

# YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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DATE: TUESDAY DECEMBER 13, 1983 7:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Community Christian Church, 2831 N. Newby, McMinnville

POTLUCK: Bring your own service  
PROGRAM: History of the McMinnville area

*Ralph Macy (of Wooden Sidewalks fame) will be our speaker !!*

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### MUSEUM NEWS

In our Oct. 11 newsletter I need to correct one thing. Mrs. Riley's home is at "Rose Villa" in Portland, not Rose Lodge which is on the way to the coast. I failed to mention the rocking chair from her family at Stockton, New York which is near Buffalo. Her grandfather passed the clock to her father, William H. Smith. He was one of the three little boys rocked in the cane back and seat rocker. It could tell a long story if it had been written down along the way. We thank Mrs. Riley for her many donations to our museum.

On Oct. 20th, we lost a charter member and one member of the committee that gathered and displayed or first donated articles. Mrs. Elizabeth Bryan was interested in Lafayette history and wrote several

articles pertaining to early Lafayette history and the people who grew up there. Her 94 years was filled with history.

We have a new addition to the museum library. It is the "Parker" book of family history and refers to the descendants of Moses Parker (1748-1818). Lines of Hauck, McBride, Shuck, Sappenfield, Harrington, and other cousins of the writer, Wayne V. Parker. This was donated at the request of Bryon and Flora Shuck and delivered after some corrections by daughters in 1980. Thanks to Mrs. Shuck and family.

ROMA SITTON

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HISTORY NOTES

(submitted by Ruth Stoller)

(Excerpts from the diary of John Brown- courtesy of the OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY)

Johnson Hall's Donation Land Claim was located right at Rex. In fact, the town was located, long after Hall had sold out, in the middle of Hall's DLC. His property extended about a quarter mile east of Rex. John Morris, John Borwn's brother in law, purchased the Ira Taylor DLC, which was next to Hall's property on the east and extended another quarter mile in that direction. The Schilling DLC, that John Brown and his family purchased was next to Ira Taylor's, so it began about a half mile east of Rex and extended about a half mile in an easterly direction. What was once Brown's property is now all in Washington County, but at that time was considered to be Yamhill County. Barnum's Mill was located in the vicinity of present day Middleton. Dr. Johnson was H.V.V. Johnson who then lived in the Middleton area. He later moved to McMinnville and practiced medicine there for many years. Mr. Vaughn was Liberty Vaughn who lived just north of the Browns on the east side of the Chehalem Mts.

Aug. Sun. 28, 1859 At John's house. Made a bargain with Mr. Schilling to buy his farm for \$800. \$600 down. The balance at ten percent per annum in two years.

Mon. 29. Went up to Lafayette with Mr. Schilling and John to examine records and to get the deed to the land. Did not finish business for want of the number of the claim.

Tues. 30. Paid Mr. Schilling \$160 toward purchase price agreed on for his place.

Sept. Sun. 4 Took a walk up the mountain. Selected a site for the house.

Thurs. 8 Worked some on the place where I intend to build, then went to Barnum's Mill and got two loads of lumber.

Fri. 9 Worked with father putting down foundation blocks for the house.

Sat. 10 Went up to Lafayette with J.C. Schilling to get the deed for the land. Got a warranty deed. Paid him \$440, which makes the \$600.

(History notes, con't)

- Mon. 12. Commenced getting out the sills for the house. 7 X 8 in size. Mr. Hall hews them, also the floor timbers.
- Tues. 13. Finished getting out sills and floor timbers and had Mr. Hall to drag them up with his oxen.
- Thurs. 15. Concluded to tear down the old log house and move it to live in until we get the new house up.
- Sat. 17. Had Mr. Hall and John to help us move the house and put it up again. (The next several days were spent working on the log house)
- Mon. 26. In the afternoon we moved down to our little cabin.
- Oct. Wed. 5. A serious dispute over the place. Threatened to break up the family. Felt bad about it.
- Thurs. 6. Dispute settled. Got Mr. Hall's two yoke of oxen and wagon and hauled a load of lumber from Barnum's mill.
- Fri. 7. Worked on the cabin chinking up the cracks and putting up a shelf.
- Sun 9. Worked some on the cabin chimney. It is a tedious job.
- Tues. 18. Worked on the chimney plastering it over with clay mixed with ashes and straw.
- Wed. 19. Dr. Johnson came to get me to work on the new road.
- Sun. 30. Went up to Hall's. Got a violin to repair for Parrish (Jacob). Charge one dollar.
- Nov. Tus. 1 Got John's team and went to Joy's land and cut shingle timber.
- Tues. 8. Sorted some lumber and made shingles. J. Schilling showed me how.
- Tues. 15. My birthday. Am 31 years of age.
- Fri. 25. Made shingles all day. Mr. Vaughn gave me a hint on shingle making.
- Dec. Sat. 10. Finished making shingles at noon.
- Sat. 24. Walked down to Milwaukie. Stopped at Merrick's. (this was his sister, Jane, and her husband.)
- Sun 25. Christmas Day. Staid at Merricks. Had roast swan for dinner.
- Wed. 28. Walked home.
- Sat. 31. The last day of 1859. I believe the Republicans will elect their candidate for President in 1860.

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CORRECTION

On page 34 of Schools of Old Yamhill, thanks to Walter Wirfs of Tillamook, we have an addition of names of the students in the top picture.

1931. Front: Derwood Sanders, Henry Coleman, Albert Greer, Walter Wirfs, Leo Wirfs. ROW 2: Gladys Miller, Beulah Chaffee, Helen Dixon, Lucille Wirfs. ROW 3: Mary Dixon, Dorothy Zwick, Ellen Dundas, Eathel Blanchard, Gladys Wirfs, June Gibbons. BACK ROW: Bertha Chaffee, Lucille Lorette (teacher), Ava Chaffee, Cliff Wirfs, Beuford Gibbons, Bert Coleman, Dora Simmons (teacher). Eva Blanchard.

(UNITY SCHOOL)

BOOKS FOR SALE !!!!!

Schools of Old Yamhill is selling well. They make great Christmas gifts and are for sale at many locations throughout Yamhill County.

McMinnville: The Book Shop (downtown The Book End (Town Center), and the McMinn. Chamber of Commerce office.

Amity: Amity Drug Store

Newberg: Gray Mouse Bookstore

Willamina: Tru-Value Hardware

Yamhill: Hardware store.

Sheridan: Sheridan Drug

Lafayette: Heritage Gift Shop (5th S

The cost of the book is \$10.00 except at The Book Shop in downtown McMinnville where it sells for \$11.9

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