

EVENT: December meeting  
WHEN: Dec. 14, 1976 7:00 P.M.  
WHERE: Community Christian Church McMinnville on N. Newby  
PROGRAM: Daisy Newhouse Reed will give us the history of  
Springbrook.

Come and bring a friend, potluck at 7:00 P.M., business meeting and program at 8:00.

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MUSEUM NEWS

We had about sixty-five at the opening of the Art Photography and Needlework display at the museum on November 13.

Our book sales are doing well. Don't forget that we also have stationary with the museum photo and history on it for sale. These all help support your museum.

Dues for 1977 are due, also the state dues which are \$7.50. Send to Mrs. Bridenstine, McMinnville at once.

We expect you all to help sell our book, OLD YAMHILL. It will make us a nice start on another project.

Call 472-7933 for appointments to visit the museum on the days it is not open.

Roma Sitton

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RECOLLECTIONS OF A PIONEER--FOUNDING OF MCMINNVILLE  
(continued from last month)

(These are the recollections of Sebastian C. Adams which appeared in an old McMinnville newspaper dated January 10, 1887. This was about 30 years after the founding of the town.)

That same summer or fall (1855) A.S. Watt, Esq. was employed to survey off a few blocks, and when he came over with his compass and chain, Mr. Newby informed me that I could drive a stake wherever I pleased, for the N.E. corner of my block, and he would begin the survey from that stake. I then had an incipient purpose of erecting a "store" at some future time, on the corner of my block, so I went out far enough for that purpose, and drove the first stake exactly where the N.E. corner of my store was afterward erected.

Very soon thereafter, Dr. McBride, Wm Dawson, Mr. Newby, and myself formed the project of founding a "college" in McMinnville, and the idea becoming contagious, it was not long until every "city" of two or three houses in the territory, began the erection of its "own college" which in due course of time was to rival either Hartford or Yale.

Mr. Newby, with his usual public spirit, offered to donate five acres of land for the college site and grounds, to be selected and located wherever the others desired to have it.

The above named persons having by agreement met one day at my house to locate the grounds for the contemplated "college" and with an ax and stake in my hands, we all started out in an easterly direction, as the high ground in that direction appeared most desirable. But Mr. Newby hung back a little and seemed quite reluctant to proceeding in that direction and smilingly and rather blushingly said, "Well, gentlemen, if you all say you want it out there and must have it out there, it's all right, and you shall have it just where you say. But if the town should ever amount to anything it might interfere with the future growth of the place. And if the town never amounts to anything the five acres out yonder would almost spoil my future wheat field. Now it would suit me much better if you would locate the lot on the south boundary of my claim down towards Mr. Cozine's place". Fully appreciating his view of the matter, and not wishing to examine a gift horse too closely, I persuaded the others to turn to the south and locate the site where it interfered the least, either with the future town or Mr. Newby's wheat field.

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## FOUNDING OF McMINNVILLE--continued

When we arrived at the place which is now the north line of the old "college lot", I stepped off 60 feet from a line running south on the east line of my block, and drove a stake for the N.W. corner of the college grounds. That stake was driven with out any reference to the two or three blocks already surveyed, except for the 60 feet of road-way referred to.

(Concluded next time.)