





### 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://www.oregon.gov/OSL/Pages/index.aspx>, 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— Tentative Schedule

June 14th—Mission Mill tour and lunch  
 July 12th—How to Preserve Your Family Treasures  
 August 9th— Diseases of the Time  
 September 13-Crafting your Genealogy

#### 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.

### WVGS News

#### 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>
May 10th	Glenn Abernathy	
June 14th		
July 12th		

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Suzan Rempel

Membership for April 2014 was 19 Life Members, 64 single memberships, 9 family memberships (18 individuals), and 3 Historical/Genealogical Societies for a total of 144 members.

Welcome new member Kerry Wymetalek of Salem!

A membership list for 2014 will be available for members at the May meeting.

#### WVGS Meeting 2014 Dates

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

#### WVGS Officers for 2014

##### Elected Officers

President: *Elizabeth Tice*  
 1st Vice-President (Program): *Bonita Anderson & Carol Wolfe*  
 2nd Vice-President (Membership): *Suzan Rempel*  
 Recording Secretary: *Barbara Foster*  
 Corresponding Secretary: position open  
 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*



## WVGS News

### 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. NEW! Discover close relatives and your ethnic percentages with Family Finder! Available to both males and females.**

Family Finder uses autosomal DNA (inherited from both the mother and father, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, etc.) to provide you a breakdown of your ethnic percentages and connect you with relatives descended from any of your ancestral lines within approximately the last 5 generations.

#### **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.**

Need some extra help in understanding DNA testing?

See Family Tree DNA's **Learning Center Tutorial**: "Get the Most from Family Tree DNA's Learning Center. Seven sections cover beginning to expert topics in personal ancestry and genealogy."

**<https://www.familytreedna.com/learn/dna-basics/>**



## WVGS News

### Volunteers

Thanks to Robin Speer and our new volunteers, all the genealogy volunteer positions at the Oregon State Library are filled. From Robin: What volunteers accomplished for the State Library in 2013...

- 43,723 digital audio books were inspected
- 262 Fragile books and documents were repaired
- 1,800+ Talking Book and Braille Services patrons were called to update information
- 9,960 Talking Book Newsletters on cassette, print and Braille formats were mailed
- 187 hours of administrative tasks were accomplished for Library Administration Services and Library Development
- 602 collective hours were provided by the Delta Gamma Sorority at Willamette University for projects in TBABS.
- 99 Talking Book cassette players were checked for problems and repaired by the Salem Telephone Pioneers
- 1,550 patrons were provided with Genealogy materials and assistance in the Reference Room
- 530 responses were given to specific Genealogy research requests
- 18 Talking Book player batteries were recharged and reset
- 12,790 new digital books were presorted and prepared to be inventoried
- 440 audio books were print labeled
- 700+ cassette books were inspected, rewound and shelved in their appropriate location
- 3,514 cassette books were withdrawn from the collection and prepared for disposal
- 118 newspaper articles were indexed, abstracted and added to the Intellectual Freedom Issues in Oregon: A News Database for Library Development
- 40,531 library materials were identified and stamped "Discard" and recycled
- 21,000+ audio books were labeled with I.D. stickers
- 145 vertical file records were assigned subject headings, numbered, and contents were recorded
- 89 brief catalog records for the Oregon Collection were entered
- 300 shelves of books and documents were pulled and moved to a new shelf location
- 556 hours were donated by volunteers who serve on one of the three advisory councils for the State Library
- 480 books and 52,000 bookmarks were mailed to 131 libraries
- 12 *OPB Primetime* publications were read and recorded for distribution
- 355 hours were donated by seven volunteers who serve as the Board of Trustees to the State Library
- 12 *Lion's Magazine* publications were read and recorded for distribution
- 55 hours were dedicated to assisting Talking Book and Braille Services in marketing and outreach



## WVGS News

### April Program

Our April presenter was **Michael Turner**, accompanied by Jim Toler. Michael Turner is artist-in-residence at GeerCrest Farm. He created a full-length documentary from the farm's historical archives. ***The Life of Vesper Geer*** tells the story of the farm's 4th-generation owner, and her struggle to keep GeerCrest which is the oldest house in Oregon to remain in the same family. Jim Toler is fifth-generation co-owner of the farm.

GeerCrest Farm & Historical Society is a non-profit charitable organization, established in 2007 to preserve the history of the Geers and their descendants, the farm and its surrounding area in the Waldo Hills of the Willamette Valley in Oregon.

Michael used documents, film, audio tapes, and pictures to make a movie about Vesper and the farm. He talked about the procedure in making a film and techniques for oral interviews. He believes there's a story in that inherited box of treasures, you just need to know to express it.

It was a very interesting program and short clip of the film. Thank you, Michael.

### Beaver Briefs

The latest issue of ***Beaver Briefs, Vol. 46, No. 2*** 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.

If you are unsure of your password, contact me, Liz Tice, at [eliztice@comcast.net](mailto:eliztice@comcast.net) Only renewals who have paid \$6.50 for postage for 2014 will receive the issues in the mail.

### WVGS Website

Thanks to Vice-President Bonita Anderson we will soon have our own website!

### Save the date!

**We are planning a garage sale Friday, August 15th and Saturday, August 16th.** We will need donations and help on the 15th and 16th. 1st VP Carol Wolfe is in charge and will be forming a committee to help her. Donations will be accepted after May 15th. Please think about donating items and helping out with this fundraiser.



## Events

### June Program

Join us for a tour of Mission Mill Museum. A docent will take us on an interactive tour of three historic homes. One home will have re-opened following its restoration. Some topics to be covered include the Methodist Mission to Oregon, life of the pioneer settlers and Oregon Trail families, and the life styles of the pioneer women.

The tour will begin at 11:30 am. Bring your lunch and dine together at the picnic tables provided.

The cost of \$4 per person (discounted by Willamette Heritage Center for our group) will be paid by WVGS. However we need to know how many will be going. Reserve your space by the May 10th meeting. Call Carol Wolfe @ 503-588-7075 or let her know at the May meeting.

### Spring Seminar 2014

Genealogical Forum of Oregon welcomes  
Warren Bittner

**Saturday, 17 May 2014 9 am—4 pm**

Milwaukee Elks, 13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd, Milwaukee, OR

For more information and costs:

**[www.gfo.org](http://www.gfo.org) or [info@gfo.org](mailto:info@gfo.org)**

### Summer Genealogy Fest

Pack your genealogy passport and plan to repack your genealogical toolbox!

**2 August 2014** Lane Community College, Center for Meeting and Learning, 4000 East 30th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97405

**Featuring: Thomas W. Jones**

Planning "Reasonably Exhaustive" Research

Can a Complex Research Problem be Solved Solely

Online? Debunking Misleading Records. Will Your Family History Have Lasting Value?

**Watch for the "Ask an Expert" session sign-ups at check-in!**

**"Treasure" Tables, Vendor tables and Book Vendor on-site!**

**Co-Hosts: Genealogical Council of Oregon (GCO) & Oregon Association of Professional Genealogists (OR APG)**

**Watch for updates and follow us on:**

**<http://www.facebook.com/orgco> [http://](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orgco2/)**

**[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orgco2/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orgco2/)**



## WVGS Library Report

### WVGS LIBRARY REPORT FOR MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER

By Jim Willhite and Susan Niggli

#### 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.

- **Czech: Rocenka / Yearbook of the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International, 1992-2004**
- **Danish: Danish genealogical helper, 1968-1969**
- **Finnish: FINNAM newsletter / Finnish American Historical Society of the West, (1969-1973),1974-1999**
- **Flemish: Flemish American heritage, 1983-**
- **Polish: Polish family tree surnames, 1977-1983**
- **Polish: Rodziny : the journal of the Polish Genealogical Society of America, (2004,2006),2007-2011**
- **Swedish: Quarterly / The Swedish Finn Historical Society. (Includes: Newsletter; News letter/ Swedish Finn Historical Society), 1992-**
- **Swedish: Swedish American Genealogist, 1983-1986,1988-2008**

Oregon State Library and WVGS have a large collection of periodicals. The most recent issues are published in the newsletter and kept in the Microfilm Room. Past issues are in the stacks. If there is a periodical from an area that you are researching, come in and request a box or two of the periodicals. You can sit and peruse them.

#### April Periodicals 2014

List prepared by Lorraine Busch

- CA (Fresno), "The Jotted Line", Fresno County Genealogical Society, Feb 14, and March 14
- CO, "Pinon Whispers", South Eastern Colorado Genealogical Society, V34 No3, Fall 13
- KS, "Kansas Review", Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, V38 No2, Nov. 13 and V38 No3, Feb 14
- KY, "Kentucky Explorer", V28 No9, March 14
- OH, "Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly", V53, No4, 13
- OR, "The Forum Insider", Genealogical Forum of Oregon, V 25, No6, Feb 14
- OR (Benton), "Benton County Genealogical Society



## WVGS Library Report

Newsletter", V29 No3, March 14

- **OR (Clatsop), "Cumtux", Clatsop County Historical Society, V33 No4, Fall13**
- **OR (Deschutes), "The Homesteader", Deschutes County Historical Society, V39 No4, April 14**
- **OR( Lane), "Lane County Historian", Lane County Historical Society. V59, No1, Spring 14**
- **NC, "NCGS News", North Carolina Genealogical Society, V38, No2, March 14**
- **WA, "The Beacon", Sno-Isle Genealogical Society, Feb 14**

#### PURCHASES AND DONATIONS

- 1) The following purchases and donated material to OSL may not be immediately available. The books, CD's and microfilm have to be cataloged and put into the OSL system before they are available for use.
- 2) Books, Tapes, & Videos from the WVGS collection will be available for check out at the next meeting.
- 3) Books listed for Sale Table can be purchased by members at any time from Susie, Liz, or Jim (when they are available) or at a scheduled WVGS Book Sale.

#### BOOK DONATED TO WVGS COLLECTION

BY – Elizabeth Tice

- Genetic Genealogy – The Basics and Beyond, by Emily D. Aulicino

#### BOOK DONATED TO OSL COLLECTION

BY – Dawn Carter-Noe

- Twigg and Turf, Leonard and Allied Families 1681-1981

#### PERIODICAL DONATED TO OREGON STATE LIBRARY BY - Jim Johnson

- Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly, Volume 49, No. 4

#### BOOKS DONATED TO OSL COLLECTION

BY LDS FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

- Census of 1840 Fulton County Illinois
- Knox County Illinois Land Atlas & Plat Book 1977
- Early Records of Greene and Jersey Counties Illinois
- Old Cemeteries Of Cass County Illinois
- Randolph County Illinois Marriages 1720-1870
- Arkansas 1860 Census Index

#### BOOKS DONATED TO WVGS COLLECTION

BY – LDS Family History Center

- The Handwriting of American Records for a Period of 300 Years

#### BOOKS DONATED TO OTHER SOCIETY OR



## WVGS



## WVGS Genealogy Class

SALE TABLE**BY LDS FAMILY HISTORY CENTER**

- Index to the 1884 State Census of Kent County Michigan
- Index to the 1850 Census of Jersey County Illinois
- The 1850 Federal Census of Henry County Illinois
- Pike County Illinois Marriages, Vol. 1 1827-1845 & Vol. 2, 1846-1853
- 1850 – 1860 – 1870 United States Census Key
- 1860 Tulare County California Census
- 1860 Census of Searcy County Arkansas
- A Key To the 1880 United States Census Identifying Enumeration District Numbers
- City, County, Town, and Township Index to the 1850 Federal Census Schedules

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.

Oregon State Library Transformation

At this point, a Legislative work group is being formed to work on the Oregon State Library re-organization to draft legislation for introduction in the 2015 legislative session.

WVGS is working on a plan for the Reference Room, since funding has been changed. Previously, other state agencies were "assessed" for services by the Research Services. The assessment covered the cost of maintaining other collections, such as genealogy. Since there is no longer assessment funding, other funding, such as General Fund monies, must be found.

We are looking for state legislators who believe that Oregon should continue to have a state library for public use, including access for research and genealogy for anyone who wants to use it and that these collections should remain at the beautiful historic 75-year old Oregon State Library. We are at the point where letters are not enough—we need to make personal contact, look them in the eye, explain the issues and get commitments!

Elizabeth Tice

Genealogy Class**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.

**When: Mondays, June 2 to June 30, 2014 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

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

**Contact: Alvin Scott / 503-588-6303 / [ascott@cityofsalem.net](mailto:ascott@cityofsalem.net)**

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

**Cost: \$30**

**Class is limited to 12 students plus 3 with their own laptops. Preregistration in the Computer Lab at the Center 50+ is required. You must pay in advance to reserve a spot! Basic computer skills are needed**

The class will cover the basics of genealogy, using a software program, and sources for records as we work backwards in time. You will have time to enter information in a genealogy program and to search online. Bring a thumb/flash drive if you wish to save your work.

**Class 1 Organizing your recordkeeping:** Genealogy; purchased software, online and free; importance of sources; where to find 20<sup>th</sup> Century Vital Records; and information at the Oregon State Library and Oregon Archives.

**Class 2 20<sup>th</sup> Century:** Census and Military records; Records on Ancestry.com; Immigration and naturalization; and Using Family Tree Builder or Gramps

**Class 3 Finding information on your ancestors in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century;** Canada, including French Canadian; British Isles & Ireland; 19<sup>th</sup> Century Vital records and 1790-1880 Census; Military: Civil War

**Class 4 Ancestry before 1800:** Revolutionary War ancestors; Land records; Early New England records; County and town histories; and where to find histories and genealogy books on the internet.

**Class 5 Genealogy sites:** RootsWeb (and other family trees on the web), FamilySearch and USGenWeb; Native American research, GenForum.



## News

### Volunteers Sought for New Veterans History Project

The Oregon Court Reporters Association and the Military and Veterans Law Section have joined forces to form an Oregon Veterans History Project. Working to create submissions to the Library of Congress, this partnership collects, preserves and makes accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war.

In addition to audio- and video-recorded interviews, VHP accepts memoirs and collections of original photographs, letters, diaries, maps and other historical documents from World War I through current conflicts.

On Feb. 18, the project recorded its first oral history of Vietnam veteran and former Oregon Supreme Court Justice Paul J. De Muniz. He was interviewed by his former law clerk, currently a captain in the National Guard and associate with Barran Liebman, Sam Hernandez.

OCRA volunteer court reporters and videographers record the interview and produce a transcript and DVD for submission to the Library of Congress, along with photos and other documents donated by the veteran. OSB volunteers conduct the interviews. The oral histories are scheduled to occur the third Tuesday of each month, following the Military and Veterans Law Section meetings at the Bar's offices.

Contact VHP coordinator Gretchen Magarro at [gmagarro@LNScourtreporting.com](mailto:gmagarro@LNScourtreporting.com) or 503-299-6200.

### Norway's Constitution

By Jim Willhite

- A little bit about Norway history for those of us with Norwegian ancestry.

200 years ago - May 17, 1814 was a momentous event in Norway's history and since then has been the most celebrated holiday in Norway. May 17th is Norway's Constitution Day, marking the signing of the Constitution in Eidsvoll, Norway which laid the groundwork for the country's independence from Sweden on June 7, 1905. Norway's modern and forward thinking constitution focused on the principles of democracy and human rights and was inspired by the US Constitution. Norway's Constitution is the oldest national constitution in Europe and the second oldest acting constitution in the world with the United States' Constitution being the oldest. Read more at:

<https://www.stortinget.no/nn/In-English/About-the-Storting/News-archive/Front-page-news/2012-2013/The-Bicentenary-of-the-Norwegian-Constitution-2014/>



## Research

### Italian Research

- FamilySearch has added more than 2.1 million images to collections from Italy. Notable collection updates include the 89,778 images from the new **Italy, Lucca, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1807-1814, collection**; the 445,302 images from the new **Italy, Genova, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1796-1812, 1838-1859, 1866-1899, collection**; and the 1,637,317 images from the **Italy, Napoli, Civil Registration (State Archive), 1809-1865, collection**. Search these diverse collections and more than 3.5 billion other records for free at **FamilySearch.org**.
- **ItalianGenealogy.com** says: At ItalianGenealogy.com your research is free, you can find answers regarding Italian Genealogy and ask your questions in order to help you along your search. Our philosophy is to provide the very best resources to assist genealogists to achieve their goal of mapping their Italian family history and allowing them to help each other with their research as well. If this is your first visit, ensure you register. Registration is free and takes only a few minutes. The great benefit of being a registered user is that you can post and participate in discussions with registered members from all over the world.  
**<http://www.italiangenealogy.com/>**
- Learn about Italy Civil Registration- Vital Records at  
**[https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Italy\\_Civil\\_Registration-\\_Vital\\_Records](https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Italy_Civil_Registration-_Vital_Records)**
- **COHEN'S GENEALOGY SITE AT ROOTSWEB** says "This page is a partial listing of free online resources for finding birth and baptism records for Italy. Some of these databases are transcriptions by private individuals who have placed the information on their own free web pages. But most of the resources listed below are Mormon (LDS) Family History web pages which, allow visitors to view and download registration records or certificates for free. **<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~thecohens/birthindexes-italy.html>**



## Research

### RootsWeb Guides to Tracing Family Trees

#### Undocumented Name Change

Is it possible that your ancestor changed his name simply because he wanted to and with no official paperwork to document the change? For much of American history (and possibly in other locations as well), names could be changed with little formality.

If your ancestor naturalized after 1906, his naturalization papers may mention the change. Land records may occasionally reference a change, especially if the name on a deed of purchase is different from the name on a deed of sale. Probate records may indicate if the deceased used any other names. And lastly, pension records may also provide alternate names, aliases, etc.

Many of us have surnames that differ somewhat from the ones our immigrant ancestors brought to America. In many cases, it is just a slight spelling variation of the original name — not a name change. In others, the name we use may be an anglicized version, and in still others, descendants have wound up with a completely different surname. Most North American researchers discover their surname has variant spellings or has been changed in some way. This could have occurred for such reasons as:

- **Necessity.** Most typewriters and typesetting equipment used by North Americans could not cope with the diacritical markings used above or below certain letters found in several European languages, or the logographs seen in Chinese. Similarly, names written originally in Hebrew, Cyrillic, Arabic and a number of other alphabets had to be transliterated into the ones used in this the U.S. or Canada, for example.
- **Inability to spell or carelessness.** Many immigrants could not spell (in English) her or his name. So when they gave their name to county clerks, enumerators, etc., that person wrote the name as it sounded to him.
- **Difficulty in pronouncing or spelling a name.** Some names, particularly Polish, are difficult for most Americans and Canadians to spell or pronounce. A Polish immigrant named Dzeckaeiar may have simplified the name to Decker.
- **Desire to break with the past.** North America, Australia and other localities were a new beginning for many of our ancestors, and some had no desire to retain anything, including their name, that reminded them of an unhappy past in the old country.
- **Disagreement with relatives.** Some family members changed their names completely, or the spelling slightly, to avoid being associated with a disliked relative or neighbor with the same name. Many family traditions claim such instances to explain how the particular spelling of their surname came in exist-



## Research

- ence. However, such stories are not always accurate.
- **Dislike of the original name.** Many Jewish people, in particular, disliked the names that may have been forced on them in the old country.
  - **Fear of bad treatment.** Some of our immigrant ancestors had fled from countries where they were mistreated, and thought a change of name might avert further problems in the new country. During World War I, many German-Americans changed or altered their names because they feared discrimination and maltreatment.
  - **Getting rid of a semantic objection.** Some names, such as Lipschitz or Gelbfisch, seemed humorous to Americans, and such names were often changed.
  - **Desire for material success.** Second- or third-generation Americans sometimes changed their names because they felt a "wrong" name might prevent them from becoming successful or getting a particular job.
  - **Desertion.** Some of our ancestors were not so illustrious and may have deserted from the military, needing to start anew.

Whatever the reasons for a name change, the genealogist must learn to look for all possible spellings and transliterations. Basically, most Western surnames come from one of four types:

- *Patronymics* — The father's given name with "son" or an "s" added to it.
- *Place Names* — Words that identified where a person lived or came from.
- *Occupational Names* — What a person did for a living. Many of these are based upon medieval occupations.
- *Nicknames* — Names based on a person's characteristics, either personality or appearance. A small percentage of us have names derived from nicknames of ancestors who lived many centuries ago.

Names were rarely changed at Ellis Island. The majority of passengers were detailed on the ship's manifest before the vessel left the port of departure. A few immigrants requested a name change, as a new beginning. However, historical records and individual testimonies indicate that most name changes occurred during the naturalization process, not at Ellis Island. Many a researcher has missed their ancestor in records due to spelling oversights. Watch for letter transpositions. These are common in computerized indices and compilations prepared from typed records.



**Mailing Address:**  
**Willamette Valley Genealogical Society**  
 P. O. Box 2083  
 Salem, OR 97308-2083  
 Email: [willvgs@yahoo.com](mailto:willvgs@yahoo.com)  
**For more information:**  
**WVGS Web Site Address:**  
<http://oregon.gov/OSL/GRES/genealogy.shtml>

The **Willamette Valley Genealogical Society** was organized in December 1968, to create and foster the study of family history, to aid in the publication of local history, and to aid in the establishment of materials in local genealogical library collections. It is an Oregon Non-Profit corporation, and was determined by IRS to be a 501 (c) (3) organization. Your donations may be federal tax-deductible.

**Membership Application**

- Members will receive a monthly newsletter informing them of programs, activities, and genealogical news.
- Members receive online access to **Beaver Briefs**, a quarterly bulletin featuring Marion County genealogy and history.
- Members benefit from research assistance, monthly programs, and access to WVGS's books, periodicals and CDs.
- Help for beginners at the Beginner's classes.

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount enclosed -**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Annual Dues (\$25 individual or \$30 family membership), includes Beaver Briefs on-line

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for postage to receive copies of Beaver Briefs in the mail (\$6.50)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for one-time payment for Life Membership  Under age 70 (\$250)  Age 70 or Over (\$200)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ other (please identify) \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED

**Additional Donations**

- Patron \$100**
- Sustainer \$250**
- Benefactor \$500**
- Corporate/Trust \$1,000**

- See our website for information on Life Membership or pick up a Life Membership form from an officer.
- **Pro-rated** Amounts for new members who join after March 31st:
 

<b>SINGLE</b>	<b>FAMILY</b>
Apr-Jun: \$18.75	Apr-Jun: \$22.50
Jul-Sept: \$12.50	Jul-Sept: \$15.00
Oct-Dec: \$6.25	Oct-Dec: \$7.50

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NAME-ADDRESS-PHONE	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Woodburn LDS Family History Center 1000 Country Club Rd. [back- ring bell] Woodburn, OR 97071 / 503-981-4731	CLOSED		9 am— 1 pm	CLOSED	5 pm - 9 pm	CLOSED	12 pm- 5 pm
Salem East LDS Family History Center 862 45th Ave NE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-371-0453	CLOSED		9 am— 4 pm	2 pm— 9 pm	CLOSED	9 am— 2 pm	CLOSED
Salem LDS Family History Center 4550 Lone Oak Rd SE Salem, OR 97302 / 503-378-0383 ext 7	4pm— 7pm	CLOSED	9am— 9pm	By Apptmt	9 am— 9pm	CLOSED	9 am- 12 noon
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)					May 10th ONLY 10 am—4 pm
Oregon State Archives 800 Summer St NE Salem, OR 97310 / 503-373-0701	CLOSED	8 am—12 am and 1 pm—4:45 pm (CLOSED State Holidays)					CLOSED
Salem Public Library 585 Liberty St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-588-6052	Open 1 pm- 5 pm Sept-May	CLOSED	10 am—9 pm (CLOSED City Holidays)			10 am—6 pm	
Marion County Historical Society 1313 Mill St SE Salem, OR 97301 / 503-364-2128	CLOSED	CLOSED	12 pm—4 pm				By appt.

© Can Stock Photo - csp13374467



May 2014 Newsletter

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Williamette Valley Genealogical Society  
P. O. Box 2083  
Salem, OR 97308-2083

Non-Profit Organization  
U. S. Postage  
PAID  
Salem, OR 97301  
Permit #251