



WVGS News

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 is available on all computers in the library, with 2 computers reserved specifically for genealogical research.

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

Upcoming Programs

Mar. 10: So You Want to List Your Property in the National Registry of Historical Places? by Ian Johnson

April 14: "The Guthries", Stephen Pinkney in character

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>
February 11th	Glenn Abernathy	George Cropsey
March 10th	Linda Doran	Noeline Briski
April 14th	Susan Niggli	Liz Tice

Security Issues

Due to security problems, Ancestry.com, Institution Version, is no longer available on your personal laptop in the Reference Room at the Oregon State Library. You can still access the Internet and use your own personal ancestry.com account. Ancestry.com, Institution Version, is still available on all the computers in the Reference Room for the public to use.

WVGS Meeting 2012 Dates

*January 21	May 12	September 8
February 11	June 9	October 13
March 10	July 14	*November 17
April 14	August 11	December 8

WVGS Officers for 2012

Elected Officer

President: Elizabeth Tice
 1st Vice-President (Program): Sue Bell
 2nd Vice-President (Membership): Suzan Rempel
 Recording Secretary: Barbara Foster
 Corresponding Secretary: Sandy Graham & Sue Masse
 Treasurer: Joan Kaiser

Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor: Elizabeth Tice
 Beaver Brief Editor: Sue Bell
 Librarians: Jim Willhite and Susie Niggli
 Periodical Librarian: Lorraine Busch
 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.

**Federation of Genealogical Societies
Conference**

**"Indians, Squatters, Settlers and
Soldiers in the Old Southwest"**

**29 Aug—1 Sep 2012
Birmingham, Alabama
[Www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org)**

Research Procedure

WVGS's research policy is being revised slightly. The Oregon State Library will refer all genealogy requests to the volunteer at the Reference Desk. This is for requests received by the Library by phone, email or letters. The volunteer will work on the request and answer it if possible. Simple requests, also received on the genealogy phone, are answered. If the request requires more research, it will be passed on to Sue Masse and Sandy Graham, WVGS's Corresponding Secretaries.

Sue and Sandy will do some research first to see if the request can be answered and give the person an estimate of the cost. We charge \$10 per hour, plus the cost of copies and postage. If we have email contact, they'll try to scan and send by email. We do require payment first.

All requests by phone, email, or referral by OSL are to be recorded on the clipboard at the desk.

Anyone one who comes into the Oregon State Library in person gets help from the volunteer for free!

Still a procedure in progress as we work out the kinks in the process!

Postage Increase for Beaver Briefs

Members voted to increase the cost of receiving a copy of our quarterly bulleting, **Beaver Briefs**, in the mail to \$6.50 for the four copies. This covers the increase in postage. All members can still access Beaver Briefs online at our website with their password.

Life members who want to receive Beaver Briefs in the mail must also pay for the additional postage!

Annual Dues Reminder

It's time to renew your membership to WVGS. Dues are only \$20 which brings you the quarterly *Beaver Briefs* (\$6 extra if you wish to receive a copy by mail) and the monthly *WVGS Newsletter*. You also are supporting local genealogy, WVGS activities which includes monthly programs, providing volunteers at the Oregon State Library and donations of materials to OSL.

We send out the newsletter for three months before starting the 2012 membership list. Only one more month!!



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January Program

Our January program was a time to share our own stories. Members brought family treasures and told their stories: pictures, family crests, old letters, books with family information, mysteries solved and new connections made, a butter dish. It was a fun program and we all enjoyed the stories!

Oregon State Librarian

The WVGS Executive Board met interim State Library **MaryKay Dahlgreen** and **Arlene Weible**, acting Program Manager for Government Research Services, at our January Board meeting. We are looking forward to working with MaryKay and Arlene.

The State Library Board will hold an open interview session with the finalist for the position of State Librarian on February 23rd and make a decision at their meeting on February 24th.

Oregon State Library Spring Lecture Series

Wednesday, February 15, 12-1 pm

“Seismicity and Salmon on the Oregon Coast”

Matthew Mabey, Research Engineer

Location: Oregon State Library, 250 Winter St NE
Room 103

Details: Admission is free. Lunch: bring or
Purchase on-site (\$4.50)

Matthew will present on how the earthquake hazard in Oregon spurred geologists to look carefully at the deposits in estuaries, leading to dramatic changes in perceived earthquake hazard zones and how bridges and buildings are now built.

German Mini Seminar

Sunday, March 18, 2012

9 am—1 pm

Genealogical Forum Library,

2505 SE 11th Ave Ste B 18

Portland, Oregon

Speaker: Jewell Lorentz Dunn

Email: gfoinfo@hotmail.com, Phone: 503-963-1932



Beaver Briefs

The Winter Issue of **Beaver Briefs, Vol. 44, No. 1** is ready for viewing and printing. It is a pdf document so if you do not have the reader, you will have to download that first.

To access **Beaver Briefs**:

- Go to the WVGS website: <http://oregon.gov/OSL/>
- On the right side under “Services for...” is **Genealogy**. Click on **Genealogy**.
- Under **Willamette Valley Genealogy Society** at the top of the page is **Beaver Briefs**.
- Under **Beaver Briefs** is **Beaver Briefs Login**. Click on **Beaver Briefs Login**.
- Enter your password in the box and click on **Submit**.

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This is third year online. Don’t miss out on it! For exchange societies, Life Members and 2012 members who have renewed by 1/25/12 (check your label), your password is on the label on page one of this issue. All members and libraries and societies on our exchange list have access to Beaver Briefs on-line. To receive a hard copy through the mail requires paying for postage, \$6.50 for the four issues.



WVGS LIBRARY REPORT

WVGS LIBRARY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2012

NEWSLETTER

By Jim Willhite

PERIODICALS

Featured 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". For most of the periodicals we have additional issues in the stacks, so ask at the Reference Desk if you would like to see any of the periodicals.

List prepared by Eugene Newbill,
Oregon State Library

- Beaver Briefs (Salem, OR), v.1 no.1 (Apr 1968-
- Crook County Genealogical Society Newsletter (Prineville, OR), (1999-2000)
- Curry County Echoes (Wedderburn, OR), (1973-1989, 2001-2003)
- Distant Trails – Sweet Home Genealogical Society (Sweet Home, OR), (Mar 1996- Mar 2002)
- Douglas County Pioneer – Douglas County Genealogical Society (Roseburg, OR), v.1 no.1 (Mar 1987)-
- Finnam Newsletter / Finnish American Historical Society of the West (Portland, OR), (1969-1999)
- The Heritage Newsletter / Linn Co. Genealogical Society (Albany, OR), various issues (1988-1995)
- Joys of Genealogy: Relatively Speaking (Lebanon, OR), various issues (1999-2004)
- The Rogue Digger (Phoenix, OR), 1(Spr 1966-Mar 2010)
- The Searchlight (Toledo, OR), (Fall 1986-Novl 2002)
- Western Places (Lake Grove, OR), (Feb 1992-Jul 2000)



WVGS LIBRARY REPORT

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.

BOOKS PURCHASED FOR OSL BY WVGS

- German Immigrants in American Church Records Vol. 10, Illinois North Protestant \$76.98 pp
- From Deference to Defiance, Charlestown, Massachusetts 1629-1692 \$27.95
- The Last Muster – Images of the Revolutionary War Generation \$45.00
- Preserving Your Family Photographs \$24.99
- In Search of Our Roots, How 19 Extraordinary African Americans Reclaimed Their Past \$27.50
- Witches, Rakes, and Rouges – True Stories of Scams, Scandal, Murder, and Mayhem In Boston, 1630-1775 \$14.95
- USPS Book Rate and Handling \$21.00

BOOKS PURCHASED FOR WVGS COLLECTION

- Indian Deeds – Land Transactions in Plymouth Colony 1620-1691 \$29.95

BOOKS DONATED TO OREGON STATE LIBRARY BY ANONYMOUS

- Finding your Ancestors in Alberta (CAN)
- Building and American Pedigree by Norman E Wright - (OSL Library copy is Missing)
- City of Boston, Vital Records town of Dorchester 1826-1840
- The Vermont Historical Gazetteer, a History of Each Town, Civil, Ecclesiastical, Biographical and Military, in three Volumes – Vol 1.
- Migration , Emigration and Immigration, Vol 3



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Internet Resources

BOOKS DONATED TO SALE TABLE OR OTHER SOCIETY BY ANONYMOUS

- Plymouth Colony its History and People 1620-1691
- The Surnames of Ireland
- The Source by Arlene Eakel
- The Concise Dictionary of twenty six Languages
- The Anchor atlas of World History V1 and Vol 2
- US and special census catalog
- 10,000 vital records of western New York 1809-1850
- Handy Book for genealogists 1964 4ed
- Directory of Family Association Elizabeth P Bently 91-92
- Where to write for vital records 1990
- The Genealogist Address Book 1992-93
- The Signet world Atlas 91 ed B M Willett
- Genealogical and Local History Books in Print 4ed Vol 1-5
- Ancestral Roots of Certain American Colonists who came to America before 1700
- A dictionary of Surname-Patrick Hanks
- Ancestors of American Presidents =Gary B Roberts
- Choosing a name An A to Z of first names and their meanings-Mayna Kitchen

BOOK DONATED TO WVGS BY LOIS PARKER

- Going To America (A startling account of enduring a 18th century transatlantic crossing,)

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

More Obituary Indexes by Valerie Beaudraut

Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, Ohio

The city of Warren is the seat of Trumbull County, Ohio. It is located in the northeastern part of the state. The Warren-Trumbull County Public Library has made two obituary indexes of the Warren Tribune Chronicle available on its website.

The first set of indexes includes the years 1900 through 1939. The data fields in the database include the name of the deceased, date of issue, page and column number, and newspaper title abbreviation. The name field sometimes contains additional information, such as age at death, date of birth, spouse or parent's name, place of death, whether there is a photograph, and cause of death.

The second index is a searchable online database that covers 1970, part of 1980, 1981, and 1987 through 2009. There are more than 137,500 records in the index.

Plainfield Public Library, New Jersey

The city of Plainfield is located in Union County, New Jersey. It is in the northeastern part of the state. The Courier News obituary index, a collection of obituaries and biographical articles published in the Courier News between the mid-1920s and the mid-1980s, was donated to the Plainfield Public Library in 2009. Library staff and volunteers are in the process of indexing the collection. The data fields include last name, first name, relationship, date, source data (news or obituary), and item type.

Musser Public Library, Iowa

The city of Muscatine is the seat of Muscatine County. It is located on the eastern border of the state. The Musser Public Library has made an obituary index available on its website. The index contains obituaries and death notices from newspapers published in Muscatine from 1840 to the present. There are gaps in the index, and volunteers are working to complete it. The data fields include last name, first name, type of record (D = death), date of paper, page number, and date of event. Copies of obituaries may be requested



Research News

Searching Mexico's census for clues about American History

By Michael Martinez, CNN January 7, 2012

(CNN) - For professional genealogists – and amateurs like actor Edward James Olmos – an extraordinary moment is unfolding for the nation's Latino community, thanks to the digital age.

It's the revelation of the 1930 Mexican census, which was distributed free online this year.

Decades ago, such data might not have been as meaningful. But the United States' own recent census now shows that Latinos are the nation's No. 2 group in 2010. With 50.5 million Hispanics now in the United States, the 1930 Mexican census offers a glimpse into the heritage and history of an emerging cornerstone community – especially because 31.8 million Americans are of Mexican descent.

"All of the information that we're getting from the census is really extraordinary because it's leading us into different realms of understanding of what was happening at the time to our family," Olmos said. "It's been quite an experience to go in there, and it's been very educational."

The 1930 Mexican census – with its handwritten entries on large sheets of rowed and columned paper – is now an online database accessible for free at ancestry.com/mexico.

The online materials show nearly 13 million census documents, which offers information such as head of household; age; civil or church marriages or living together in "free union"; ability to read and write; occupation; place of birth; language spoken, including any indigenous languages; physical or mental defects; and religion. The 1930 Mexican census is regarded as the earliest, most thorough accounting of that country's population. It counted 90% of the people living there, although the residents of Mexico City aren't included because of records are missing, said George Ryskamp, associate professor of history at Brigham Young University, who has researched, taught and lectured on genealogy in Latin America and Spain.

"It's extremely significant," Ryskamp said of the 1930 Mexican census. "I [have been] doing Spain and Latin American genealogy for the past 35 years. When I first started out, there wasn't a lot of interest.

"It's just exciting to see that we've reached a point, at least commercially, that there are enough people of Mexican ancestry [in the United States] that they are putting up that information. Genealogically, it represents a significant step. It recognizes that this is a minority group whose needs have been recognized and are going to be met."



Research Help

Online Genealogical Presentations

- **The National Archives** has released a series of online videos of its genealogy workshops on YouTube. Topics include introductions to military, immigration, and census records.
- **The National Archives** has also made a wide range of other material available on its YouTube site. For more specifically genealogical presentations, select the "Know Your Records" and the "1940 Census" playlists. You can also learn more about the presidential libraries; view War Comes to America (1945), part seven of Frank Capra's Why We Fight propaganda film series; and watch 1930s films about national parks.
- **FamilySearch** also offers genealogical instruction in its Learning Center. Currently, the site features two formats, video and audio with interactive slides. Presentations include twenty-five "Five Minute Genealogy Episodes," an England Beginning Research series, a U.S. Midwest Beginning Research series, and much more.
- **Ancestry.com's Learning Center** also offers a number of videos on information sources and research challenges.
- **Britain's National Archives** offers a selection of family history videos on topics including civil registration, the 1911 census, the manorial documents register, and child emigration to Canada, on its website.
- **FindMyPast.co.uk** has also made several video family history tutorials on British research available on its website.

State Digital Archives

Have you been wondering which states have digital archives with records on-line? Well, go to www.digitalstatearchives.com/ which has links to state archives online.

According to the website "A quiet revolution is taking place. State governments have been sifting through their historical archives, digitizing records, and putting mountains of content on their websites. The result is a goldmine of information, newly available online. This is great news for historians, professional genealogists, family history researchers, students, journalists, or anyone wanting to know more about the communities in which they live and work. State archives are digitizing documents, photographs, videos, sound recordings, deeds, artifacts, court records, slave emancipations, newspapers, reports, military records, and so much more. They really are amazing resources."



WVGS & OSL

Donated Materials

WVGS has a collection of donated family histories and genealogical materials. We receive these from a variety of sources; some we keep, some we pass on. In 1994 we received the Mahonia Chapter of the Daughters of American Colonists (DAC) materials. They are not catalogued and are on top of filing cabinets in the back of the Microfilm Room. They contain valuable genealogical records—it might be just what you were looking for!

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Records Donated by

Mahonia, Daughters of American Colonist

Note: Not all family names are mentioned in this table of contents, however many of these categories have indexes of their own.

Book I

1. Oregon Miscellaneous, Early Days in Oregon:
 - Sublimity College
 - Syracuse and Santiam City (near Jefferson)
 - Historic Jefferson City Hall
 - John T. Crooks (helped write the Oregon Constitution)
 - The Abiqua Church
 - Fairfield - an Oregon Ghost Town
 - Waconda, Oregon
2. Mahonia Chapter Bible and Cemetery Records
 - Names Index:
 - Benjamin & Sarah Campbell (includes Teitsworth, McClow, Pickeral, Adair)
 - E M & Elizabeth Carroll (includes Clark)
 - Henry & Betsy Davis (includes Athern)
 - John & Hettie Davis (includes Drew)
 - Joseph & Abigail Funk (includes Pearson)
 - Ira & Eleanor Hall (includes Ferguson)
 - Silas & Rosetta Haskins (includes Webster)
 - William H & Lydia Haskins (includes Howard)
 - William & Catherine Herndon (includes Diggs)
 - James & Sarah Johnson (includes Wiley)
 - McGogy—no bible (Daniel, Elijah, Isabella, Charles, James etc)



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Miller (includes Nye, Williams), Lulu, Ira, Mary Scafford

James & Freelove Snyder (includes Howe)
 John & Lucinda Spencer, Spencer Family Cemeteries:

Fort Rock Cemetery in Lake Co, OR

Drift Creek Cemetery in Lincoln Co, OR

3. Bible Records #1, Families of
 - The Asche family Bible from Germany, 1881-1953 : the Walter Dean family Bible from England, 1808-1881 : the Isaac Hentz family Bible, 1759-1880 : the Henry Singley family Bible from Germany, 1874-1920 : including transcripts and additional family history notes
4. Bible Records #2, Families of:
 - Henry Clay & Luisa Bagby
 - David & Helena Eitzen Family Records
 - John & Agatha Eitzen Sawatsky Family Births
5. Samuel & Elisha Bronson Family
6. Olaf Magnus Styrenius & Josephine Albertina Family
7. Burch and Watkins Family Records, Robert Benham Burch and Anne Nichols Burch

Book II

1. Willifred Cannon Pettyjohn Family Records
 John Whitaker-George Metteer Bible Records
 Lewis Casteel-R. F. Raines Bible Records
 Obituaries of some of the above families
2. Family Records #1
 - Curtis Allen Hale-Thomas Rowden-George Perry Chance-Israel Taft
 - John Holman-John Cannon-George J Metteer
3. Family Records #2
 - John Henry Hawley, Robert Boddy, Jackson Coggshall
 - Joseph Macomber, Alexander McClaughy, William H Logan
 - E A Goodridge, David Smith, Bartlett L Bolton
4. Family Records #3
 - Joseph Taylor Hunt Family Bible
 - Daniel McLean-Thomas Loring Family Bible
 - Jeremiah Mills & Richard Coffin Family Histories



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Records Donated by**Mahonia, Daughters of American Colonist**

Continued

5. William Judson Family Genealogy
6. Elizabeth Ann Perkins-Mastin Bennett Family Bible
7. John Willoughby and Sarah Luke Family Histories
Nicholas Munday, Martin, Thomas Roberts, Thomas Hull
8. The George A Leland Family Bible
9. The Sampson Nelson Family Bible
10. The Alfred Moullet Family Bible
11. Family Records #4
John Breden-William P Golightly, Milton Hale, Joshua Harlan, Jacob Largent, McLean, James Nowlin-Benjamin Higgins, Benjamin Skinner, Anthony Tittle, Ebenezer Pyatt
12. John Woods Family of Massachusetts
13. Crawfordsville Cemetery, Linn Co, OR
14. Falls City Cemetery, 1893-1967, Polk Co, OR
15. Falls City Newspaper Clippings
16. Bear Creek Cemetery, Clackamas Co, OR
17. Marble Bile Records
18. Riddle Cemetery, Douglas Co, OR
19. Lewis Cemetery, Sweet Home, Linn Co, OR

Book III

1. Shady Cove Cemetery (also called Johnson Cemetery, Jackson Co, Oregon)
2. Spring Valley-Zena Cemetery, Polk Co, Oregon
3. Bethel Cemetery, Polk Co, Oregon
4. Bethel Pioneer Cemetery, Polk Co, Oregon
5. Cemetery and Bible Records from Wallowa Co, Oregon
Alder Slope, Hurricane Creek, Flora Cemeteries
Elmer, Flannery Bible Records
6. Kuna Cemetery, Kuna, Idaho
7. Keeney Settlement Cemetery, New York
8. Selected tombstone inscriptions from Onondaga Co, NY

Book IV

1. Bible Records #1
Samson D Melson Family Bible Records



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- Noah Welch Family Bible Records
Charles F Vick Family Bible Records
2. Families #1
Garrison Gray & Sarah Moore Jones from Dell, Malheur Co, Oregon
Ida Irene Gray Jones & B. C. Jones, Vale, Malheur Co, Oregon
Silas W. R. Jones and Elizabeth Allen Jones
William Jory Bible Records
Adam and Catherine Mossholder
 3. Historic Trinity Church of Charles Co, Maryland
 4. Bible Records #2
John & Martha Burch Watkins Bible Records
John T Crooke Bible Records
Ann Eliza Burch Bible Records
 5. Church Records
Church of Good Shepherd Marriage Records (Episcopal), Albina, Portland, OR
Oregon Episcopal Diocesan Archives
Baptism, Lake Oswego, OR
St. Clements' Mission Baptisms, Oakland, OR
Freeman's Oaths, MA
Congregational Church of Menden, Mass, Baptism Records
 6. Families #2
Jarius Bonney Family
Caswell Witt Family
The Thomas Dexter of MA Family in America

Book V

1. Oregon Century Farmers 1958
2. Early Records of First Methodist Church 1858-1886, Salem, Oregon
3. Family Records (some are duplicates):
Heskins, William Herndon, Silas R Jones, Jory, Marshall, McGogy, Nelson, Gray, Mossholder (Wisconsin), James Snyder of NY, Taft, Thorne -Willoughby, Vick, Whitaker, Hays, Wright-Lee
4. Family Bible Records (some are duplicates):
Lt Benjamin Campbell PA, Henry Davis VT, Richard M Burch OR, Ira Hall NY, Nelson, Richard Ryley OR



Research Information

Vital Records Chart

Family Tree

Magazine

Take note of the years statewide vital-record-keeping officially began in each US state—that's when counties started to collect birth, marriage and death information and report it to state offices. Some counties or towns kept stats earlier, and some were slow to comply with state laws, so check with your ancestors' local government for record availability.

	Birth Records	Marriage Records	Death Records		Birth Records	Marriage Records	Death Records
Alabama	1908	1936	1908	Montana	1907	1943	1907
Alaska	1913	1913	1913	Nebraska	1905	1909	1905
Arizona	1909	1909	1909	Nevada	1911	1968	1911
Arkansas	1914	1917	1914	New Hampshire	1901	1901	1901
California	1905	1905	1905	New Jersey	1848	1848	1848
Colorado	1907	1907	1907	New Mexico	1920	1920	1920
Connecticut	1897	1897	1897	New York	1880	1880	1880
Delaware*	1861	1847	1881	North Carolina	1913	1962	1913
District of Columbia	1874	1811	1874	North Dakota	1907	1925	1907
Florida	1899	1927	1899	Ohio	1908	1949	1908
Georgia	1919	1952	1919	Oklahoma	1908	1908	1908
Hawaii	1842	1842	1859	Oregon	1903	1906	1903
Idaho	1911	1947	1911	Pennsylvania	1906	1885	1906
Illinois	1916	1962	1916	Rhode Island	1853	1853	1853
Indiana	1907	1958	1899	South Carolina	1915	1950	1915
Iowa	1880	1880	1880	South Dakota	1905	1905	1905
Kansas	1911	1913	1911	Tennessee*	1908	1945	1908
Kentucky	1911	1958	1911	Texas	1903	1966	1903
Louisiana*	1914	none	1914	Utah	1905	1887	1905
Maine	1892	1892	1892	Vermont	1955	1955	1955
Maryland	1898	1950	1898	Virginia	1912	1912	1912
Massachusetts	1841	1841	1841	Washington	1907	1968	1907
Michigan	1867	1867	1867	West Virginia	1917	1964	1917
Minnesota	1900	1958	1908	Wisconsin	1907	1907	1907
Mississippi	1912	1926	1912	Wyoming	1909	1941	1909
Missouri	1910	1881	1910				

*Delaware's statewide birth and death records stop in **1863** and resume in **1881**. All Louisiana birth records are kept in parish clerk offices. Tennessee has no statewide birth or death records for **1913**.

Washington, DC's birth records go back to 1874, death records to 1855 (but none were filed during the Civil War) and marriage records to 1811.

Thank you for your donations

A grateful **Thank You** to all of our members who have made donations to the Society! We are able to continue operating and donating books to the Oregon State Library thanks to generous members. Our dues don't cover all of our book purchases and we rely on donations.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

Beginning membership for 2012 is 20 Life Members, 61 single memberships, 12 family memberships (16 individuals), and 3 Historical/ Genealogical Societies for a total of 108 members for 2012.

ANNUAL DUES for the calendar year 2012 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 \$6.50 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 (\$6.50)

\$ _____ 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	Temporarily closed beginning June 2011 for 12 to 15 months.							
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)					Feb 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	
Salem Public Library 585 Liberty St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-588-6052	Open 1 pm- 5 pm Sept-May	CLOSED	10 am—9 pm (CLOSED City Holidays)			10 am—6 pm		
Marion County Historical Society 1313 Mill St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-364-2128	CLOSED	CLOSED	12 pm—4 pm				By appt.	



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