



Yamhill County Museum, 6th and Market Street, Lafayette, Oregon

YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1981, 12:00 NOON

LOCATION: LAFAYETTE SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER, 2nd and Adams Sts., Lafayette, OR

POTLUCK: Bring your own table service

PROGRAM: ? ? ? ? ? A surprise! ? ? ? ?

MEMORIAL GIFTS

If you would like to honor a friend or a relative who has recently passed away, what better way than with a donation to the Yamhill County Historical Society? All gifts are tax deductible and can be sent to: Yamhill Co. Historical Society, P.O. Box 484, Lafayette, Oregon 97127

MUSEUM NEWS

Hope you all had a nice holiday and are ready for a brand New Year. We have had a good repair afternoon and hanged our mirror and shadow box for the elephant collection of Vera Pearse who, since her large donation, has passed away. We were very sorry to learn of her death. We have a few more tasks so we will have another repair day soon. Thanks helpers!

We have some new officers. Do help if asked as it is a big job for only a few.

If we get a bad snow in January or February we will close the Museum. We have a member in Lafayette who will check in a few times to see that the heat is okay.

Have you thought of a fund raising project yet? Pass it along. We also need publicity and a way to get more people in our Society. Young people need to become involved in these museum collections and the county history.

The county bus will not be able to take anyone on the day time schedule. Our meeting in January will be in Lafayette and a 12 NOON- potluck as usual.

Surprise entertainment.

Did you sell a book? We have school desks and old school books to sell.

Also cemetery records and genealogy pamphlets, etc.

Open Saturday and Sunday afternoons 1 - 4 p.m. By appointment anytime.

ROMA SITTON

INTERVIEW WITH ANN MALONE SAVAGE

The following was taken from an interview with Ann Malone Savage done in 1938 as part of a W.P.A. local history program. The Malone hame will be familiar to many and some will probably remember Ann Savage.

RUTH STOLLER

Mrs. Ann Savage was born near McMinnville, Oregon September 2, 1863. Her father's name was Madison Malone. Her mother's name was Margaret Eaton Malone. He was a member of the Baptist Church and the mother held to the Christian Church though not a member of the same. Mrs. Savage attended the Christian Sunday School and Church in McMinnville. Most of her education was obtained at the Baptist College, where all the children of School Dist. # 40 of Yamhill County attended

school from its establishment in 1859 until the year 1876. The college was then situated where the Baptist Church now stands. She went one term after this arrangement was discontinued. The school was held in the Mohawk Hall located over Adams and Jones Co.'s planing mill which was located on Lot 7, Block 18 of the original town of McMinnville. School in the Mohawk Hall was only held there until the public school building was finished in 1876. Her first teacher was Mrs. Talmage, or Grandma Talmage, as she was called, a motherly old lady loved by all who knew her. Some of her other teachers were Miss Anna Bean, Thomas Story, and Miss Mary Hayes.

Her early life was spent in helping her mother with the home duties and the care of the sick; as her mother, who was an old fashioned nurse with her basket of herbs and homemade remedies, was much in demand. Mrs. Savage said, "I can, in fancy, see her with her basket of herbs on her arm seated on her old white pony riding away from our door to visit some sick neighbor who has called for her. Later I kept up my mother's work until the hospital and rapid means of transportation had removed the great need of such work around my home. I sometimes get lonesome for someone to care for, but I am glad that I do not have to witness the suffering of humanity."

"I miss the old time sociability when whole families would drop in an announced and spend the day, or we would all get into the wagon, sometimes drawn by oxen, and go to some neighbor's home and spend the day. I believe people, in general, were happier and better off in those days than they are today in their race for wealth and pleasure."

Her father, Madison Malone, with his family crossed the plains in 1843 and spent the winter of 1843 - 44 near Oregon City and in the spring of 1844 he settled on a piece of land being part of Sect. 10 - 15 - 16, Twp. 4 South, Range 4 West, which was his home until his death. He being a man of delicate health, took very little part in the social activities of his time. In the wagon train with him were Samuel Cozine, who settled near the present town of McMinnville and has had much to do with the history of McMinnville; William T. Newby, on whose land much of the present town of McMinnville now stands, he having platted the original town site from his land and donated the land for the first college building of McMinnville Baptist College in the year 1859, and also deeded the land for the first public school building in McMinnville in 1876, which land is a part of the present site of Cook School built in 1929; James Hembree; Vincent Snelling, who settled near McMinnville; Joel Hembree, who settled near the present town of Lafayette; and David Arthur.

Miss Ann Malone was married to George E. Savage on July 25, 1882. To this union were born three children, two girls and one boy. The older daughter has passed on. The younger is living near Sheridan, Oregon. The boy, Mathew Savage, is living with his mother on part of her father's donation land claim, the scene of her childhood, and she is glad to make it her home in the closing days of her life and to continue the hospitality of her father who kept an open door for everyone. He said, "I would rather feed fifty black sheep than turn a white one away."

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