Who Are You?

Learning about our family history can help us understand more about ourselves.

Many of us start with only small pieces of information and a strong desire to discover more.

If you have asked yourself:

Where do I start?

What information is available to me?

Why did my family migrate to Russia and then to North or South America?

Who can help me with my research?

We can help you answer these questions and many more.

Learn... Research... Connect... Contribute... Grow...

Membership in the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia provides you with access to vast resources of historical information. The Oregon Chapter also enjoys a close partnership with The Center for Volga German Studies at Concordia University that holds one of the largest collections of materials on this ethnic group.

The Oregon Chapter of AHSGR

Connect With Your Heritage

The Oregon Chapter of The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia Welcomes You!

OregonAHSGR.org
Benefits of Membership

Participate in programs where you will learn more about the Germans from Russia

Receive the monthly Oregon Chapter Newsletter “Chronicle Unsere Leute” (The Chronicle of Our People)

Meet other people who share your interests

Find your ancestors and learn about the events that shaped their lives

Enjoy ethnic foods and music

Explore The Center for Volga German Studies library at Concordia University in Portland

“The farther backward you look, the farther ahead you can see.”

- Winston Churchill

Thank you for your interest in the Oregon Chapter of The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia (AHSGR). Our organization is a resource for learning about the history and heritage of this ethnic group.

Migrating from the Germanic areas of Western Europe in the 1760’s, these people settled in many parts of Russia where they built stable communities, established farms, churches, schools and businesses in their new homeland.

In the later part of the 19th century, many of these ethnic Germans looked to America to find new opportunities, escape political repression and preserve their way of life. By the early 1880s these pioneers were moving west and many came to call the Northwest their new home.

The Germans from Russia became an integral part of the diverse fabric of Oregon and Southwest Washington. We dedicate our efforts to those families, their ancestors, and the descendants who carry on their memory. We hope that you will explore the culture, history and heritage of the Germans from Russia and become active in its preservation.

Annual membership fees are $25 and renew on January 1st.

Join us today by sending your check payable to the AHSGR Oregon Chapter, in care of:

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