genealogy - a true Civil War story and Archer Family Genealogy
- Hancock County, Georgia Court of Ordinary Minutes - 1799-1817
- Hancock County, Georgia Court of Ordinary Minutes - 1817-1837
- Hancock County, Georgia Inferior Court Minutes – 1809-1833
- Hancock County, Georgia Court of Ordinary Minutes - 1838-1868
- Palatine Families of Ireland

MATERIAL DONATED TO OSL SURNAME FILES

- Brantley Association of America, 16th Semi Annual Report – Western State Files



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PERIODICALS DONATED TO OREGON STATE LIBRARY by Jim Willhite

- **Der Kurier, Vol's 15 #2 -21 #4 and Vol's 24 #3 – 27 #3**
- **The Genealogical Forum of Oregon (Portland) , Bulletin, Vol 43 – 50, various issues**

PERIODICALS DONATED TO OTHER SOCIETY OR SALE TABLE by Jim Willhite

- **Der Kurier, Vol's 22 #1 – 24 #2**

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

Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com continues to be a major asset to genealogy research at the Oregon State Library. It is available on all the computers, but two computers are reserved just for genealogy research.

Records are being added to ancestry.com all the time. Some records are the original records in a language other than English, so don't think it is only US records. The Canadian Collection contains original images of birth, marriage and death records starting in the 1850's as well as all of the Canadian census images from 1851 to 1911.

One problem is that people often want to search for exact names. Spelling is a variable on the indexing so be creative! And don't forget that a volunteer is always there to help you.

Internet Research

New and Free DAR Online Databases

The following announcement was written by the Daughters of the American Revolution:

After nearly a decade of scanning, indexing, and other behind-the-scenes work by DAR members and employees, the Daughters of the American Revolution is pleased to announce the availability of the DAR Genealogical Research System on our public website. Here are the direct links:

http://www.dar.org/library/online_research.cfm or www.dar.org

(and click on the Library button at the top, then the second tab in the left-hand column).

The GRS is a growing collection of databases that provide access to many materials collected by the DAR over the past 119 years. Included in this collection of databases is the GRC National Index which has been available to researchers for the past few years. There are still some kinks we're working out here and there.

When you go to the link above, you will find several tabs that will enable searching in the various databases: **Ancestor** – established DAR Revolutionary War Ancestors and basic information about them with listings of the applications submitted by descendants who joined the DAR [updated daily]

Member – limited access to information on deceased/former DAR members – not current members

Descendants – index of generations in applications between the DAR member and the Revolutionary War ancestor. There is much eighteenth and nineteenth-century information here. [ongoing indexing project]

GRC – every name index to 20,000 typescript volumes (some still being indexed) of genealogical records such as cemeteries, Bibles, etc. This index is not limited to the period of the American Revolution at all.

Resources [In particular, the digitized DAR Library Revolutionary Pension Extract Card Index and the Analytical Index Cards.

Other information sources will be coming in the near future, mostly relating to Revolutionary War service, bibliographies, Forgotten Patriots (updates), etc. Read the introductions to these to learn why these are both important genealogical indexes. For example, the Rev. War pension index includes the names of people mentioned in those pensions that were abstracted (not just the pensioner or widow)!!!!]

Periodicals

We are updating our periodical list of exchanges. We will be dropping some from our mailing list that no longer mail to us. If you have any recommendations for exchanges or subscriptions, please let us know and we will contact the society to see if they are interested in exchanging publications. And don't forget to check out our large collection at OSL.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Elizabeth Tice

Membership for 2009, we have 17 Life Members, 80 single memberships, 16 family memberships (32 individuals), and 5 Historical/Genealogical Societies for a total of 134 members.

Newsletters

WVGS currently exchanges periodicals with 44 societies. We also mail to 10 libraries and mailed 26 complimentary copies this month.

ANNUAL DUES for the calendar year 2010 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. **BEAVER BRIEFS** is available to members on the WVGS website or at a cost of \$6.00 to cover the postage for 4 annual issues mailed to a member. Send your check and the form below to WVGS, PO Box 2083, Salem, OR 97308-2083, enclosing a SASE if you would like a membership card and receipt mailed to you. *Please notify us of address changes or corrections—the Post Office will not forward BEAVER BRIEFS or NEWSLETTERS.* Members' address labels show dues expiration date following EXP. Dues received after labels are printed will be reflected in the following months' labels.

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP

Pro-rated Amounts for new members only who join:

Jan-Mar: \$20 Apr-Jun: \$15
Jul-Sept: \$10 Oct-Dec: \$5

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Pro-rated Amounts for new members only who join:

Jan-Mar: \$25 Apr-Jun: \$18.75
Jul-Sept: \$12.50 Oct-Dec: \$6.25

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

NAME

MAIDEN NAME

MAILING ADDRESS:
STREET:

SPOUSE'S NAME

CITY, STATE,
ZIP CODE:

TEL. AREA CODE & NO.

COUNTIES OF INTEREST - INCLUDING STATE ABBR.

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

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

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

Amount enclosed -

\$ _____ for Annual Dues (\$20 individual or \$25 family membership), includes Beaver Briefs on-line

\$ _____ for postage to receive copies of Beaver Briefs in the mail (\$6)

\$ _____ payment for Life Membership Under age 70 Age 70 or Over

\$ _____ other (please identify) _____

\$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

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	5 pm - 9 pm	CLOSED	12 pm- 5 pm
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
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	9 am— 9 pm	CLOSED	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) Closed Friday, October 16th					December 12th ONLY 10am—4pm
Oregon State Archives 800 Summer St NE Salem, OR 97310 / 503-373-0701	CLOSED	8 am—12 am and 1 pm—4:45 pm (CLOSED State Holidays)					CLOSED
Salem City Library 585 Liberty St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-588-6315	Open 1 pm- 5 pm Sept-May	CLOSED	10 am—9 pm (CLOSED City Holidays)			10 am—6 pm	

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