



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

Nov. 12: Glenn Harrison : The History of the Old South Santiam Wagon Road
Dec. 10: Annual Christmas Potluck & Auction

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>
November 19	Linda Doran	George Cropsey
December	Jim Willhite	Bob Baldwin

Nominations for WVGS Officers for 2012

The following people have agreed to run for WVGS officers for 2012, elections at the November Meeting:

President: Elizabeth Tice

1st Vice-President:

2nd Vice-President: Suzan Rempel

Recording Secretary: Barbara Foster

Corresponding Secretary: Sandy Graham
And Sue Masse

Treasurer: Joan Kaiser

WVGS Meeting 2011 Dates

January 8	May 14	September 10
February 12	June 11	October 8
March 12	July 9	November 19
April 9	August 13	December 10

WVGS Officers for 2011

Elected Officer

President: Elizabeth Tice

1st Vice-President (Program): Bob Baldwin

2nd Vice-President (Membership): Suzan Rempel

Recording Secretary: Barbara Foster

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: 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.

November Meeting

The November meeting will be on the 3rd Saturday of the month, November 19th, 2011. The Oregon State Library will be closed the second Saturday for Veteran's Day.

1st Vice-President Needed!!

HELP HELP HELP HELP

Ladies and Gentlemen, we seriously need your help with filling a vacancy on the WVGS Executive Board. Bob Baldwin and Linda Doran are both stepping down from the respective positions as Program Chair and Corresponding Secretary. We have been fortunate enough to find two members, Sandy Graham and Sue Masse, who will join together and fill Linda's position however, after speaking with about ten people we have yet to find a replacement for Bob's position.

Time is of the essence because our Bylaws require nominations to be announced to the membership in the November general membership meeting. The appointed nominations will be sworn in during the December meeting. So, we have until November 17th Executive Board meeting to find an enthusiastic person to fill the First Vice President/Program Chair Position.

Bob has served for five years and is in a position that requires his resignation for health reasons. He has established programs for Jan., Feb., and Mar., to assist the new person time to get their feet on the ground. The Nomination Committee has now discussed a recommendation to the Board that if the position is not filled we will discontinue WVGS Programs until further notice. If you are a regular attendee to our general business meetings you know how vital these programs are for the organization.

Bob has agreed to sit down and personally answer questions, turn over materials, and discuss duties of the position to anyone whom may be interested. The actual time investment is nominal each month but the value to the organization, by locating speakers and assisting the President, are important. Please give this serious consideration and don't be intimidated or concerned about the duties. We will make it easy for a smooth transition. Thanks and hope to hear from you.

"Please contact one of the committee members, Bob Baldwin, Linda Doran or Sue Bell, to further discuss your interest and questions."



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October Program

Michelle Lindquist was our speaker for October. She became involved with Claggett Cemetery in Keizer, Oregon when her son died. She now is on the Association Board and has worked to document graves in the cemetery and to work on improvements. There are four Civil War veterans buried there as well as over 100 veterans.

In 1874, the cemetery was deeded by Alvis Smith and was the Smith Cemetery before it became known as Claggett Cemetery, Charles Claggett being buried there in 1858. Many of the old pioneers were buried here and some graves are still marked but vandals have removed or smashed many of the old grave stones. Fire swept through part of the cemetery in the late 19th century and burned up many of the wooden markers.

Michelle gave an interesting talk about Oregon history. She is working on improvements, history, and a map.

Staff and Volunteer Training, October 27

Oregon State Library staff and genealogy Volunteers attended a Training Day at the Library on October 27. The featured speakers were Ian Johnson from the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office talking about how to research a historic property and Connie Lentzen from the Genealogical Forum of Oregon talking about strategies for adoption research. Both were excellent speakers with valuable research information.

Ian talked about places to look for information on a property: property titles, architectural drawings, state archives, historical societies, books, land records, maps, newspapers, city directories. He also had specific on-line sites for research in Oregon. Information is on the web-site at www.oregonheritage.org.

Connie talked about strategies for adoption research which is shaped by history, attitudes and law. She had suggestions for searching, information sources such as family, vital records, newspapers, censuses, directories, and adoption agencies. The first adoption laws were passed in Oregon in 1854 and until 1919 adoption lists were published with laws passed by the Legislature. In 1957 adoptions were closed, records sealed and a voluntary adoption registry formed. In 1993 pre-adoption birth certificates were opened to adoptees.

Both speakers provided great suggestions for researchers. Their hand-outs are available at the desk in the Reference Room.

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Robert Hulshof-Schmidt

Next State Librarian

From the Statesman Journal, by Barbara Curtin, October 28, 2011:

When he takes over as Oregon state librarian on Jan. 1, **Robert Hulshof-Schmidt** will move just one door over from his present office.

He'll succeed his boss, Jim Schepcke, who is retiring after 25 years with the state library, including 20 as state librarian.

The Oregon State Library Board of Trustees selected Hulshof-Schmidt, 45, by unanimous vote last week. The other finalists were Daniel Siebersma, South Dakota state librarian, and Joanne Budler, Kansas state librarian.

For the past seven years, Hulshof-Schmidt has been program manager for Government Research Services, one of the state library's key missions. (The others are providing reading materials to blind and print-disabled people and improving library service for all.)

"My team provides the services that state employees need to do their job effectively," he said. "As state government reinvents itself, that perspective is very valuable."

For instance, lawmakers may ask state library staff to document why a proposal could save money. A transportation engineer might request information on international standards.

Hulshof-Schmidt also is the president of the Oregon Library Association, a three-year progression that has acquainted him with libraries and librarians statewide. He is immediate past president of the Oregon Public Management Association, which he says helped him understand the challenges facing schools, cities and counties as well as the state.

Between now and the end of December, when Schepcke leaves, Hulshof-Schmidt plans to shadow his boss. "Jim has been a magnificent mentor already," he said. His first priority as state librarian will be to take part in discussions about restructuring state government to meet critical needs.

In what spare time he has for non-work reading, he favors historical fiction, mysteries and young-adult novels, which he recommends as "well-written and fast reading."

From WVGS: Robert has been very supportive of our Society, helping resolve any issues we have had, including helping us with our agreement with Ancestry.com. We're happy to welcome our new State Librarian.



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Letter to Libraries Online

An Electronic Newsletter from the Oregon State Library in October 2011 recognized WVGS member and volunteer **Sue Bell**:

Volunteer Completes Vertical File Project

Like many libraries, OSL compiled a vertical file for years, specializing in Oregon subjects. It includes biographical information (from Gov. George Abernathy to Timothy Zahn), and subject information (from Abiqua, battle of, to Zoos). Most of the items are clippings from newspapers, and have deteriorated with time; some had become extremely fragile. Enter volunteer **Sue Bell**. For over 10 years, Sue has spent one morning a week photocopying the vertical file clippings onto acid-free paper. She recently completed this mammoth copying task. With approximately 3,000 files in the vertical file, we estimate that Sue has made at least 100,000 copies, frequently having to make multiple copies to accommodate large clippings. Sue has put in over 2,000 volunteer hours, and gone through three copy machines. Sue's efforts allow the important information in the OSL vertical file to be available for research for years to come. For a list of subjects in the OSL Vertical File, visit the vertical file index which can be found at:

<http://library.state.or.us/home/lib/obvf.html>

Researching Family History

Help us by volunteering your time and skills at the State Library. **We need volunteers to help the public research their family history on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.** Call Robin Speer 503-378-5014, or send an email: robin.d.speer@state.or.us.

Robin Speer
 Volunteer Program Coordinator and
 TBABS Fund Development Coordinator
 Oregon State Library
 503-378-5014

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**.

The Fall Issue of **Beaver Briefs, Vol. 43, No. 4** 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.

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This is second year online. Don't miss out on it! If you are unsure of your password, contact Liz Tice, eliztice@comcast.net



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WVGS LIBRARY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2011 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, OSL

- Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter (Richmond, VA), v. 12 no. 1 – v. 13 no. 2 (1986 – 1987)
- Magazine of Virginia Genealogy (Richmond, VA), v. 24 no. 1 – v. 25 no. 2 (1986 – 1987)
- Voyageur (Green Bay, WI), various issues (1996 – 2000)
- Warren County Genealogical Association (McMinnville, TN), v.2 n.4 – v.17 n.1-2 (1993 – 2008)
- Wagoner Genealogist (Wagoner, OK), v. 14 no. 1 – v. 16 no. 4 (1994 – 1996)
- Washington Heritage (Orting, WA), v. 3 no. 2 & 3 (1986)
- Washington Historical Quarterly (Seattle, WA), v. 1 no. 1 – v. 26 no. 4 (1906 – 1935)
- Western Historical Quarterly (Logan, UT), v. 1 no. 1 – v. 29 no. 2 (1970 – 1998)
- Western Maryland Genealogy (Gaithersburg, MD), v. 12 no. 2 – v. 18 no. 4 (1996 – 2002)
- Western Places (Lake Grove, OR), v. 1 no. 1 – v. 6 no. 2 (1992 – 2009)



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October Periodicals 2011

List prepared by Lorraine Busch

- AK-LA-TX, "The Genie", Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association, V45 No 3 Third Quarter 11
- CA (Fresno), "The Jotted Line", Fresno County Genealogical Society, Sept 11
- CA (Fresno), "The Jotted Line", Fresno County Genealogical Society Oct 11
- CA (Santa Clara), "Newsletter", Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society, V56 No 8, Sept 11
- CA (Sonoma), "The Sonoma Searcher", Sonoma County Genealogical Society", V39 No 1, Fall 11
- CT, "Connecticut Genealogy News", Connecticut Society of Genealogists, V4 No 3, Fall 11
- GA, "Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly", Georgia Genealogical Society, V47 No 2, Summer 11
- IL (DeKalb), "Corn silk", The Dekalb County Historical –Genealogical Society, V30, No 3, Fall 11
- IL (Effingham), "Crossroad Trails", Effingham Genealogical and Historical Society, V32 No 3, 11
- IL (Will, Grundy,), "Quarterly", Will–Grundy Illinois Genealogical Society, V29, No 4, Summer 11
- IL, "Newsletter", Chicago Genealogical Society, V44 No 2, Sept 11
- IL, "Newsletter", The Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, V39 No 9, Oct 11
- IL, "The Saga of Southern Illinois, The Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, V38 No 3, July-Sept 11
- IL (Dupage, Kane, Kendall, Will), "Fox Tales", Fox Valley Genealogical Society, V27 No 3, Summer 11
- KY, "Kentucky Explorer", V26 No 3, June 11
- MI, "The Detroit Society for Genealogical Research Magazine", V75 No 1, Fall 11
- ND & MN, "Newsletter", Red River Valley Genealogical Society, May-Dec 11
- NE, "Nebraska Ancestree", Nebraska State Genealogical Society, V32 No 3, Dec-Jan-Feb 10/11
- NY, "New York Genealogical and Biographical Record", July 11
- OH, "Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly", Ohio Genealogical Society, V51 No 2, Summer 11
- OH, "Ohio Genealogy News" Ohio Genealogy Society. V42 No 3, Fall 11
- OK (Leflore), "The Leflore County Heritage", Poteau Valley Genealogical Society, V31 No 3, July 11
- OK (Pittsburg), "The Tobucksy News", The Pittsburg County Genealogical and Historical Society, V28 No 3, Sept 11
- OK, "Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly", V56 No 2, 11



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- OK, "Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly", V56 No 3, 11
- OR, "The Forum Insider", The Genealogical Forum of Oregon, V23 No 3, Oct 11,
- OR (Klamath), "Newsletter", Klamath Basin Genealogical Society, Aug 11
- OR (Crook), "Family Root Seekers", Cook County Genealogical Society, Oct-Nov-Dec 11
- OR (Deschutes), "The Homesteader", Deschutes Historical Museum, V37 No 9, Sept. 11
- OR (Deschutes), "The Homesteader", Deschutes Historical Museum, V37 No10, Oct. 11
- OR (Douglas), "Douglas County Pioneer", Genealogical Society of Douglas County, V25 No 3, Sept 11
- OR (Grant), "Newsletter", Grant County Genealogical Society, V17 No 3, Sept 11
- OR (Lane), "Oregon Genealogical Society Journal" V49 No 2, Fall 11
- OR (Tillamook), "Pioneer Bylines", Tillamook County Pioneer Association, Sept 11
- OR (Washington), "The Genea-Log" Genealogical Society of Washington Co. V20 No 4, Oct 11
- NC, "NCGS News", North Carolina Genealogical Society, V35 No 4, Fall 11
- NY, "The New York Researcher", The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, V22 No 3, Fall 11
- WA, "The Back Tracker", Puget Sound Genealogical Society, Oct-Dec 11
- WA, "The Sounder", Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, V25 No 3, Third Quarter 11
- WA (Clark), "Newsletter" Clark County Genealogical Society, V39 No 2, Oct 11
- WA (Grant), "Big Bend Register", Grant County Genealogical Society, V32 No3, Sept11

- "Mennonite Family History", V 30 No4, October 11
- "The Mayflower Quarterly", The General Society of Mayflower Descendants, V77 No 3, Sept 11
- "The Highlander", Sept/Oct 11

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.



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BOOKS PURCHASED FOR OSL COLLECTION

- South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution, Vol's I & II
\$65.95 + 6.00 = \$71.95
- Adoption in Oregon 1876-1919 (Adoption and name changes State of Oregon)
\$40 + 5 = \$45.00

BOOKS DONATED TO OSL BY THE THOMAS MUNSON FOUNDATION

- The Munson Record, Volumes I, II, III, IV and V

BOOKS DONATED TO OREGON STATE LIBRARY BY FRANCES EDDY

- Historical Maps of Pennsylvania
- Nebraska Newspaper Abstracts, Volume 1, 1890 Series & Volume 2, 1900 Series
- Dutch Genealogical Research
- Beginning Danish Research
- Address Book for Germanic Genealogy, Fifth Edition
- The Winthrop Fleet of 1630
- Wilburton Indian Territory, Oklahoma
- History of Rensselaer County New York
- Images of America - Meadville PA
- 1850 U.S. Census Roane County Tennessee
- Ingraham Of the Great Ingraham Estate in Great Britain
- The Ingalls family Of England and America
- Genealogy of the Macy Family from 1635-1868-Silvanus J Macy
- Guide To The Records of Montgomery County Maryland, Genealogical and Historical

PERIODICALS DONATED TO THE OREGON STATE LIBRARY BY FRANCES EDDY

- Flemish American Heritage, Volumes 1 - 21
- The Hoosier Journal of Ancestry - Oct 1970 & Oct. 1971

PERIODICAL DONATED TO THE OREGON STATE LIBRARY SURNAME FILES

- Magill/McGill Search & Share Periodical, Feb. 1986 - Feb. 1989



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BOOKS DONATED TO OREGON STATE LIBRARY BY JIM JOHNSON

- Cotton To Kaolin, A History of Washington County Georgia 1784-1989
- Cemeteries of Toombs County Georgia
- Cemeteries of Telfair County Georgia
- Cemeteries of Candler & Evans Counties Georgia
- Cemeteries of Emanuel County Georgia
- Graves of Montgomery, Treutlen, and Wheeler Georgia

BOOKS DONATED TO SALE TABLE OR OTHER SOCIETY BY FRANCES EDDY

- The Researchers Guide To American Genealogy
- Poland, A Historical Atlas
- North American Genealogical Sources
- Cadogan Guides Ireland
- New Pictorial Atlas of the World
- Rand McNally WorldMaster World Atlas
- Rand McNally World Guide
- Idaho Nuggets, a Medley 100 Golden Reflections
- Historic Jacksonville
- Evidence
- Genealogical Research in England & Wales V 1
- State Census Records
- Pearce Genealogy-Frederick C Pierce
- A guide for the organization and management of Genealogical Societies 1992
- 3 note books Directory of New York County Historians 1982

CD'S DONATED TO THE OREGON STATE LIBRARY BY FRANCES EDDY

- 47 CD's were donated – their disposition is yet to be determined.

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



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The Thomas Munson Foundation

Tom Munson, President of The Thomas Munson Foundation (TMF), donated on behalf of the Foundation a 5-volume set of *The Munson Record* to the Oregon State Library. The 5-volume set chronicles 12-to-14 generations of descendants of Capt. Thomas Munson, one of the founders of the New Haven (later Connecticut) Colony in 1638. Volumes I & II were published in 1895 (reprinted by TMF) in 1984) and Volumes III-V were published by TMF in 1993.

This is the first set placed in any library in the state of Oregon. The genealogical records of about 25,000 descendants of Thomas Munson are contained in the volumes. Several Oregon pioneers are there, including Elizabeth Munson Bayley, the wife of Daniel Dodge Bayley. The set includes an account by Elizabeth Munson (1804-1855), wife of Daniel about their immigration on the Oregon Trail in the 1840s.

The Foundation can be found on the internet at www.thomasmunsonfoundation.org. Families or clans are named for the great-grandchildren of Thomas Munson who had issue. The donation significantly adds to our family history collection.

Bookbinding

Have you inherited a family book that is in need of repair or rebinding? B&J Bookbinding is a specialty bindery located in Corvallis, Oregon. According to their website "We pride ourselves in providing quality services to our customers. This business is owned and operated by Cornerstone Associates, Inc. a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to enhancing the quality of life, through employment, for people who experience disabilities. Our bindery is part of a family of small businesses in the Corvallis area which employs individuals of diverse talents in integrated, community settings".

Customers can bring in their "tattered and treasured" copies of old books and for about \$25 or so leave with either a carefully restored binding or one covered in fine cloth or leather.

**B & J Bookbinding 108 S.W. 3rd Street - Corvallis, Oregon 97333 Phone: (541) 757-9861
email: bjbookbinding@cornerstoneassoc.org**



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Genealogy Class Genealogy: Internet Resources

A partnership between Willamette Valley Genealogical Society and Senior Center 50+

The Center 50+ will have a Genealogy Class in the Computer Lab at the Center 50+ in partnership with the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society. Learn how computers and the internet can aid your research into family history, using popular, mostly free resources.

**When: Mondays, January 9th to February 13th
2012, from 10 am – 12 noon**

**Where: Center 50+
2615 Portland Rd NE
Salem, OR 97301**

Contact: Ethan Young / 503-588-6303 /
eyoung@cityofsalem.net

Instructor: Elizabeth Tice, current President of Willamette Valley Genealogical Society and amateur genealogist for over 15 years

Cost: \$25 for the 5 week course

Class 1: Basics of Genealogy Sources

Primary and secondary sources, importance of sourcing, mistakes, types of sources and where to find them on the Internet: Vital Records, Censuses, Military and Pension Records, Land Records, Cemeteries & Obituaries, Maps & Gazetteers

Class 2: Information Sources on the Web

Google Books, Archive.org, National Archives, Oregon and Washington resources, the Oregon State Library, Washington Digital Archives, Native American resources, African American researching

Class 3: Information sources on the Web

Roots Web, US Gen Web and Family Search

Class 4: Largest Site for a fee

Ancestry.com

Class 5: Googling for Genealogy

Google basics, strategies for genealogy, books, translating, images



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Information on Vital Records

Births

- 100 years access restriction in Oregon
- Check the county boxes at the Library for published records, births/deaths/cemeteries
- **Oregon State Archives** has records including delayed birth, by county: <http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/aids/vital.html>
- **FamilySearch.org** has **Oregon Births and Christenings, 1868-1929**
- For birth **certificates**, Oregon Center for Health Statistics
<http://public.health.oregon.gov/BirthDeathCertificates/GetVitalRecords/Pages/index.aspx>

Marriages

- **Oregon Statewide Marriage Indexes here at the Oregon State Library:**
1906-1924 on Microfilm
1925-1945 on CDs installed on the computer
1946-1955 on Microfilm
1966-1970 on Microfilm
1961-2008 on Microfiche
- **Ancestry.com** has Oregon Marriages 1906-1920
- **FamilySearch.org** has **Oregon Marriages, 1853-1935**
- **Oregon State Archives** has some early records by county at <http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/aids/vital.html>
- **Marriage records on the shelf for Marion County 1849-1900 (9 volumes)**
- **Otherwise marriage records can be found at County Courthouses from the County Clerk's office.**

Deaths

- **50 year access restriction in the State of Oregon**
- **Oregon Death Index 1903-1998** on the Virtual Drive and Ancestry
- Oregon Deaths 1971-2008 on Microfiche
- Obituary card file in the Alcove
- **Oregon State Archives** has some records by county <http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/aids/vital.html>
- **FamilySearch.org** has **Oregon Deaths and Burials, 1903-1947**

Divorces - yes, we have divorce records!

- 1946-1960, 1966-1970 on Microfilm
1961-2008 on Microfiche
- **Oregon State Archives** has some records by county <http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/aids/vital.html>



Random Research

1940 Federal Population Census

From the National Archives:

- The National Archives will release the 1940 Census on April 2, 2012. **It will be available for online searching free of charge.** The 1940 Census will **not have a name index** when it opens on April 2, 2012.
- In order to locate someone, you will need to know his or her address and the Census enumeration district in which that address was located.
- The NARA website has interesting information on the 1940 Census, suggestions of what to do now, downloadable blank forms, questions asked and symbols and notes used.
- Under suggestions of what you can do to prepare:
Make a list of all the people you want to look for
Collect addresses of the people you want to search for (remember it won't be indexed when it's released)
Try to identify the enumeration districts where your people lived.
- Besides the usual questions about age, work, residence, questions were asked about Social Security, Veterans, residence on April 1, 1935. The census day was April 1, 1940.
- The website is:
<http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/>

Birth Date Calculator

Do you need help to help calculate birth dates from the death date and age at the time of death? Many old tombstones and death records list only these two facts and leave it to us to figure out the birth date.

Here's a site to help you with that -

<http://www.progenealogists.com/birthfromdeath.htm>



Random Research

Naturalization Records

Family researchers are often looking for naturalization records. Here is a guideline:

- Pre-1906: Prior to 1906, any "court of record" (municipal, county, state, or Federal) could grant U.S. citizenship. As a general rule, the National Archives does not have naturalization records created in State or local courts. However, a few indexes and records have been donated to the National Archives from counties, states and local courts and are available as National Archives microfilm publications.
- For pre-1906 naturalizations: Contact the State Archives for the state where the naturalization occurred to request a search of state, county, and local courts records. Contact the NARA regional facility that serves the state where naturalization occurred to request a search of Federal court records.
- Naturalizations After 1906: After 1906, the courts forwarded copies of naturalizations to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Naturalizations from Federal Courts are held in the NARA's regional facilities for the Federal courts for their area. The National Archives in Washington, D.C. holds naturalization records for Federal Courts in Washington, D.C.
- Naturalization records in **Oregon** are found in the court records of the county where the documents were filed. These records are either found at the Oregon State Archives or with the County Clerk or Trial Court Administrator for that county. Naturalization information may also be found in County Court Journals, County Court Case Files, Circuit Court Journals, Circuit Court Case Files, Probate Records and the Miscellaneous Records. However, extensive research may be necessary in order to locate naturalization records interfiled within these record series.
- For a listing of what the Oregon State Archives has see: <http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/aids/naturalization.html>

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

In October, membership for 2011 was 19 Life Members, 84 single memberships, 13 family memberships (26 individuals), and 4 Historical/ Genealogical Societies for a total of 133 members.

Welcome, new member Mary Payton of Salem!

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 \$6.00 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.

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Pro-rated Amounts for new members only who join:

Jan-Mar: \$20 Apr-Jun: \$15
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STREET:

SPOUSE'S NAME

CITY, STATE,
ZIP CODE:

TEL. AREA CODE & NO.

COUNTIES OF INTEREST - INCLUDING STATE ABBR.

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

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Amount enclosed -

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Woodburn LDS Family History Center 1000 Country Club Rd. [back- ring bell] Woodburn, OR 97071 / 503-981-4731	CLOSED		9 am— 1 pm	CLOSED	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)					Nov 19th 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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