

# YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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DATE: TUESDAY May 11th, 1982 7:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Yamhill Elementary School, Yamhill, Oregon (drive around  
in back of school to cafeteria)  
POTLUCK: Bring your own service  
PROGRAM: History of the Yamhill area

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### MUSEUM NEWS

Good weather brings spring flowers and garden work. Several half days were spent in the yard at the museum to take out stumps and dig out unwanted clumps of grass- also to prune shrubs and pick up litter.

We were closed for Easter Sunday. Recently we have had a nice group of visitors and scout troops to come visit.

We are planning a general house cleaning soon. Our rental house has been reroofed and a renter is finally in. Mr. Harvey Stoller, his hired man, and Mr. Long of Lafayette put the new roof on.

Recently we have had a membership request from Fairbanks, Alaska. They hear about us in far-away places. Glad to have them.

There will be only one more meeting before our summer vacation. Our August newsletter will tell more about our September meeting and our summer activities. On June 15th, we will start having an open house Wednesday through Sunday 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. for tourist season. We will need some volunteers to help man the museum. Everyday is a little too much for one or two people. If anyone can help out, be sure to let us know so we can make a schedule.

Many thanks to Floyd Bunn who copied a photo of the Block house and residences when it was located at Grand Ronde. It was moved to Dayton in 1911. It is the only picture we have with some of the other buildings. We would like to know when it was built.

We also received a man's wedding tux with a white vest- and we need a man manequin to display it on.

Call 472-7935 for an appointment during the week. Otherwise, we are still open weekends from 1:00 until 4:30 p.m..

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1982 DUES

Dues for the current year are \$3.00 per individual and can be mailed to Mrs. Evelyn Nieman, 1501 S. Baker Street, Sp. 49, McMinnville, OR 97128.

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HISTORY NOTES

Submitted by Ruth Stoller

EXCERPTS FROM THE DIARY OF MELISSA ELLEN PAYNE--concluded  
(Sent to us by Melissa's great grandson, John J. Payne, Jr. of San Diego, CA.)

Wednesday December 31. We laid a new hearth today. got 31 brick from Mr. Sawyer. Martin bought four cans of Oysters, one pound of crackers, one pound of candy for dinner tomorrow \$1.75. I have been cooking and baking ~~this evening preparing for the New Year that will soon be hear in less than three hours.~~ 1873 will be no more or rather past never to return. I am I think sorry to give it up. It has been a pleasant year with me. I have had no great sorrow or trouble, happiness and pleasure has exceeded. We have not I think lived exceeding our income. Martin has had a good practice and not lost a single case. I have not done all that I could have done this year but I think I have done some thing worth living for each day. I have tried to keep a correct account of what I and my children have had bought for us this year. I could not keep account of what Martin bought for himself because I do not know. I have not finished the work I intended to do this year. I have 12 yards of calico, 10 yards of muslin not made. I hve received letters that I should have answered this year. Have had no very serious sickness in my family this year and mostly lived in peace with my Neighbors. I try to be just in all my dealings and try to live a morrel and honest though not religious life. I intend to try and be more industrious next year and keep my work in better order. I have all the necessary comforts of life, a kind indulgent husband and four dear boys. God help me to train them in the way they should go. I hope they may be true Men. I ask a blessing on my husbands labor for the sufferers sake. I will now close for 1873.

Melissa Ellen Payne