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MUSEUM HOURS Saturdays and  
 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 4 days a week during the tourist season.

NOVEMBER YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER 1989

MEETING: Tuesday, November 14, Bible Baptist Church, 5th and Market Streets, Lafayette

POTLUCK SUPPER at 6:30. Bring own table service. visitors welcome.

PROGRAM will be about the Yamhill River and Falls.

1989 is the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Yamhill County Historical Museum in the Old Church in Lafayette. We're not letting the year go by without a celebration. On Nov. 12 we're giving special invitations to everyone to come and visit the Museum. There will be special exhibits and tours and refreshments will be served. All members are especially urged to be there because we'll need your help. Local dignitaries and members from other museums and historical societies in the surrounding counties will be invited, too.

YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
 Sunday, Nov. 12, 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
 New exhibits  
 Refreshments  
 Everybody Come!  
 6th and Market Streets  
 Lafayette Oregon

MUSEUM NOTES

Our volunteers at the Museum this summer were an outstanding group of people. All of them not only were there to greet visitors but went the extra mile in keeping the museum clean and in order.

A lot of the people who stop to see our exhibits are also looking for information on ancestors who have lived in Yamhill County. We have been able to help a good many of them and they, in turn, have shared information and pictures with us. One picture we were able to get a copy of, was taken about 1885 of the original Lafayette school before any changes were made to it. It is quite different than any other picture we have of the school.

A big thank you to George Williams for setting up the schedule of volunteers to man the museum.

## HISTORICAL NOTES

The following was among some material that was donated to the Museum by the Banks family of the Yamhill-Carlton area. It is an account of a trip to the beach-- year unknown. The route is interesting. The writer writes of going to Midway, which is about five miles beyond Old Grand Ronde on the road to Hebo, and from there to Boyer, which was on the Salmon River Cut-Off. An old county map printed in the 1920s or 1930s shows such a road. The puzzling thing is the "sulphur springs". Does anyone remember where they were? The only name mentioned is Jones (Jonas) Howell. He came to the county in about 1872 and soon married Julia Wright, daughter of an early Yamhill County pioneer family. Julia died in 1910 so she would have been dead by the time this trip to the beach was taken. On some records his name is spelled Jonas but Jones appears to be the most common. It is copied here as it was originally written. The original is in pencil written on tablet pages.

Left Yamhill Monday Aug 11 stoped in McMinnville long enough for Jones Howell to collect some outfit for going with us. stoped at the river this side of Sheridan for lunch. After lunch proceeded to Grand Rond nothing of consequence happening. camped for the first night.

Tuesday the 12 started at 7 o'clock meeting several Autos and other passengers untill we arrived at Midway there we began the climb of the mountains arriving at Boyer at 10 A.M. After passing through toll gate and climbing some more mountains we arrive at the Sulphur springs where some of the crowd drank coiously of of the water while others were content with the smell of the water. after lunch we proceeded to Boulder Bridge where we find some of our McMinnville folks camped. Where we also went into camp the second night with one fish for five persons to eat but thanks to the forethought of the good people for providing lots of eatables.

(to be continued)

- Ruth Stoller

Are your DUES up-to-date? Please check your records, or call the Financial Secretary. It is important that membership does not lag. Dues, \$5.00 per individual, are due at the beginning of the year.

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### MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Please print)

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Street, etc. \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: \$5.00 per individual, yearly

I would like to make an additional tax deductable contribution of \_\_\_\_\_