

How To Contact Us



Location

Inside The Museum Of the Oregon Territory
at 211 Tumwater Drive
Oregon City, OR 97045

Hours Of Operation

Wednesdays, 1st & 3rd Saturdays
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

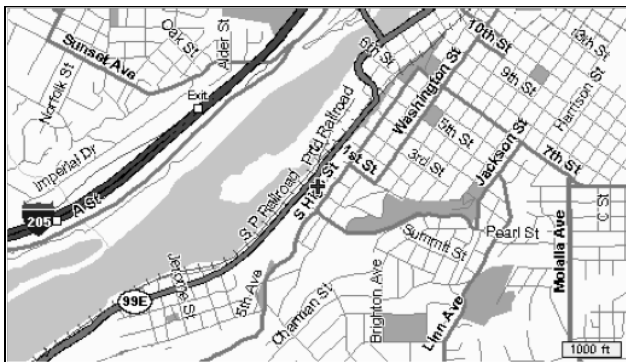
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The Clackamas County Family History Society (CCFHS) began with a small group of women with a shared interest in genealogy and a vision of creating a service-oriented organization for Clackamas County. In February of 1988, the CCFHS was formed. The location of their first meeting soon became their permanent home and still reside today in the same room at the Museum of the Oregon Territory.

The library's holdings expanded from many sources. Donated materials related to Clackamas County were welcomed (and still are). Publications and books were traded with other genealogy societies and at genealogical conventions before so much could be found on-line. As permitted, copies of census and tax records were made from other agencies. People came to the library or wrote to us with queries. We began making files for families and the subject files grew.

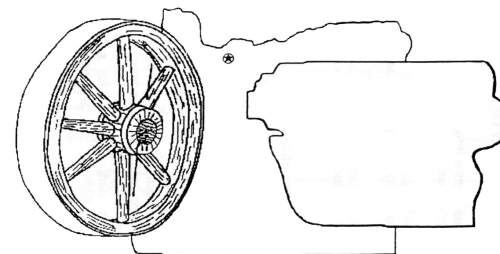
Our library is named after Wilmer Gardener, one of the founders of the Clackamas County Historical Society. Wilmer was a talented and resourceful historian and was responsible for finding and saving much of Clackamas County's history. As a researcher and educator, he created a slide show of Oregon City's Main Street and was a speaker at times. The acquisition of the Talbert collection, in the museum's archives, is among his many and varied achievements related to the preservation of our county's history. After Wilmer's death in July, 2007, our library was renamed the Wilmer Gardener Research Library in honor of his legacy.

Cover Photo - Complements of The Museum Of the Oregon Territory

Moss Hotel, Oregon City to West Linn
view of Willamette Falls, 1857
Photographer: Lorenzo Lorraine

**CCFHS IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, WITH A
FOUNDATION STATUS CLASSIFICATION 501 C(3).
Your contribution may be tax deductible under current
IRS ruling. Federal ID 393-09608070.**

Welcome To The Wilmer Gardner Research Library



Clackamas County Family History Society



Our Unique Holdings

Holdings found in our library that are unique or uncommon:

BOOKS

- Various indexes to local books
- Overland Trails • Barlow Road • Oregon Trail
- Wagon Trains
 - Roster Of 1847 Emigrants To Oregon
 - Roster Of 1850 Pioneer Families of the ORE Territory
 - Roster Of 1852 Emigrants On the ORE Trail
 - Roster Of 1853 & 1854 Immigration Rosters Of the Elliott Cut-Off
- Oregon Trail Diaries
- Provisional Land Claim Records
- Oregon Donation Land Claims, Geneo. Material
 - Volume I – VIII, 1845 – 1849
- Oregon Burial Site Guide
- Biographical Index for on-site Archival Book Collection including:
 - History of Columbia River Valley • History of Oregon • History of Oregon Country • History of the PNW, ORE, & WA • History of Willamette Valley • Illustrated history of the state of Oregon • Oregon Native Son • Portrait of Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley • The Centennial History of Oregon • Willamette Valley
- Oregon Counties in alpha order - varying degrees of information that may include: Soundex (index to 1910 census), cemeteries, census, churches, historic sites, history, naturalization, pioneers, schools, and individual towns within each county. Of Special Interest:
 - Collected information in notebooks on Wilsonville and areas near Stafford
 - Extensive Clackamas County section
 - Jim Tompkins Books
 - Philip Foster Papers: Box #1 - #4
 - Walking Through the Cemetery: with cemetery plot maps and burial records
- Oregon Early Records: 1840-1855 (Archival Box)

- Oregon Historic Quarterly: Complete Set
- Collective Biographies
- Family History
 - Matlock, Book #1 & Book #2
 - Boskey-Dell Project (research files)
- The Early Indian Wars Of Oregon - muster rolls

EARLY PHONE BOOKS

- Oregon City • Portland • Metro

FAMILY BOXES (Halon Room)

- Photos and Other Media
 - Hattan • Watts • Hess • Mumpower
- Clackamas Cemetery Records

LAND ABSTRACTS

- Index (in Library)
- Boxes of abstracts (in Halon Room)

MAP COLLECTION (Map Drawers)

- Cemetery Records
- Historic Schools Of Clackamas County
- Metsker Atlases
- Early Land Maps - Miscellaneous

MICRO FILM

- Newspapers (92 roles not on U of O site)
- Holman, Hankins, & Waud Funeral Home, Oregon City - 1905-1928

PHOTOGRAPHS

- Extensive photo collection, 1857 forward

NEWSPAPERS

- The Bulletin, Molalla: 1973-1984, 1990-1995
- Oregon City Enterprise
- Banner Courier

SCHOOLS, Clackamas County

- Historic School Project: Photos & Map
- High School and College Annuals
- Books (18 in Clackamas County)

VERTICAL FILES - Mixed Media

- By Family A – Z
- By Subject A – Z
 - First Jail Book, Clackamas County
 - Native Americans • Census • Cemeteries
- Official Records of Elections, 1912

VITAL RECORDS, Clackamas County

- Birth Records - acquired in 1980's
 - Varied archived records between 1918-1969
- Marriage Records
 - Returns (marriage application)
 - Certificates
 - Index to Marriage Licenses: 1915-1920, 1949-1968
 - Marriage Records: 1847-1912
- Divorce Records
 - Divorce Records: 1855-1910
 - Widows Pensions: 1913-1930
- Death Records
 - Death Certificates, A-Z by name
 - Index to Clackamas County Death Records: 1900-1912
- Combined Notebook
 - Deaths: 1907-1915, Births: 1907-1913, Marriage Index: 1847-1900
- Probate Records
 - Index to Probate Records: 1845-1910
 - Index to Probate Case Files: 1844-1928
- Obituaries
 - 1890's through 2000's
- Tax Records
 - 1860's, 1870's, 1880's & Early Teens–1940's
 - Taxpayers 1916
- Court Orders, Unclaimed Estates, 1911-1919

THE LEGACY

CCFHS's quarterly newsletter highlighting researched articles with historic photos related to Clackamas County heritage. Issues date back to our origin.