



November 2019

November 19-Newspapers with Kristen Wenger-“Extra! Extra! Read all about it!”

Explore the treasure trove of family stories that await you in historic newspapers. Through high-interest examples, Kristin Wenger will illustrate why newspapers can be the best source to “put the flesh on the bones” of your ancestors and truly understand the stories of their lives. She will explain how to access the newspapers that are available for various research locations and time periods, both digitized and non-digitized, subscription-based and free. Our session will also include search tips and strategies which you can apply immediately to uncover more of your own fascinating family history. You may want to bring your laptop or tablet to bookmark some of the sites, and maybe even quickly search some.

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October 15: Beginning Your Genealogy Journey-George Nettleton, despite some technical difficulties, gave an process and some pointers for searching out our ancestors. There were some good questions. The Spotlight was on the new Family History Library on E. King Street (see below for more information)

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Genealogy Club Membership: We work on a September through June year. If you haven’t paid your 2019-2020 dues (or if you’re not not sure if you have), please see Jim Robinson at our November meeting.. Dues are \$10 for WV residents; \$15 for Lancaster County Residents. Please use a check made out to *Willow Valley Genealogy Club*.

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Programs for 2019-2020-mark your calendar: REMINDER

November 19-Newspapers w/Kristin Wenger

December 17-Genealogy Programs-102 w/Wayne Barner

January 21-DNA 101 w/Darvin Martin

February 18-DNA results share time

March 17-Verifying records w/George Nettleton

April 21-Passing it on: Organizing your records w/Clay Kilgore

May 19-Passing it on: Archiving w/Lesley Franconi

For a summary of what will be presented, check our [website](#) under: Calendar-

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New Meeting Format:

Club business-5 min

Spotlight*-5-10 min

Presentation-45 min

Q&A

**Spotlight:* an article of interest, a helpful book, a useful website or app, or a breakthrough in your genealogy, etc. We'e looking for any of these or something else you might like to bring to our attention in this short segment of the meeting. Please contact one of our Board members to let them know of an experience you'd like to share

We plan to have tables at each meeting so you may have your refreshments during the meeting, as well as a surface for your laptop, tablet or note pad of paper and pencil, to take notes, record websites, or jot down questions.

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Genealogy EXPO 2020: September 2020 will be 8th year since our last EXPO. It's time for another. Tuesday September 22 in the Cultural Center has been scheduled. Now we are open for volunteers to help: develop a list of possible vendors/exhibitors, write requests to them, organize needs (number of tables, electrical outlets, internet access, chairs, etc.) and so on. We will have a preliminary informational meeting, at which time, you may decide to help plan or not. This will be an exciting event, and if advertised well, should interest our residents, and possibly increase our membership and awareness of what services are available locally for genealogists. If you are interested or just curious, please join George Nettleton right after our November presentation

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Family History Center News: The Lancaster FHC had an open house on Saturday October 12 to show off its new quarters. It's located at 1210 E. King Street, has 5 computer terminals, 2 microfilm readers, a printer and 9 stations

for laptop computers. It's a larger quarters than their previous one. Enter from the LDS parking lot and go right to the end of the hall. Their hours are M-T-Th 9:30-1:00, Wednesday 6:30-8:30 and 4th Saturday 9:30-1:00. There is no cost to using their facilities, all the databases are free (including subscription databases like Ancestry), as is printing copies. Give them a try and bring some of your toughest problems for their resident genealogists to help you, or just enjoy searching the multiple databases. We will also have a list of their free upcoming courses at the November meeting.

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GRAMPS 5.1.1 is a free genealogy program for setting up your family tree. This is a recent update release and can be downloaded [here](#). It is Windows, Mac & Linux compatible, GEDCOM compatible, has various reports, and helps to keep track of your family genealogy. You might want to download and play with it. As a free program, you have nothing to lose but the time to learn it.

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: We are interested in planning programs which will help you with your genealogy. But, we don't really know you all well, so the **next page** is designed to help us find out about you and what would best suit you for our meetings: what countries/states do you search for ancestor information? What, if any, genealogy program do you use? Do you subscribe to websites like Ancestry, Find My Past, etc. which are not free? Do you belong to any genealogy or historical societies like DAR, Mayflower, New England Historical & Genealogy Society? Please fill out the sheet and return it to George@nettletons.net. We will also have some of these forms at our meetings and they can be returned to any of the Board members

**Willow Valley Club Member Profile
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ancestors in:

Countries: _____

States: _____

Ancestral Surnames: _____

My genealogy subscription sites: _____

My Genealogy Society memberships: _____

My brick wall: _____

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