Oregon is a state in the Pacific Northwest of the United States. It is bordered on its west by the Pacific Ocean, on its north by Washington, on its south by California, on its east by Idaho, and on its southeast by Nevada. The Columbia River delineates much of Oregon's northern boundary, and the Snake River delineates much of the eastern boundary. It is one of only three states of the contiguous United States to have a coastline on the Pacific Ocean.

The state itself is divided into several distinct geographical areas: North, Central & South Coast, Portland Metro, Willamette Valley & Southern Valley, then Columbia River Gorge, Central & Eastern sections. These are all unique areas of the state with Central & Easter Oregon being close to 2/3rd the size with 1/3rd the population.
How Can You Help?

Cemetery Surveys
Visit a cemetery, photograph and/or record headstones/graves, for a county

Obituary Extractions
Current or old, it doesn’t matter. Please include what newspaper if you have it and the date of the paper. Check each county to see if they post obits and what layout they put them in.

Document Transcriptions
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Oregon’s 36 Counties

Baker Benton
Clackamas Clatsop
Columbia Coos
Crook Curry
Deschutes Douglas
Gilliam Grant
Harney Hood River
Jackson Jefferson
Josephine Klamath
Lake Lane
Lincoln Linn
Malheur Marion
Morrow Multnomah
Polk Sherman
Tillamook Umatilla
Union Wallowa
Wasco Washington
Wheeler Yamhill

Oregon Research Help

Visiting Oregon? Try to visit the following locations:

Oregon State Archives
Address:
800 Summer St NE,
Salem, OR 97310
Monday - Friday 8 am - 12 pm, 1 - 4:45 pm

Genealogical Forum of Oregon
2505 S.E. 11th Ave., Suite B-18
Portland, OR 97202-1061
See website for direction, parking & hours:
http://www.gfo.org/directions.htm

Check out the counties on our web site for more local research information:
http://orgenweb.org

The USGenWeb Project: http://usgenweb.org