

Willow Valley GENEALOGY CLUB



Summer 2019

Meeting Displays:

We're looking for people to bring genealogy items for display at our meetings. An heirloom, family tree chart, family history book, photo booklet, ancestor bio, etc. Just speak to George Nettleton if you aren't sure where to display them.

Meeting: Family History Center: Military Records: Rebecca Reinhard gave a great presentation, first letting us know the Lancaster Family History Center's services and mentioning a number of available databases there. She also discussed the Familysearch family tree and it's ability to be edited by anyone without asking permission, so maybe it's not the best choice as it could quickly become corrupted. She then went over various military sites and had handouts with dates of various wars and approximate dates an ancestor would be born to participate. She did an excellent job and was well received.



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Our WVGC library catalog As mentioned in our February talk, this catalog is on our website. Click on RESOURCES, then in the 3rd paragraph, click "Please see Genealogy Club Resources part 2 for the list of available books." CHECK IT OUT! (or at least some of the materials). If you decide to borrow one of the books, there is a green folder on one end the book cart for signing it out (and in) when you borrow/return books.

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Speaking of the Website: You can also click on ***SURNAMES*** to see if any of your fellow members have included ancestors who might be in your tree. You can also add family names you have by contacting our web mistress, Carolyn Bausinger (carolyn.bausinger@gmail.com), and asking how to do that.

A second tab, ***RESOURCES*** lists some books some of your fellow members have. If one might be relevant to your genealogy searching, contact the member to see if you might borrow it, the member would be willing to look up what you want, or the member might bring it to the next meeting and let you browse it. A nice resource, including some items not in our library, which may be just what you were looking for.

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Family History: Are you interested in publishing a family history? A few of our members (notably George McMurtry) have already done that and might be a good contact. In the May 27 Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter, he suggests [LuLu](#), a short-run self publisher who might be something to try. Apparently, they offer e-book and hard copy publishing, and seemingly, have no upfront costs until you have orders. The publish on-demand, which means you don't need to lay out a large up-front fee. They also have publishing suggestions, so check out their website. Self publishing might be a good topic for a meeting-if you'd be interested let George Nettleton (george@nettletons.net) know.

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The Program Committee (a loose group of volunteers: Al Fulvio, Lesley Franconi, George Nettleton, Bob McRobbie, Wayne & Helene Barner & Lois Rilling) has been planning the 2019-2020 program schedule, and possibly modifying the format of meetings and suggesting presenters to Keep It Simple, as in focusing on one point so we will leave a meeting with something easy work on at home. As we go through the year, please feel free to give us feedback about the format and the presentations.

Next issue, we expect to give you an idea of the new format and the topics we've come up with.

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Renaissance Genealogy Classes: sign up online

Family Tree Maker & Ancestry.com: Learn how to use a genealogy program to enhance and expand your family tree, The program has many useful features for finding family members, adding documents, pictures and stories to your genealogy. It can publish various reports, charts, books, family record sheets and timelines to share with others. July 11 & 18, 1:30-3:00 in the Cultural Center Education room. Free

Memoir Writing Workshop Memoir It's all about truth...or is it? Transform the story of your life by using the techniques and finesse of fiction. Award winning writer, Lori M. Myers, will lead you through fun discussions and exercise that will turn your memoir into a page-turner. All participants should bring with them a small object that carries some meaning to them, such as a decorative

home item, photo or painting, letter, toy, jewelry, clothing items, a reminder of a place you've traveled, memorabilia, etc. Geared to all writing levels.. July 26 9:30 am-12:30, Cultural Center Education Room \$27.00

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Are there free websites with records?
Where are there genealogy libraries in the area?
How do I make a family scrapbook?

Do you have some problems/questions with your genealogy? Or which has been a real conundrum for you?

Let us know your thoughts about hands-on session to help answer your individual questions.. Al Fulvio, George Nettleton

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LDS Family History Library: The digitizing of their records continues with a target date around 2020. If you are searching the catalog, and find a source you'd like which is not yet digitized, let Familysearch know and they may move it up in the queue of their digitizing schedule. To find their digitized records, go to [Finding Digital Images on Family Search](#) tab. New records are being added constantly, so check often.

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*Find a good website? Send us the link to pass on to other3 members.
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