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NOTICE: February Potluck and General Meeting

- **Date:** Sunday, February 12, 2012
- **Time:** 2:00 pm Potluck, 3:00 pm Program
- **Program:** Mayflower Passengers; Preserving History by Patrice Peterson
- **Location:** 7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Rd, McMinnville

Abigail Scott Duniway—Women's Rights Activist

At the McMinnville School Board meeting of June 14, 1993, two district middle schools were officially renamed: "Fred Patton" and "Abigail Duniway." The intent was to honor these two outstanding citizens. In Duniway's case, an interesting and spirited pioneer woman who became a nationally prominent figure in the Women's Suffrage Movement.

Abigail Jane "Jenny" Scott was the third of 12 children born to John Tucker and Ann Roelofson Scott. Two of the children died before the family arrived out West in 1852; an older sister of Abigail's and 3-year-old William "Willie" Scott, the youngest of the brood, who died on the Oregon Trail.

Ann, Abigail's mother, an invalid in fragile health, also died on the trail. She succumbed to cholera near Wyoming's Fort Laramie. Ten of the original 12 children were girls, which both Scotts found vexing. It is reported that: "Ann wept bitterly upon bearing Abigail as she had been

praying for a son."

She told Abigail later that she felt the birth of three girls in a row was "a grievance almost too burdensome to be borne." She explained that a

hefty eight dollars a week! The venture proved profitable as long as a procession of Scott's daughters was providing "free" help. As the eight surviving girls began to marry and leave

home, it became increasingly less so. When the family set out on its journey, Tucker was 43, Ann 40 and Abigail 17. In addition to little Willie, the rest of the family consisted of Mary Frances "Fanny" Scott, 15; Harvey Whitefield "Harve" Scott, 14, who went on to



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President's Letter

Dear Members,

The Historical Society had a very successful 2011 and we are looking forward to a productive and successful 2012! In the past year, we have seen the completion of our Flag Monument at the Heritage Center. We are on our way to having some areas improved with ADA- (American with Disabilities Act) approved access at that site. These improvements would not have been possible without the support of all the members who have donated bricks for these projects. We have raised over \$32,000 in the Heritage Brick Program and there is still room on the base of the monument for more bricks!

Our new officers on the YCHS Board of Directors for 2012 will be Steve Leonard, vice-president, Theresa Berthelsdorf, secretary, Kim Courtin, treasurer, and I will be serving as president. Since our bylaws do not allow a director to serve in any one office for more than three years, cumulative, our very capable and dedicated vice-president, Shirley McDaniel, will not be eligible to serve again in that office.

I can't say enough about Shirley McDaniel's dedication and work for this Society. She has been extremely helpful to me with her wise counsel and has always "been there" when we needed volunteers for our events or any other job. She has been part of the crew helping at

our Lafayette site on Fridays for many years and will continue in that role. The good news is that she was just elected in December to serve another three year term as a director on the YCHS Board! I'm certain that I can speak for all of the other board members in saying that it has been a pleasure to serve with Shirley and that she has been a huge asset to our organization and, thankfully, will continue to be an asset.

Our other YCHS Directors for 2012 are, Cynthia Christensen, Matt Dunckel, Kory Kuntz, Shirley McDaniel, Jo McIntyre, Karen Sitton-Saxberg, Tami Compton-Spears, Shirley Venhaus, and Cliff Watts. Cliff was just elected to his first term on the board but has been an important part of the Society, along with his wife, Pam, his mother, Joanne, and his father, Glen, for many years.

I would also like to note that Tami not only serves as a director on the board, but is also the chair of our Activities & Events Committee and the talented editor of our newsletter.

May you all have a wonderful 2012!

Carolyn Meeker
YCHS President
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Submitted: January 20, 2012

Wrecks And Robbers



*Stagecoach at Trask Mountain
1906*

In July, 1901, a stage struck a rock just east of the Trask Toll Gate. The driver was thrown off to the ground, the four horse team ran away down a steep hill and the whole rig ended in an awful pile-up. At least three men were injured and one of them died there beside the road. In September, 1901, the outgoing North Yamhill and Tillamook stage, on a Tuesday, upset nine miles west of Yamhill, at Fairdale, about 11 o'clock that evening. A commercial traveler

named McKinzie had two or three ribs broken. No one else was injured and no serious damage resulted to the team or stage. Driver George Maddox was in charge. In October, 1902, the stage was held up at 9PM by a lone highwayman four miles west of North Yamhill where the road ran through a dense forest. The robber did not disturb the mail sacks but looted each person and his luggage. He was never caught. The stage ordinarily left Yamhill at four AM daily but this trip had begun at 8PM Saturday. In March, 1904, there were 14 feet of snow on the Coast Range summit. Years later, Uncle John Williams told us that when the mail was taken through on foot, the mailman sat on top of a telegraph pole to eat his lunch.

Slow Settles The Dust In Oregon by Norris H. Perkins

Board Meeting Recap ~ December 14, 2011

The following recap is a condensed version of not-yet approved minutes from the board meeting.

Committee Reports: All committee reports are filed in the record book with the minutes in the Lafayette Log Cabin.

- ♦ **Miller Museum**—will be closed to the public in January, volunteers will be working Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10-4 on projects in the museum. All helpers are welcome!
- ♦ **Lafayette Site Committee**—Bid accepted for work on the Poling Church.
- ♦ **Activities and Events Committee**—2012 calendar distributed with known meeting dates. The April general meeting was scheduled for Easter Sunday so at the next general meeting a vote needs to be taken to change that to the second Tuesday, April 10. Handmade Holiday a huge success. The importance of good signage was discussed. Willamette Heritage Center at Mission Mill in Salem event discussed.
- ♦ **Membership**—Carlene Kadell reported that we now have 431 paid members including 53 life members and over 100 complimentary memberships.
- ♦ **Property Development Committee**—working on obtaining bids for concrete apron and ADA sidewalks. A storage shed

on skids will be put in for garden supplies. The committee is investigating changing the direction of the large light at the entrance on Durham Lane. They are also reviewing new signage for the Heritage Center. The cost to move the Hutchcroft School is estimated to be over \$27,000 not including the foundation.

New Business:

- ♦ We discussed the issue of whether or not committee members and committee chairs need to be YCHS members. There seemed to be a consensus that committee chairs need to be members but we agreed to look at this issue again at the next board meeting.
- ♦ Cynthia reported that the gutters will be cleaned at the Lafayette Site and she will research getting a quote for annual maintenance.

Unfinished Business:

- ♦ Audit Committee—we will have an informal financial review as required by our bylaws for 2011 rather than a full audit.

Respectfully submitted, Theresa Berthelsdorf, Secretary

Lafayette Buzz

Did you know that...

- ♦ The bookstore features 100+ book titles.
- ♦ “Things sometimes move by themselves.”
- ♦ We have original documents of marriage certificates and school records.
- ♦ We have a Brown Bess rifle given to us from the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office, confiscated from a local drug raid.
- ♦ We have an early Victorian baby carriage from the once-prosperous community of Whiteson.
- ♦ We have several items from the original county jail including a ball and chain, and jail bars which shows evidence that someone may have tried to escape. Saw anyone?.....
- ♦ We have a lovely framed painting of Francis Scott Cook, sister of Abigail Scott Duniway.
- ♦ AND...we have the best volunteers in the county!

Observations

The road glittered as we gathered for our morning walk.

How rare to see clear skies—this time of year.

Our path through the trees a corridor

While above an avenue of heaven

With tree fringed edges.

Through openings in the trees

The ember-like lights of McMinnville twinkled.

The sky gradually exchanged her cloak of velvet

For one of dove gray—sprinkled lingering stars.

Then it evolved to one with pastel tinted edges.

Coyotes calls were replaced

By a rooster's crow.

Daylight revealed a world

Flocked with crystal.

Keep warm and have a good day, Nancy Thornton

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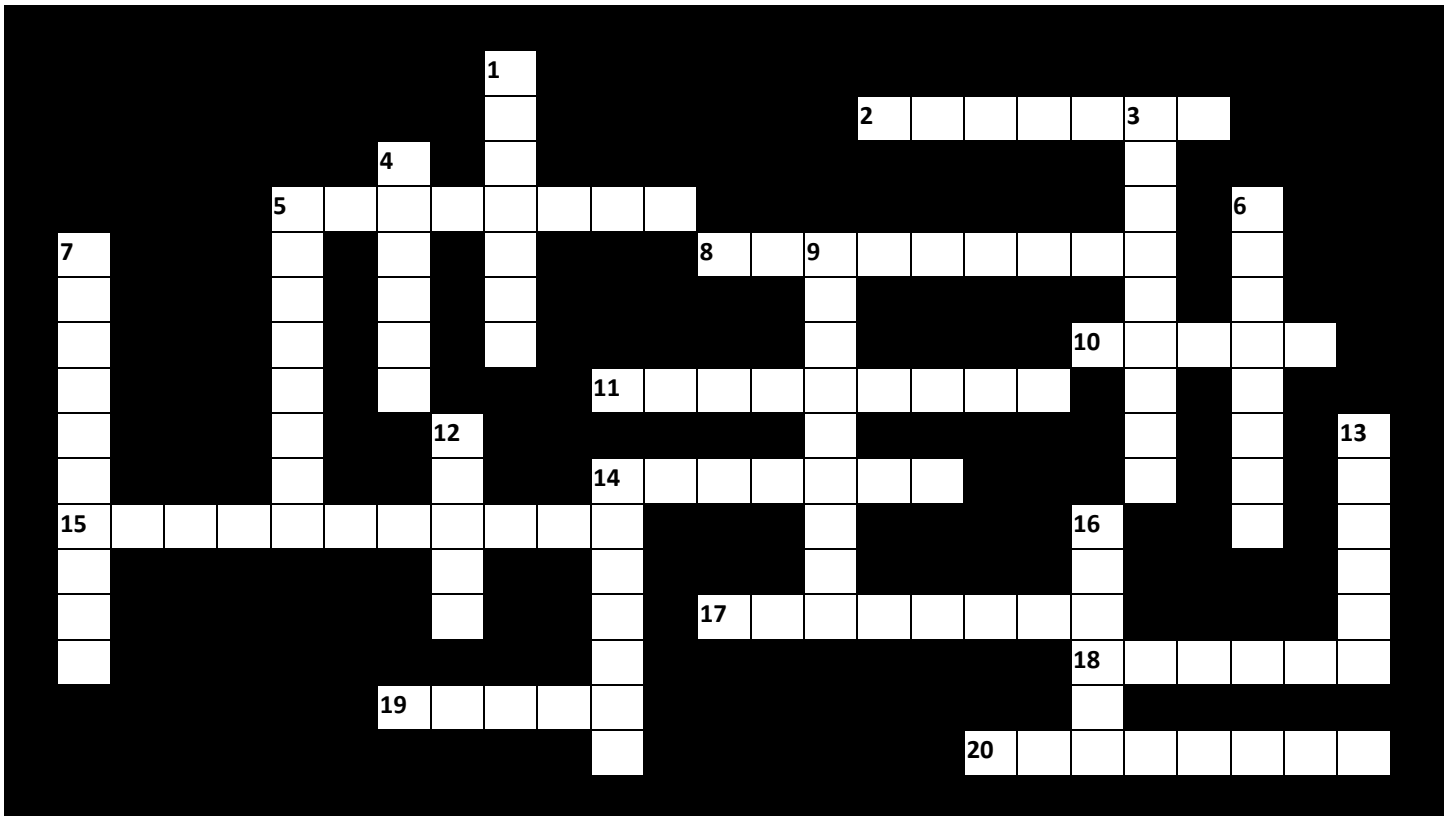
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YCHS Crossword Puzzle—Old Yamhill



Across


2. This town, 10 miles north of McMinnville, was created without a proprietor and for the first 30 years of its existence, the town was not formally platted and recorded in the courthouse.
5. Dundee was named by The Oregon Railway Co. investors whose headquarters were in this European country.
8. This town was named after the creek on whose banks the town sits. The creek was named after Mrs. Maley in 1846.
10. What was the first commercial enterprise conducted on the Dayton town site.
11. The site of this town is on the William Branson donation land claim which he settled in 1850 next to the creek of the same name.
14. Located on the north side of the Willamette River, this town was originally founded as "Chehalem" in 1848.
15. Baker and Newby were the founders of this town.
17. On July 18, 1913, the entire business section as well as many residences of this town were almost leveled by fire, causing \$300,000 in damage.
18. The flood of 1861 took a huge toll on this town. Not a single merchant who had been in business in 1860 was still there in 1870.
19. This street in McMinnville was originally an Indian Trail which the early settlers had followed.
20. In October of 1878, the narrow gauge railroad arrived in this town.

Down

1. On July 4, 1876, this relatively new town hosted the centennial celebration of the county.
3. First county seat in Yamhill County.
4. What was the name of the first newspaper in Amity which started in the early 1890's by J.B. Long?
5. This town, 16 miles southwest of McMinnville, lies at the base of the Coast Mountains.
6. This town was laid out by A.B. Faulconer on his donation land claim sometime in 1865 or 66.
7. What was the first business to operate in Carlton?
9. Situated on the California Trail, this town was a popular starting point for men headed for the California gold mines.
12. This town was incorporated on October 19, 1880 and had a population of 215.
13. In about 1865, the water-powered Merchant Flouring Mill was built by Palmer and Brown in this town.
14. In 1838, the first sawmill in Oregon was built on Chehalem Creek in this modern day town.
16. This town owes its existence to the expansion of the narrow gauge railroad because it was situated at the junction of the east and west side lines.

FIND THE ANSWERS TO THIS CROSSWORD IN THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE WEST SIDE

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	2 Groundhogs Day	3 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	4 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
5	6	7	8 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Board Meeting 4pm	9	10 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	11 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
12 GENERAL MEETING 2-4	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	16	17 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	18 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
19	20 Presidents' Day	21	22 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	23	24 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4	25 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 Heritage Center Open 10-3
26	27	28	29 Lafayette Museum Open 10-4 LEAP YEAR			

Event Locations

- ◆ February 8, 2012—
Board Meeting—
Lafayette Miller Museum
- ◆ February 12, 2012—
General Meeting—7th
Day Adventist, 1500
Old Sheridan Road,
McMinnville

Upcoming Events

- ◆ March 11, 2012—
General Meeting
- ◆ March 14, 2012—Board
Meeting
- ◆ April 10, 2012—General
Meeting
- ◆ April 11, 2012—Board
Meeting
- ◆ May 2012—Pioneer
Days
- ◆ May 8, 2012—General
Meeting
- ◆ May 9, 2012—Board
Meeting

Heritage Center

FOR SALE: The Sawmill has fir wood for sale. It needs splitting. We also have free sawdust.

Call Chuck Kadell at (971) 241-3246

December Crossword Answers

Theme: Origins of Yamhill County Roads

Across: 1. Pumpkinseed, 5. Loganberry, 6. Withycomb, 9. Telegraph, 11. Archery, 14. Sourgrass, 15. Abbey, 16. Poverty, 18. Locks, 19. Savage, 20. Peavine.

Down: 2. Eola, 3. Quarter, 4. Harmony, 7. Bald, 8. Christenson, 10. Amish, 12. Sitton, 13. Muddy, 17. Rice.

Historic Lafayette Museum

605 Market Street
P.O. Box 484
Lafayette, OR 97127

Hours:

Wednesday, Friday, and
Saturday 10—4

Or by appointment
503-864-2308

Yamhill Valley Heritage Center

11275 SW Durham Ln.
McMinnville, OR 97128

Hours:

Saturday 10—3

Abigail Scott Duniway—Continued



Abigail Scott Duniway and her historic vote.

wagon” and “miscellaneous wagon,” and two yoke for “mother’s wagon.” Relatives joined the Scotts with similar complements of wagons and animals, including Cousin Levi Caffee, credited with 10 yoke of oxen.

Tucker reported: “There is in my company 26 souls all told.” By that, he meant 26 men. The women and children were apparently not considered “souls.” As they went along, the Scott wagons were joined by other wagons, affording the party better protection.

Tucker Scott and his family were methodical in planning and executing their trip. Each child had a job; Abigail’s was to keep an accurate journal. This was a great relief to her as she had not been looking forward to the trip. She makes no mention of romance, but one of her sisters reported several young men paying a great deal of attention to her on the trail.

A disturbing part of the trip was the number of graves passed each day. Abigail began listing them in her journal: four one day, six another—each one fresh from the wagons just ahead. Just two months from home, the Scott family experienced the first of its own tragedies. They had to leave Ann behind in a unmarked grave, her feather bed serving as her coffin.

Abigail wrote: “We little thought when last Sabbath’s pleasant sun shed upon us his congenial rays that when the next should come it would find us mourning over the sickness and death of our beloved Mother!” Ann took sick at two in the morning and by five that afternoon, she was gone. Abigail reflected long on the fact that her mother did not want to make this trip, but was given no choice in the matter. She began to better understand her mother’s sorrow at her birth.

The young chronicler, who would go on to make quite a mark with her public speaking and writing, provided excellent descriptions of the country and various activities along the trail. In a letter to her grandfather, she told of a murder and ensuing ad hoc trial.

“This is the ninth case of death by violence on the route, three

of whom were executed; the others were murdered. This route is the greatest one for wrangling, discord and abuse of any other place in the world I am certain.”

It was a hard time. The men’s emotions were raw and they were quick to anger. They argued about travel directions, stock care, women’s affections and even places in line. They often exhibited what was described as “general cussedness.” This prompted running feuds and sometimes violence. Many times, it was the women who bore the brunt of the violence.

Tragedy struck again on August 28, when “wee” Willie succumbed to the same illness that claimed his mother. He was buried along the Burnt River, just up from the trail. However, unlike his mother’s grave, his was well-marked: so much so that surviving family members were able to visit it 50 years later.

That first winter in Oregon found Abigail working all hours to help her father with the hotel in Lafayette. Being anxious to get out from under her father’s authority, she took a job teaching in Eola that next spring. A young farmer in the area began courting her, and she soon became Mrs. Ben Duniway. Being used to the hardships of pioneer life, she went cheerfully about the business of wife and mother.

However, her husband co-signed a note against her advice and lost their farm. She recalled many years later: “I was my husband’s silent partner, with no voice for self-protection, but when penalty accrued, I was his legal representative.” Since they still had a small piece of property near Lafayette, they decided to move back. Not long after that, Ben suffered a farm injury that left him unable to work the rest of his life. Abigail went back to teaching—this time in the Lafayette school. She was distressed to learn women were only paid half what men were paid for the same work.

By now, she was beginning to feel the string of injustice. “I was not an easy convert to equal suffrage,” she recalled in her later writing. “I had been led from childhood to believe that women who demanded ‘rights’ were man-haters, of whom I certainly was not one.

“But a long line of pioneer experiences led me at last into the light, which, when it burst upon me, found me willing to take up the burden. In looking backward, it seems strange to me now that I didn’t sooner see the need of votes for women.”

Abigail’s first entrée into politics came in “Old Lafayette” - know at the time as the “Athens of the West” for the quality of its oratory and debate. When E.D. Baker came to town to campaign for Abraham Lincoln, she decided to go hear him. She needed Ben to take her since the notices for such meetings made it clear that “ladies” were not expected. However, Abigail insisted upon going to the meeting and hearing these speakers.

The halls hosting political rallies soon filled with off-color stories, tobacco smoke and cuss words; making them unsuitable for proper ladies, by custom of the times. Baker drew several hundred men, many of whom rudely hissed when Abigail walked in, but she stuck out his appearance, anyway. Having tasted the men’s world of ideas and discussions, she wanted to be part of it. So she joined several women friends and began attending regular meetings at the Yamhill County Courthouse which was then located in Lafayette. This was the first time in Oregon that

Abigail Scott Duniway—Continued

women exerted their power to become part of the political process. The men were shocked! Abigail responded by telling them they could expect ladies to show up with new and helpful ideas if they would simply put away their “unwholesome ways.”

Abigail’s next move was to ask local churches for time to make her case for women’s participations in political life. She was surprised to encounter resistance from the clergy. They called her a “brazen woman” for proclaiming women the equal of men and refused her pleas. They went on to accuse her of neglecting her children, drinking, smoking and swearing like a man, and even abusing Ben! Some ministers found it impossible to deny her the chance to say a prayer; however, she would often turn them into 20-minute conversations with the Lord about “women’s suffrage.” She found this approach both effective and satisfying.

Her brother, “Harve,” (Harvey Scott) had become editor of The Portland

Oregonian by this time, and Abigail felt sure he would support her cause. But she was wrong! Many bitter conversations occurred between the two. Eventually, Abigail decided she would have to launch her own paper to spread the word.

Abigail moved her family to Portland and began publishing “The New Northwest.” She felt “half the women are overtaxed and underpaid while the other half are frivolous, idle and expensive. Both of these conditions of society are wrong.” This became the underlying theme of her often-salty paper.

Abigail took her fight for women’s suffrage into Idaho and Washington and gained more acceptance than she had in her own state. Apparently, the men in Oregon felt that if women had the right to vote, they would vote in prohibition. And, of course, that eventually proved the case.

In 1912, Abigail finally saw the successful results of her long battle. A constitutional amendment granting women

the right to vote passed 61,000 to 57,000 among the men of the day. Later, at the age of 81, Abigail Scott Duniway became the first woman to vote in the state of Oregon!

Looking back in her autobiography, Abigail wrote: “The young women of today—free to speak, to write, to choose their occupations—should remember that every inch of their freedom was bought with a great price. It is for them to show their gratitude by helping onward the reforms of their own time by spreading the light of freedom and truth still wider. The debt that each generation owes to the past, it must pay to the future.”

All of her brothers and sisters took active roles in the development of Oregon; all exerting significant influences. But, perhaps none had the impact of Abigail, who helped change the destiny of women across the country.

Tales From the Past by Jim and Reita Locket



Abigail Scott Duniway signing the suffrage amendment.

Ken Knutson

The year 2011 has brought little change to dear dad, Ken Knutson. He’s slowed down a bit in cognition but remains ever faithful with his warm smiles and occasional bursts of humor. He continues to endear himself with the staff and we are quite fortunate to trust his care to them without reserve.

Today 20 of us enjoyed

a rare Knutson Family get-together with Dad at Dallas Retirement Village and celebrated the tradition honed over the years by Mom and Dad...STOCKINGS! The room was filled with laughter, traditional goodies, humorous gifts, Butterfinger candy bars and lottery tickets. Our thanks to Katie, Trudy’s youngest,

for the declaration that Stockings must occur. Dad was connected and was able to register each of us!

Thank you one and all for the notes and cards for Dad. We open them with him, sharing the sentiments and photos while reliving a bit of history with each.

Written on behalf of Ken, Emilie Malloy

“Thanks to each presenter at the last December 8 general meeting. It was a great informative overview for the year ahead and an opportunity for our volunteers to find their niche in our growing society.”

Joanne Watts



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