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WVGS ACTIVITIES—SALEM

January 7th Thursday: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
WVGS Executive Committee Meeting.
Room 308 at Oregon State Library

January 9th, Saturday
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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—11:00 am General Membership Meeting
Conference Room 103 (1st floor, opposite the elevator). A business meeting will be held to conduct society business. Due to weather-related problems on December 12th, we were not able to install the 2010 WVGS officers, so that will take place at the January meeting.

11:00 am—12 noon Program

Our WVGS speaker for January 9th is Julie Starr Hook. She will be talking about **Organizing Your Files**. Mrs. Hook resides in South Salem, along with her husband, three children and two step children. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Rhetoric Speech and Communications from the University of Oregon in 1999. After graduating, she worked as a sales representative for a food broker for six years. It was there that she learned space management techniques and found success in marketing products in the grocery industry.

Later, through her experience at as a stay-at-home mom and from various business experiences, she also began exploring her interest in organizing homes. Not long after, she began speaking at groups about the importance of organization. Julie brings a fresh approach to the area and idea of organization. In 2003, she began writing a weekly column on organization in the **Statesman Journal**. She also formed her own organizational business in 2003, **Five Starr Organizing**. At only \$45 an hour, she has a steady, loyal client base and is passionate about her company.

Her presentation about **Organizing Your Files** will address how genealogists can create meaningful records for the next generation of their family. There may be concerns about who, if anyone, will keep family heirlooms or who should speak to them about what is important and what isn't. Having conversations and making your feelings know ahead of time will allow your family photos, letters, treasures and memories to be considered as items to be preserved for the future. She will also advocate making sure to have those items listed in writing and done in a legal matter if at all possible.

1:00 pm—Beginners' Class

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

This will be #4 in the **Beginners' Series, Researching on Location**. **Joan** will cover developing a "to do" list before you leave and contacts to make ahead of time. She also will cover researching at the Family History Center in Salt Lake City.

The Oregon State Library Genealogy/Reference Room (north end of 2nd floor hall) will be open to the public on Saturday, January 9th 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 is available on all computers in the library, with 2 computers reserved specifically for genealogical research.

Upcoming Programs

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

March 13th : Christy Van Heukelem, "Help with Ancestry.com"

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>
January 9th	Susan Niggli	Bob Baldwin
February 20th		Liz Tice
March 13th	Linda Doran	

WVGS Constitution Review

We thought we were finally finished with the review of the WVGS Constitution and Standing Rules after 2 years! However due to changes in Beaver Briefs and the additional fee for mailed copies, we need to review the sections pertaining to Beaver Briefs. We probably will have one last proposed change in the February newsletter, and then be ready for approval by the general membership in March.

WVGS Meeting 2010 Dates

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

WVGS Officers for 2010

Elected Officer

President: Elizabeth Tice
 1st Vice-President (Program): Bob Baldwin and Ruby Pantalone
 2nd Vice-President (Membership): Suzan Rempel
 Recording Secretary: Marilyn 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.

Elaine Cutting

Elaine Cutting is a fairly new volunteer on Friday mornings. She has been volunteering since September 2009. She was looking for something to do, saw a notice in the newspaper and thought volunteering at the Oregon State Library would be a good way to learn about resources here.

Elaine has worked on her own genealogy since 1995, took a break, and started in again after retiring. She has worked with a cousin on her father's side on that part of her ancestry. Elaine is 100% Finnish. Her great-grandparents on both sides came up the Hudson River to Lake Michigan. Her mother's family stayed in Michigan, working in the copper mines in Calumet instead of continuing to work in the fishing industry as in Finland. Her grandfather was instrumental in unionizing the mines there.

Elaine's father's family continued West in a wagon train intending to be fisherman in Astoria, Oregon but ended up in Pendleton, Oregon. Seven families settled in that area in 1883 and her ancestors helped build the Lutheran Church there. Neither of her parents planned on marrying another Finn (too stubborn!), but her mother came to stay with an aunt in Pendleton and that's how they met. Her mother's family did speak Finnish at home and she has church records from Finland. Elaine has also worked on her husband's genealogy, going back to an 8th great grandfather in Massachusetts in 1624.

Elaine says the amount of resource in the OSL is really overwhelming. Mostly she has helped people using ancestry.com, with Oregon Trail resources, Oregon history, newspaper obituaries, microfilm and general resources from other states and reference books like gazetteers.

Donations

WVGS could not survive without the donations we receive. We receive many donated materials throughout the year, and thanks to Jim Willhite, they are sorted. Many are donated to the Oregon State Library, as well as purchases of WVGS that are donated to OSL. The Library does not purchase genealogical materials so continuing to build the collection is the responsibility of WVGS. We have monetary donations made throughout the year, large and small. All contribute to our mission. Thank you especially to Stuart and Mary Compton, Frances Eddy, Jim and Pat Willhite, and Joan Kaiser for large donations. And to Darlene Griffith, Karen Farwell, and Linda Wiley who made extra donations with their dues, as well as to all who contribute through the year with the "can pass" - **Thank you!**

WVGS News**Dues Time!**

It's time to renew your WVGS membership. **Membership includes the monthly newsletter and quarterly Beaver Briefs as well as access to WVGS' library. WVGS members provide many services such as the monthly speakers, training, access to the OSL with no fee, genealogy assistance at the Library, seeing that we have ancestry.com available to all patrons, DNA project, and providing genealogical materials to the OSL. Please use the membership form on page 9.**

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 9).

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.

Life members will also have to pay \$6.00 to receive copies in the mail but also have access on-line.

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

Periodicals

Karen Farmer is working with **Eugene Newbill** and the OSL Serials Section on streamlining the process for cataloging periodicals. We receive periodicals from many sources and keeping them in order is sometimes a challenge. Some are kept and cataloged, some not. But don't forget that you can check a box out at the library to peruse, and can check the OSL on-line catalog from home.

Members**Keep Your Stories Alive!**

Another story from a volunteer

When I was a youngster living on a farm in Texas, there was a small country church down the road, not far from our house—or as we say in Texas “down yonder”. Since the population was small, services by a preacher were few and far between, but once in a while we could entice a visiting preacher to give us a service by inviting his whole family and promise them a good country dinner (or lunch as we now know it).

When it was my family's turn to provide the meal that meant that a chicken or two had to be sacrificed for the main course (chicken fried in lard) with whatever vegetables could be found. And as the youngest in the sibling hierarchy, I was given the job of dispatching the chickens, earning the name “The Chicken Killer”. Thus the command: “Hey Chicken Killer, I need two birds for dinner”. I won't go into detail as to how the poor bird was dispatched, but if you have never watched a chicken flopping around after losing it's head, then you have missed some good country entertainment.

It was a favorite spectacle for kids growing up on a farm. But dispatching the sacrificial bird was only part of the task. When the bird finally gave up its break-dancing gyrations, it was dipped into a bucket of boiling water to make removal of feathers easier. Rather simple task as stated. However, the smell of dead chicken dipped into boiling water augers a smell deep into your sinuses that never leaves. Even now when I start to gnaw on a well-cooked Kentucky Fried drumstick that smell will return and I have to resort to hamburgers or something in the bovine line.

A Note from Life Member Don Houk

Helen Rees' books, "**Guytons Galore**", "**Shaniko Wool Capital**", "**Shaniko People**" and "**Schoolmarms**" may still be available for free. Don says “I've read them and found them full of wonderful early Oregon pioneer family information”. Anna Rosene says "**Guytons Galore**" is from her grandmother Guyton's diary. Shaniko is located in Wasco Co., WA. You can contact Anna Rosene in Boring, Oregon at 503-663-5341 or email arosene@hevanet.com



WVGS LIBRARY REPORT

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By Jim Willhite

Thank you to the Comptons and their EENA Foundation support for their generous donation of \$2,000 to the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society. The money is currently being set aside in the special fund to provide funding for Ancestry.com should it be needed next July. Otherwise the donation will be used to purchase books, microfilm, CD's, and other material for genealogical research for use of the public.

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 **January meeting and for the rest of the month**. For most of the periodicals we have additional issues in the stacks, so ask the volunteer if you would like to see more.

Genealogy Periodicals List

Jan 2010

- **Crossroad Trails, Effingham County Genealogical Society (Effingham, IL), v.3 – v.7, v.12 – v.21, v.23 – v.27 (1982– 2000, 2002 – 2006)**
- **Curry County Echoes (Wedderburn, OR), various issues (1973 – 1989, 2001 – 2003)**
- **Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine (Washington, DC), v.43 – v.135 n.5 (1913 – 2001)**
- **The Detroit Society for Genealogical Research Magazine (Detroit, MI), v.59 n.1 – v.70 n.1 (1995 – 2006)**
- **Distant Crossroads – Hawkins Co. Genealogical Society (Rogersville, TN), v.11 – v.15 various (1994 – 1998)**
- **Distant Trails – Sweet Home Genealogical Society (Sweet Home, OR), v.8 – v. 13 various (1996 – 2002)**



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- **Douglas County Pioneer – Douglas County Genealogical Society (Roseburg, OR), v.1 n.2 – v.13 n.4, v.14 – v.21 various (1987 – 1999, 2000 – 2007)**
- **East Tennessee Roots (Elizabethton, TN), various (1985 – 2004)**

- **Eaton County Quest (Charlotte, MI), issue 21 – 56 (1996 – 2005)**

- **Echoes Saleviens: Revue D'Histoire Locale (France), n.3 – n.6 (1993 – 1996)**

Periodicals Received During November & December

By Karen Farmer

- **CA, "Ash Tree Echo, Fresno Genealogical Society, V 44 No 3, Nov 09**
- **CA, "The Jotted Line", Fresno Genealogical Society, Nov 09**
- **IA (Des Moines), "Quarterly", Des Moines County Genealogical Society, V34 No 4, Nov 09**
- **IL(DeKalb), "Corn silk", DeKalb County Historical-Genealogical Society, V 28 No 1, Spr 09**
- **IL (St. Clair), "Branching Out", Marissa Historical & Genealogical Society, V 23 No 1, Nov 95**
- **IL, "Newsletter", Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, V 37 No 10, Nov 09**
- **IL, "Quarterly", Illinois State Genealogical Society, V 41 No 3, Fall 09**
- **IL, "The Saga of Southern Illinois", Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, V 36 No 4, Oct-Dec 09**
- **IL, "Newsletter", Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, V 37 No 11, Dec 09**
- **IN, "Connections", Indiana Historical Society V 49 No 2, Fall/Winter 09**
- **KY, "Kentucky Explorer", V 24 No 6, Nov 09**
- **KY, "Kentucky Explorer", V 24 No 7, Dec 09**
- **MA, "The Mayflower Quarterly", The General Society of Mayflower Descendants, V 46 No 3, Aug 80**
- **MD, "Chesapeake Cousins", Upper Shore Genealogical Society of Maryland, V 36 No 1, Nov 09**
- **NC, "Journal", North Carolina Genealogical Society, V 35 No 4, Nov 09**
- **ND, MN, "Newsletter", Red River Valley Genealogical Society, Oct 09**
- **NE, "Nebraska Ancestree", Nebraska State Genealogical Society, V 31 No 4, Spring 09**



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- OK, "Quarterly", Oklahoma Genealogical Society, V 54 No 3, Nov 09
- OR (Benton), "NewsLetter", Benton County Genealogical Society, V 24 No 9, Dec 09
- OR (Lane), "Newsletter", Oregon Genealogical Society, Issue 169, Nov/Dec 09
- OR (Lane), "Trees from the Grove", Cottage Grove Genealogical Society, V 22, No 3, 4, Dec 09
- OR (Linn), "The Heritage Newsletter", Linn Genealogical Society, V 23 No 11, Nov 09
- OR (Linn), "The Heritage Newsletter", Linn Genealogical Society, V 23 No 12, Dec 09
- OR (Linn), "Newsletter", Lebanon Genealogical Society, V 6, Dec 09
- OR (Marion), "Member Matters", Marion County Historical Society, Winter 09
- OR (Tillamook), "Winter 2009 Newsletter", Tillamook County Historical Society, V 24 No 4, Dec 09
- OR, "The Bulletin", Genealogical Forum of Oregon, V 59 No 2, Dec 09
- PA, "The Heritage", Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, V 18 No 4, Winter 09
- TX, "The Explorer", Texana/Genealogy Dept., San Antonio Public Library, V 15 No 1-2, Dec 09
- WA (Benton, Franklin), "Bulletin", Tri-City Genealogical Society, V 49 No 3, Nov 09
- WA (Clark), "Newsletter", Clark County Genealogical Society, V 37 No 3, Nov 09
- WA (Grant), Newsletter, Grant County Genealogical Society, V 15 No 4, Dec 09
- WA (Island, Snohomish), "The Beacon", Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, Nov 09
- WA (Island, Snohomish), "The Beacon", Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, Dec 09
- WA (Pierce), "TPCGS Newsletter", Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society, V 4 No 1, Oct 09
- WA, "Bulletin", Seattle Genealogical Society, V 59 No 1, Autumn/Winter 09-10
- WA, Bulletin, Yakima Valley Genealogical Society, V 41 No 4, Dec 09
- WV, "News Notes", Fayette & Raleigh Counties Genealogical Society, V 26 No 4, Winter 09
- "FGS Voice", Federation of Genealogical Societies, V 16 No 11, Nov 09
- "The Howland Quarterly", The Pilgrim John Howland Society, V 74 No 4, Dec 09
- "FGS Voice", Federation of Genealogical Societies, V 16 No 9/10, Sep 09



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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.

**MONOGRAPHS PURCHASED FOR
THE WVGS COLLECTION –
Matching Donor Jim Willhite**

- M1 – The Family of Ivar in Valen, Unresolved Genealogical Issues.
- M2 – The Lillienkiold Family in Norway, with Mecklenborg, Bager, and Unker Line.
- M3 – The Munthe Family with the Friis Line
Total for all 3 = \$59.85

**CD'S DONATED TO OREGON STATE LIBRARY
by Bob Baldwin**

- Western Europe German Region Birth/Christenings & Marriages, 8 disc set
- CD # 177 - Ohio Vital Records # 2, 1750-1880's

**CD's donated to OTHER SOCIETY OR SALE
TABLE by Bob Baldwin**

- CD #110 - Social Security Death Index: United States 1937-1966
- CD #192 - GENEALOGICAL RECORDS: THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF QUAKER GENEALOGY 1750-1930
- CD # 651 - LAND AND TAX RECORDS: OHIO, 1787-1840

**PERIODICALS donated to OSL to Supplement
existing collections**

- Car-Del-Scribe, Vol. 10 #8 & Vol 13 #6
- Gaelic Gleanings
- Ancestry Vol. 14
- The Southwestern Genealogist Vol's 8 - 14



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Oregon Research

PERIODICALS donated to OREGON STATE LIBRARY by Jim Willhite

- **Bulletin of the German Genealogical Society of America, Vol's 1 #1 – Vol. 4 #3/4**
- **Tri-County Genealogy (Monroe, Lee Phillips counties in ARK) – Spring 1993 – Summer 1996**
- **Bulletin of the Historical Society of Montgomery County PA, Vol xxxiv - xxxv 2004-2008**
- **Der Kurier, Newsletter of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society, Vol's 3-15**

PERIODICALS donated to OTHER SOCIETY OR SALE TABLE by Jim Willhite

- **Le Chainon, Societe franco—ontarienne d'histoire et de genealogiel, Printemps 2000 - Automine 2001**
- **Bulletin, Genealogical Forum of Portland OR., Vol's 43 – 46, various issues**
- **NGS Newsletter, Vol's 15 thru 22**

PERIODICALS donated to Other Society or Sale table

- **The Family Tree**
- **Owen County History & Genealogy**
- **Making History**
- **The Genealogical Acorn**
- **Genealogy from the Heartland**

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

EARLY OREGONIANS DATABASE ADDED TO STATE ARCHIVES WEBSITE

As a legacy to commemorate the sesquicentennial of Oregon's statehood, the Oregon State Archives announces the launch of the Early Oregonians Database on its website: <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/prs/personProfileSearch.do?earlyOregonian=true&searchReset=true>

This resource uses data from census, death, probate, and other records to help researchers find information and documents about people who lived in Oregon prior to statehood. Volunteers at the Archives have worked on this project for more than five years. The database currently contains over 105,500 entries for individuals who lived in Oregon prior to statehood. Because of limits on available records and documentation, the project can be defined to include people living in Oregon from 1800 to 1860.

The foundation of information in the database is based on data extracted from the 1850 and 1860 censuses for Oregon. Volunteers have created profiles of individuals that capture information about their parents, spouses, and birth and death information. When possible additional information from records in the Archives holdings and other published sources have been used to provide more complete or accurate information.

Various records from the Oregon State Archives such as probate records, death certificates, and marriage records were searched to identify individuals who appeared to meet the criteria. As additional features of the database become functional, researchers will be able to view a list of records associated with a particular individual that are part of the Oregon State Archives holdings and request copies.

Despite the fact that large populations of Native Americans lived in the Oregon Country prior to 1840, documentation of those individuals is scant and not readily available. Because of this, Native Americans presented a special challenge. Currently the database includes close to 3,500 individuals of Native American descent. Information on Native Americans that lived into the twentieth century can be problematic as well. Project volunteers are beginning to work on the Indian censuses compiled for the various reservations between 1885 and 1940 with the goal of incorporating more information and individuals in the project over time.

Further review and editing will result in additional entries when evidence supports inclusion in the database. If you have documentation you would like to contribute to the Early Oregonians Database, contact the Archives staff at

Early.Oregonians@state.or.us A more detailed description of the project and an FAQ are available at http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/eo_overview.html

Internet Research

WVGS Member **Ruby Pantalone** sent this list of suggested sites that may be helpful:

<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>

Search for ancestors' land patents and homesteads. The image is just one page of the Land Entry File. If you find your ancestor, order the complete file.

<http://epodunk.com> names of cities or counties in a state and information about the places.

<http://interment.net> similar to Find A Grave but you have to search state by state for cemetery records

www.funeralnet.com on-line obituary, funeral, cemetery resource

www.itd.nps.gov/cwss Civil War records The CWSS database currently contains over 6 million soldier names from 44 states and territories

www.ellisland.org immigrant records through Ellis Island, now can search by ship name.

<http://castlegarden.org> immigration before Ellis Island, 1820-1892.

<http://distantcousin.com/>

DistantCousin is an online archive of genealogy records and scanned images of historical documents from a wide variety of sources, such as newspaper obituaries, city directories, census records, ship lists, school yearbooks, military records, and more. There are no fees or memberships required to use the records at DistantCousin.

<http://rsl.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>

Surname list of researchers for surnames, messages, contact information

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>

WorldConnect Family Trees, 579 million family trees, you might be luck and find someone who has posted your family, but be sure to check sources and find you own information.

Internet Research

www.statearchives.us/oregon.htm search for Oregon births, marriages, deaths and other links

These will cost you:

www.progenealogists.com Professional Genealogists at the Family History Library for hire, one-on-one for a fee.

www.kindredkonnections.com 230 million pedigree linked names

www.WorldVitalRecords.com this site will soon have more than 10,000 databases on line. At least one new database is added every business day.

And from the Newsletter Editor, don't forget these:

Google Books has an amazing amount of genealogical and historical books available. Many are completely scanned in and ready for searching and downloading, some you only get a page or two if they want you to buy it!

Another site for searching genealogical and historical books is <http://www.archive.org/details/texts>. You can search by keyword or browse, again free and an amazing amount of books from American and Canada. This is where I've found early Dutch Reformed Church records.

For early Pennsylvania Land Records, including Survey Books, Patent Indexes, and Warrant Registers which begin in 1681, go to the Pennsylvania Archives. It's slow, one page at a time, but you can search the original land transactions in the 1700's. <http://berks.pa-roots.com/>

And finally www.olivetreegenealogy.com/ has free genealogy records. It has both American and Canadian records, Passenger Lists, Ships Lists, Military, Loyalists, New Netherland, Palatine, Huguenots, Mennonites, and much more, like occupations and understanding patronymics.

Newsletter—no staples!

You may have noticed by now that there is not a staple in your newsletter. This is not a mistake! The Post Office is “discouraging” the use of staples, we’ll have to do without.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Elizabeth Tice

Membership for 2009/2010, 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 42 societies. We also mail to 10 libraries and mailed 22 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:

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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) 10am-4pm					January 9th ONLY
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