





## 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

Feb. 11: A Portrait of Salem's Oddfellows Rural Cemetery by Elisabeth Walton-Potter

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

### 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 21st	Joan Kaiser	Liz Tice
February 11th	Glenn Abernathy	George Cropsey
March 10th	Linda Doran	Noeline Briski

### 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](http://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](mailto: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.**

**January 2012 Meeting**

**The January meeting will be on the 3rd Saturday of the month, January 21, 2012. The Oregon State Library will be closed the Monday, January 16th, 2012 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

**A Memo to our Members**

**From Sue Bell, 1st Vice President**

We're going to try an experiment for the coming year: since we were unable to find someone to fill Bob Baldwin's VERY BIG SHOES as Program Chair for 2012, we decided to call on each member of WVGS to provide a speaker for our monthly meetings. If there is a particular topic in which you are interested and know of someone who could speak on that subject, we challenge you to contact that person and arrange for them to choose a month from April to October (probably best to ask for two choices) to set up an appearance before our group.

Here are just a few topics I would like to learn more about:

- Canadian history
- Inventory of Marion Co. Clerk's holdings
- History of other states
- Champoeg Cemetery (one of the earliest, if not the earliest in the county)
- County parks and how they got their names
- Japanese internment in WWII
- Current and past adoption practices
- Depression-era CCC projects
- Antiques appraiser for setting up a mini "Antiques Roadshow"

Once you have a commitment for a speaker, then check with me as Program Coordinator for a definite date. So far we have three potential presentations for 2012, so only four more to go! This is your opportunity, not only to choose the subject you'd like to hear about, but also to help out your society by proving this experiment could work!

For further details and to schedule a speaker, call me at: Sue Bell 503-585-0496 or email at [suebell1111@yahoo.com](mailto:suebell1111@yahoo.com)

Thank you!

Sue Bell

**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.



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### December Program

Our December program was our Annual Potluck and Auction. We raised \$167 for our Book Fund and had a good time doing it! Thank you to everyone who donated items and purchased them. Also we were able to clean out our storage area in the Annex and thank you to those who took left-over items to be recycled or donated.

We did receive an apology from Shawn Range, the Facilities Manager at the Oregon State Library for not having heat at our December meeting. So hopefully it won't happen again!

### Adoptions & Name Changes

As a follow-up to the October training speaker Connie Lenzen from the Genealogical Forum of Oregon, we purchased a book on Oregon adoptions (listed in the following Library Report).

*Adoptions & Name Changes* by D. Camden for the Cottage Grove Genealogical Society was extracted from the books of the Biennial Oregon General Laws, dated from 1876-1919. Oregon passed a law in 1864 that required each County Judge to report change of names made in the court to the office of the Secretary of State. The report was published with the statutes the following year. The law was repealed in 1921.

The report included the date, present name, former name, by whom adopted and county. The book contains two indexes—one by adopted surname and one by original surname. The book contains 2756 names. This is an excellent resource for finding early Oregon adoptions.

For further information, check with the county courthouses or state archives.

For more information on adoption research, see **The Search for a Birth Parent** by **Connie Lenzen, CG** at <http://www.gfo.org/lenzen/birth-parents.htm>

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### Oregon State Librarian

The WVGS Executive Board presented retiring **State Librarian Jim Scheppeke** with a Family Tree DNA Kit on December 9th. We collected donations for the kit at our meetings since June. Jim told us the story of his father being a “Christmas foundling” and was thrilled to receive the retirement and thank you gift.

Robert Hulshof-Schmidt, the incoming State Librarian, resigned in December. **MaryKay Dahlgreen**, who has worked at the state library since 1996 and currently is program manager for Library Development Services, will become interim state librarian on Jan. 1, 2012.

**Arlene Weible** was appointed acting program manager for Government Research Services, filling the position previously held by Hulshof-Schmidt. Weible has worked at the state library since 2006, and she currently is the government documents and technical services librarian.

The board also agreed to launch the search process for a permanent state librarian.

We are looking forward to working with MaryKay and Arlene.

### Genealogy CDs at the Oregon State Library

The Library is in the process of replacing computers in the Reference Room. Only one computer will be used for CDs. This is a new computer is in the Microfilm Room. **It is not connected to the internet nor to the printer!** You can use your flash drive to save documents from the CDs. Pages you want to save can be saved in PDF format, then put on your flash drive. You can also borrow WVGS's flash drive at the desk, save your pages to it, and we'll use it to print your documents from the Volunteer Computer.

At this point, all of the bugs have not been worked out of the virtual drive, viewers and CDs. Changes are still being made and instructions worked on. However, most CDs can be used. We will have complete instructions on using the CDs at a later meeting.



## WVGS LIBRARY REPORT

### WVGS LIBRARY REPORT FOR JANUARY 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

- Adair County Review (Columbia, KY), v.13 n.3 – v.14 n.4 (1999 – 2000)
- American Genealogist (Demorest, GA), v.14 n.3, v.27 n.3, v.33 n.1- v.76 n.3 (1938, 1951, 1957 – 2001)
- American Spirit (DAR – Washington, DC), v.135 n.8 – v.143 n.3 (2001 – 2009)
- Ancestor, Quarterly Journal of the Genealogical Society of Victoria (Melbourne/Victoria, Australia), v. 16 no. 1 – v. 16 no. 4 (1985)
- Ancestral Notes from Chedwato (Burlington, VT), various issues (1957 – 1966)
- Ancestry the Family History Source from Ancestry.com (Provo, UT), various issues (1997 – 2006)
- Ancestry Newsletter (Salt Lake City, UT), various issues (1984 – 1993)
- The Annals of Iowa (Iowa City, IA), v.28 n.2, v.30 n.7 – v.48 n.3-4 (1946, 1951 – 1986)
- Annals of Wyoming (Cheyenne, WY), v.1 n.1 – v.9 n.3, v.11 n.2 – v.19 n.2, v.26 n.2 (1924 – 1954)
- Ansearchin' News (Brunswick, TN), v.1-9, v.12 – v.47 n.2 (1954 – 2000)



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#### Periodicals Received

#### at the Oregon State Library

List prepared by Lorraine Busch  
January 2012

- CA (Fresno), "Ash Tree Echo", Fresno County Genealogical Society, V46 No3, Nov, 11
- CA (Fresno), "The Jotted Line", Fresno County Genealogical Society, Dec, 11
- IA (Des Moines), "Des Moines County Genealogical Society, Inc, Quarterly", Des Moines County Genealogical Society, Inc, Vo38 No4, Nov, 11
- IL (DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Will), "FoxTales", Fox Valley Genealogical Society, V27 No4, Fall 11
- IL "NewsLetter," The Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, V39 No11, Dec, 11
- IN, "Connections" Indiana Historical Society, V51 No2, Fall/Winter 11
- KY, "Kentucky Explorer", V26 No7, Jan 12
- MO, "Missouri Historical Review", The State Historical Society of Missouri, V104 No4, July 11
- MO, "Missouri Historical Review", The State Historical Society of Missouri, V106, No 1, Oct, 11
- OH, "Ohio Genealogy News", Ohio Genealogy Society, V42, No4, Winter 11
- OH, "Quarterly", Ohio Genealogical Society, V51 No3, Fall 11
- OR, "The Beaver Log", V29 No4, Oct, 11
- OR, "The Bulletin" Genealogical Forum of Oregon. V61 No2, Dec, 11
- OR, "The Forum Insider" Genealogical Forum of Oregon, V23 No5, Jan,12
- OR "Newsletter" Oregon Genealogical Society Newsletter, No179, Fall 11
- OR (Benton), "Newsletter" Benton County Genealogical Society, V26 No10, Dec, 11
- OR (Clackamas), "Clackamas Legacy", Clackamas County Family History Society, V24 No4, Oct-Nov-Dec, 11
- OR (Crook), "The Meadowlark", Crook County Historical Society, Nov 11
- OR (Deschutes), "The Homesteader", Deschutes County Historical Society, V37 No 11 Nov, 11



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- OR (Deschutes), "The Homesteader", Deschutes County Historical Society, V37 No 12 Dec, 11
- OR (Douglas), "Douglas County Pioneer", V25 No4, Dec, 11
- OR (Grant), "Newsletter" Grant County Genealogical Society, V12 No4, Dec, 11
- OR "Oregon Genealogical Society Journal" Oregon Genealogical Society, V49 No2, Fall 11
- OR (Linn), "The Heritage Newsletter", Linn Genealogical Society, V23 No11, Dec, 11
- OR (Sherman), "The Plow", Sherman County Historical Society, Fall 11
- OR (Yamhill), "The West Side", Yamhill Historical Society and Museums, V43 No9 Oct, 11
- OR (Yamhill), "The West Side", Yamhill Historical Society and Museums, V43 No10, Nov,11
- OR (Yamhill), "The West Side", Yamhill Historical Society and Museums, V43 No11, Dec, 11
- OR (Yamhill), "The West Side", Yamhill Historical Society and Museums, V44 No1 Jan12
- PA, "The Heritage" Northeast Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, V20 No4, Winter 11
- WA (Clark), "Newsletter", Clark County Genealogical Society, V39 No4-5, Dec,11 – Jan, 12
- WA (Grant), "Big Bend Register", Grant County Genealogical Society, Vo32, No 4, Dec, 11
- WA, "The Beacon" Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, Dec, 11
- WA, "The Beacon" Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, Jan, 12
- WA, "The Sounder, Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, Fourth Quarter 11
- "Bulletin", The Order of the Founders and Patriots Of America V85 No2, Fall 11
- "FGS Voice", Federation of Genealogical Societies, V18 No5, Winter 11
- "The Highlander", Nov/Dec, 11



## 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

- The Great Migration – Volume VII, T-Y  
Total incl. S & H = \$60.95
- Perseverance, A History of African Americans in Oregon's Marion and Polk Counties  
= \$25.00
- Adoption & Name Changes, State of Oregon, 1876-1919  
= \$45.00

### BOOKS DONATED TO OREGON STATE LIBRARY BY FRANCES EDDY

- Root Genealogical Records 1600-1870
- History of Saratoga County New York
- The Mudge Family
- Vital Records of the Greenbush Reformed Church, East Greenbush, Rensselaer Co. NY
- Dutchess County, NY Churches and their Records: A Historical Directory
- Cemetery Inscriptions of Lisle Township Du Page Co, IL Vol 2
- Alford
- Kirksey Family
- Family Record Johannes Künzi and Maria Stoller 1495-1983
- British and American Comptons
- Joseph Jutzi and Marie Bender Family History and Genealogy
- The Descendents of James Crook and Related Families
- Culbertson Family History
- Johnson Gleanings Vol. 1
- Kilgore Family History
- Allan Cameron Duggins and his wife Clarice Isabella Henson
- The Talmadge, Tallmadge and Talmage Genealogy



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### Periodicals donated from Frances Eddy to OSL

- Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography October 2011
- News Notes October 2011 Fayette and Raleigh Counties
- Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter Oct 2011
- Yesteryears: A Quarterly Magazine for the Appreciation and Study of New York Regional History – Nos. 21-25, 62, 68-79

### Books donated to Oregon State Library By Lois Parker

- Ocean County (NJ) Four centuries in the making by Pauline S Miller
- This Old Monmouth of Ours (NJ) by William S Hornor
- A bibliography From the Surf to Pines, Ocean County NJ by Robert Van Benthuyzen
- Place Names of Ocean County New Jersey, 1609-1849 by Vivian Zinkin
- Going to America by Terry Coleman (About Ships and how the people got to America)
- Dictionary of German Names by Hans Bahlow
- The German Research Companion by Shirley Riemer
- Memoirs of the Private and Public Life of William Penn c1827 by Ed Thomas Clarkson

### Books donated to sale table or other society by Lois Parker

- German to America in the Nineteenth Century by Marslyn A Wellaner
- Rhineland Emigrants List of Germans Settlers in Colonial America by Ed. Don Yoder

### Periodicals from Frances Eddy to Other Society or Sale Table

- The Genie's View – Sept/Oct 2011
- Newsletter from Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society Oct 2011
- Generations Sept/Oct 2011 – Calhoun Co Genealogical Society



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- Newsletter of the Chicago Genealogical Society Oct 2011
- Genealogical Material from Frances Eddy to OSL
- Perpetual Calendar for Genealogists AD 1753-2000
- Books from Frances Eddy to Other Society or Sale Table
- Genealogy on Line
- The Kings and Queens of England A Tourist Guide
- Surname File Collection from Frances Eddy
- The Crook Clan

### CD DONATED TO THE sale table or other society by anonymous

- The Complete Book of Emigrants, 1607-1776

### SUGGESTED PURCHASES - DONATIONS WANT-ED

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**

### WVGS Library Policy

Our Society maintains our own small library. New books that have been purchased by WVGS are put into our library collection first. Members then can check these books out before they are donated to the Oregon State Library genealogy collection

Our policy is that members can check out only **three** books at a time, fill out the card inside, and return the books after **one month**.

We have had problems with books being kept for 4 months or longer and checking out 6 at a time. **Please follow our policy so that all our members have a chance to use our books!!**



## Research News

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### **Genealogists are Losing Access to SSDI, Mostly Due to Misinformation** **From "Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter"**

In the past two years, I have been writing about the misplaced threats to one of genealogists' major resources of information: the Social Security Death Index, or SSDI. For background information, see my earlier articles: *Commentary About Social Security Numbers in the SSDI* at <http://goo.gl/AmRmW>, *Another Bogus Report Concerning one Cause of Identity Theft* at <http://goo.gl/RdHQI>, and *The Easy Way to Commit Identity Theft* at <http://goo.gl/xEvK7>.

This valuable resource performs several functions. For genealogists, it provides birth information about ancestors who died in the last third of the twentieth century or even in the twenty-first. For credit card companies, banks, credit reporting agencies, loan companies, and others, the listing of Social Security Numbers in the monthly updates provides valuable information that prevents identity theft. By publishing those numbers widely, the Social Security Administrations is saying, "Don't give credit to anyone using one of these Social Security Numbers as it is attempted fraud!"

Now, misguided politicians, urged on by news media who obviously don't understand the fraud prevention benefits of the SSDI, are attempting to block publishing and distribution of this valuable data. These people believe that blocking publication will reduce identity theft. However, a simple consideration of the facts will show the opposite to be true.

For proof: Ancestry.com has already removed the Social Security Death Index from its free RootsWeb web site. Going to <http://searches.rootsweb.ancestry.com/ssdi.html> now displays a message of "*Due to sensitivities around the information in this database, the Social Security Death Index collection is not available on our free Rootsweb service but is accessible to search on Ancestry.com.*"

Sensitivities? Whose sensitivities? Those of dead people? or those of identity thieves who would like to block law enforcement officials from being able to identify fraud?

Megan Smolenyak has published a must-read article, *Are We Going to Lose the Social Security*

*Death Index (SSDI)?*, at <http://megansmolenyak.posterous.com/are-we-going-to-lose-the-social-security-deat>. As Megan wrote, "...the very reason this database is made public is so that everyone – corporations, government agencies, and even small business owners like myself – can protect themselves against fraud."

I wish every politician and every newspaper reporter would read these articles. Publishing Social Security Numbers every month PREVENTS identity theft, not causes it! The SSDI is a valuable resource that says, "Don't give credit to people using these numbers." And now some people want to block publishing of this information?

Give me a break! Please pass the word.

In the days before the internet, WVGS had to purchase microfilm and microfiche. It is seldom used now, but some times it is still useful when you can't find what you are looking for. Here are some of the older microfiche that we still have (and have viewers for):

- Alabama Marriages: Early-1825 (on Ancestry)
- Illinois Marriages: Early-1825
- Mississippi Marriages: Early-1825 (on Ancestry)
- North Carolina Marriages: Early-1800
- Texas Marriages: Early-1850
- Virginia Marriages: Early-1800 (on Ancestry)
  
- Index to Birth Records 1885-1920, Greene Co, IN
- Index to Marriage Records 1821-1921, Greene Co, IN
- Index to Marriage Records 1850-1920, Owens Co, IN
- 1917 Prairie Farmers Directory, Grundy & Kendall Co, IL
- 1919 Prairie Farmers Directory, Green Co, WI
- Index to Funeral Home Records, 1908-1994, Skagit Co, WA
  
- 1890 Veterans Census for Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Virginia, West Virginia
- Ontario, Canada Census Index 1848/1850



### Internet Research

#### Illinois State Archives

<http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/databases.html>

**Illinois Statewide Marriage Index:** Since 1985 the Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS) has cooperated with the Illinois State Archives to create an index to Illinois marriages occurring prior to 1901. Today more than one million marriages, or two million names, are included in the Illinois Statewide Marriage Index.

The sources for this index include original county clerks' marriage records, such as marriage registers and licenses, as well as publications of county genealogical societies and private individuals. For each marriage, the index includes the names of the groom and bride, the date of the marriage or issuance of the license, the name of the county in which the marriage was performed, and a citation to the original record—volume and page number for registers or file number for licenses.

**Illinois Statewide Death Index:** The pre-1916 Illinois death index is an ongoing project coordinated by the Illinois State Archives. The sources for this index include original county clerks' death records, such as death registers and licenses. For each death, the index includes the name of the decedent, the date of the death, the name of the county where the death occurred, the place of death within the county, when possible; the age and sex of the decedent and a citation to the original record—volume and page number for death registers or certificate number for death certificates.

**Illinois Statewide Death Certificate Index, 1916-1950:** This is an index to Death Certificates filed with the Illinois Department of Public Health between 1916-1950.

#### **Databases of Illinois Veterans :**

- Database for the Illinois Veterans' History Project
- Database of Illinois War of 1812 Veterans
- Database of Illinois Winnebago War Veterans
- Database of Illinois Black Hawk War Veterans
- Database of Illinois Mexican War Veterans Illinois Civil War Muster and Descriptive Rolls
- Database Database of Illinois Civil War Veterans Serving in the U.S. Navy
- Database of Illinois Civil War Veterans of Missouri Units Database of Illinois Spanish-American War Veterans
- Database of the 1929 Illinois Roll of Honor
- Database of Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home Residents



### Research

#### Some Strategies for Finding Union Civil War Veterans

##### **Using the U.S. Census to Determine Veterans:**

The United States census of 1890 was destroyed by fire, but the Special Schedule of Veterans and their Widows survives for some states (states beginning with the letters K-W). The 1910 Census included a column asking if respondents were Union or Confederate veterans.

##### **Using Service Records:**

The Civil War Soldiers Database, [www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/](http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/), available for free from the National Park Service, can be searched for Union or Confederate soldiers. The most useful books were published by states' Adjutant Generals and contain the military service records. Check libraries and [www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org) for these books for the state you are interested in.

##### **Pension Files:**

Civil War pension files can be ordered online from the National Archives and will contain the complete file, at a cost of \$75. Indexes are available on [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com).

##### **Regimental Histories:**

Many regiments had their histories memorialized in print through regimental histories. Check libraries, Google Books, [archive.org](http://archive.org).

##### **Soldier's Home Records;**

Many soldier home records are at the regional branches of the National Archives nearest to the facility.

##### **Websites:**

- **Ancestry.com:** pension indexes and other military records
- **Civil War service and pension records from the National Archives:** [www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/pre-ww1-records.html](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/pre-ww1-records.html)
- **Civil War Soldier Database (National Park Service):** [www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/](http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/)
- **Civil War Soldier Prison Database:** [www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/prisoners.htm](http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/prisoners.htm)
- **Fold3.com:** (formerly Footnote.com): Pension and other military records
- **U.S. Army Military History Photograph Database:** [www.carlisle.army.mil/ahec/USAMHI/PhotoSearch.cfm](http://www.carlisle.army.mil/ahec/USAMHI/PhotoSearch.cfm)
- **The United States Civil War Center:** [www.cwc.lsu.edu](http://www.cwc.lsu.edu)



## Research News

### 1940 Census

Questions continue to be asked about the 1940 Census, so here is some information again:

The online debut of the 1940 census is now only months away. At 9 a.m. on Monday, April 2, 2012, the National Archives will make the census available for research.

The 1940 census will provide some challenges for researchers used to typing a name in a search box and immediately locating an ancestor's place of residence.

**There is no index to the 1940 census.** The National Archives FAQ page on the 1940 census reports that in lieu of an index, "You can locate people by identifying the enumeration district in which they lived in 1940 and then browsing the Census population schedules for that enumeration district."

If you don't know where an ancestor lived in 1940, you can follow the suggestions on the Start Your 1940 Census Research Page:

1. Make a list of all the people you want to look for in the 1940 census
2. Determine their addresses using sources such as city directories, 1930 census information, and World War II draft records.
3. Identify the enumeration district for each address. Follow the steps provided online to search 1940 census maps for enumeration district numbers and descriptions.

Steve Morse's 1940 census information page, <http://www.stevemorse.org/census/1940census.htm>, contains numerous strategies for locating ancestors using his free One-Step tools and a source checklist that might yield 1940 addresses. On his website, Mr. Morse speculates that a complete name index to the 1940 census will be available about six months after the census is released. So if some of your ancestors prove elusive, other search options will become available over time. From Lynn Betlock, NEHGS

### 1961 RECORDS NOW AVAILABLE FOR RESEARCH AT STATE ARCHIVES!

Researchers can now access Death Certificates, Marriage Returns and Divorce Returns from 1961 at the State Archives. These records may be researched in person or if you have an exact date and county you may request a copy from the reference staff

If you have never used the marriage returns they contain useful information not found in Marriage Records maintained by county clerks. The returns include occupations of the parties, number of times previously married and information on parents. To learn more, visit <http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/index.html>.

## Research News

### Ancestry.com Databases

*Ancestry.com* has a database for Oregon marriages: **Oregon Marriage Indexes, 1906-2008. Salem, OR, USA: Oregon State Library.** This is part of the materials filmed by Ancestry at the Oregon State Library. Oregon marriages at the Library are on microfilm, microfiche, and CDs.

If you cannot find a marriage that you are looking for on any database, be sure to read the fine print! Although this says 1906-2008, no statewide indexes were made by the state of Oregon from 1925-1945. The Genealogical Forum of Oregon has extracted marriages from all the counties and sells CDs with that data.

If you select "browse this collection" for Oregon Marriage Index database, you will see that it does not include 1925-1945. So you may not find what you are looking for because it isn't included, although the title makes it seem inclusive. **WVGS has purchased the CDs for 1925-1945 and they are available at the Reference Desk.**

### The Great Migration – Volume VII, T-Y

One of the new purchases listed in the library report is *Volume VII* of the second series of **The Great Migration**. It rounds out the series begun in 1999 by Robert Charles Anderson and published by the Great Migration Project of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. Prior to that, a three-volume set was published entitled *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England 1620-1633*, also by Mr. Anderson in 1995.

As stated in the preface, "The goal of the Great Migration Study Project...to provide a concise, reliable summary of past research on the early immigrants to New England, which will reduce the amount of time which must be spent in discovering this past work, and will therefore serve as a foundation for future research."

The first step toward attaining this goal was to identify all Europeans who settled in New England in the 1620-1633 and 1634-1635 time periods. Meticulous care was taken to consult as many records types as could be located such as: passenger lists, freemen lists, colony, court & town records, vital & church records, land holdings, journals & letters, book & periodic publications, and other miscellaneous items. Of course, all information is thoroughly cited as to from where it was gathered, creating a fabulous bibliography of sources

**If you have New England immigrants who arrived between 1620-1645, this series is invaluable!!**

**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.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel**

Beginning membership for 2012 is 20 Life Members, 38 single memberships, 8 family memberships (16 individuals), and 2 Historical/Genealogical Societies for a total of 76 members for 2012.

**Welcome, new members Bernard and Kyra Bacheller of Sublimity, Oregon!**

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  
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**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**

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Jan-Mar: \$25    Apr-Jun: \$18.75  
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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 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)

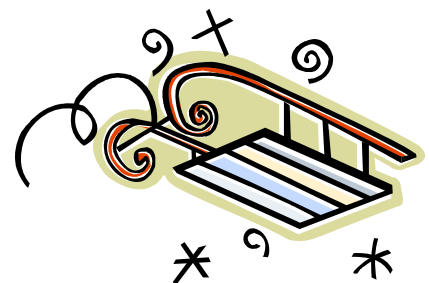
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Salem East LDS Family History Center 862 45th Ave NE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-371-0453	CLOSED		9 am— 4 pm	2 pm— 9 pm	CLOSED	9 am— 2 pm	9 am— 1 pm
Salem LDS Family History Center 4550 Lone Oak Rd SE Salem, OR 97302 / 503-378-0383 ext 7	Temporarily closed 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)					Jan 21st 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	
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