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MUSEUM HOURS: Saturdays & Sundays,
1 - 4 o'clock
(except by appointment)

Yamhill County Museum, 6th and Market Street, Lafayette, Oregon.
Built in 1892 by Rev. C. C. Poling, Ph.D., president of Lafayette Seminary, the Yamhill County Historical Society purchased the building in 1969 for a museum. It is open every Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 4:00, plus six days a week during the tourist season.

MARCH YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1987
NEWSLETTER

MEETING: Tuesday NOON, March 10, at McMinnville's Community Center, 600 N. Evans st. There is a ramp and elevator for easy access.

POT LUCK is at 12 o'clock. Bring own table service. Visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend.

PROGRAM: Glen Savage, owner of Yesteryear Antiques, will speak on old furnishings. A Board meeting will follow general meeting.

We will be sharing an information booth with Minthorn House at the Women's Fair in Newberg, March 14, at the Middle School. Will appreciate volunteers. And how about planning something for the County Fair, to be August 5 - 8?

Are your DUES up-to-date?

MUSEUM NOTES by Roma Sitton

Have had a busy time at the Museum. More Lafayette people have found us, one woman who has lived there for 14 years. . . A rocking chair and serving cart from the estate of Elizabeth Northrup have been donated to the museum, at her request. . . We have received a flour sack in response to our plea. Would like one from the Newberg area. . . Lyle Sanders of Newberg, who works for the county, brought us a large county map with schools, narrow gage rail road, county roads, etc., before we had highways. . . I have reprinted copies of Lafayette Locks. A McMinnville company has copied many photos for their place of business. We will be having a display of McMinnville in the County Court House--history in articles and photos. . . . Are you interested in collecting recipes for a cook book? This could raise funds for the museum. Am waiting for instructions to compile a book. . . Call for appointment: 472-7935.

We sorrowfully report the death of longtime board member, Lawrence Schreiber.

The following letter was given to the Yamhill County Historical Museum by Lida Ruffin. J.A. Richardson was her grandfather. Not too long after this letter was written, the Richardson's moved to Oregon.

Salem, Oregon R.D.#2
Dec. 19, 1904

Mr. J.A. Richardson.

Lowell, Nebr.

Dear Sir:--Your letter of 14th inst. at hand and note what you ask. Think it would be much better for you to come out and look around a bit then you could decide for your self. However will try to oblige you as soon as possible. Am very busy now and expect to make a trip to Dallas this week. If it turns too wet to do anything will have plenty of time then. Am behind some with my work as my horses had a siege of distemper. Have between 30 & 35 acres to plow and sow yet. Finished digging my potatoes today. Dug, picked up, & sacked 18½ bu. and wheeled them to the house. We had in all about 80 bu. I measured one today that was 10½ in. long and even 12 in. around it. Of course they are not all of that size. I planted them June 20th. Land rents here at all prices. It depends largely upon how much fruit there is on a place, location, etc. My neighbor on the north rents 200 acres for \$200. but only about ½ is farm land, balance timber & stumps. There is also quite a lot of fruit on the place. I know one man who gave \$800.00 (rent) for 300 a. straight grain farm. It all (not all but largely) depends upon the season as to what a man makes here same as there. Not every year is a no.1 crop here. This year was the driest season ever known here yet the fall sown grain was a good ½ crop. Some years spring grain yields heaviest. You cannot expect to make much the first season here especially this one as every thing is so high. They work all winter here when ever the rain permits. I haven't sowed any winter oats yet except what sowed with the vetch. They sow some kinds of fall wheat & winter oats up to Mar. 1st. Then they sow spring wheat & white oats. Some sow spring oats until June 1st. So you see the sooner you get here the quicker you would get your crop in. Plant potatoes from Feb. to July. I don't believe much in summer fallowing. It wouldn't pay you to summer fallow for one season. I wouldn't advise you to take a car as it takes one season for your horses to get climated. We only shipped our bedding, mattresses, dishes & some cooking utensils, about 800 lbs. cost us just 2 cts per lb. but think rates were cheap then but maybe not. Wrap bedding in tight roll, then get burlap and sew over tight, makes less weight than boxes. Horses are all prices according to age, size, etc. (about same as there). They are cheaper now than they will be later as feed is so high. (To be concluded.)

Submitted by Ruth Stoller