

The West Side

Newsletter and Journal of the Yamhill County Historical Society

January 2003

Quilt Presentation a big hit

Donna Tatom Hulett of Sheridan, assisted by Marjorie Owens, gave a very interesting presentation on the history and making of Quilts. History records that quilts were made in the early 1400's. These were made of cotton and wool, products which were available to them. Our pioneers saved scraps of fabric that could be used. Some were turned into crazy quilts which could show off embroidery stitches. The importance of a needle to early pioneers was stressed. Sometimes a needle was transported in a potato so it would not be lost. It was suggested that a girl needed thirteen quilts before she could be married in order to take care of her family.



Later, quilts were made for 'causes' and some for memory quilts. A well known quilt in Oregon is the Murder quilt from Willamina, which was made during the 1915 trial of Anna Booth and William Branson, defendants for the murder trial of William booth. Forty seven names were put on the quilt, representing the witnesses who were called during the trial. Much mystery surrounds this trial. This quilt is now on display at the Oregon Historical Society facility in Portland. It has been much studied and photographed.

Some older quilts are on display in the Willamina Museum. Our Log building museum has a display of eighteen quilts from our collection. Many quilts were shown from Donna and Marjorie's collection during the presentation. The care and storage of quilts was also given, and one example of how sunlight can cause dramatic fading of colors was displayed. We thank Donna and Marjorie for their efforts in giving an interesting program.



From our President

Happy New Year "2002"! While reflecting on the many events during the past year, personal, business & volunteer activities, I find the good certainly outweighs the stressful. Thank Goodness!! The "Poling Memorial Church" is finally on the National Historical Registry. Now, when matching funds from the Historic Preservation Society or any other source are available, we will paint!! Once that is completed we will put up "The Plaque", thanks to a donation from the Knutsons. Eileen, Julie & Kathy continue to work on the huge task of inventorying everything we have collected at the museum. Now you can access the computer or card index, note the item, donor, & location.

The Society is becoming more computer literate with a web site and easy access to the museum information. We will have classes on computer access sometime soon. Thanks Dan.

Our General Meetings continue to be well attended, delicious food and thanks to Barbara, we have interesting and enlightening programs.

Marjorie continues to impress us with her expertise in many fields which include kids & Christmas tree decorating, bulletin board displays, quilting and many more talents. I might mention her looking for the "Illusive Outhouse" for someone. Thank you !!

Dan continues to produce a bigger & better newsletter plus the "2003 Calendar".

The "Nomadic Teacher" program is in its second year. Even with the school budget cuts it continues to be a welcome program with the teachers. Barbara has acquired grants which almost cover expenses. Thanks Barbara.

Tours of the museum by school and adult groups continue to happen with the able assistance of Twila, Lois, Shirley & Ed.

As you see I could go on and on with those who help the Society. There are those who do things you don't hear about but are so important to the continued operation and betterment of the museum. Thank you, Thank you!! I might mention I used the word "continue" several times but hopefully that is what we are doing.

Now we are entering the year "2003" with volunteers, programs and projects too numerous to mention. It is exciting to know we can and will progress and continue to grow. I look forward to working with all of you. Know that I am available to you via cell phone (434-0567). Good, Bad, or Otherwise, feel free to contact me. May you find pleasure in your Home, Family, Friends and be blessed with Good Health!!

Sincerely, Shirley.

The Yamhill County Historical Society is a nonprofit tax exempt educational and public service corporation established to protect, preserve and share the history and heritage of Yamhill County

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<p>MUSEUM HOURS</p> <p><u>September 1 - May 31:</u> Sat-Sun 1 to 4 PM</p> <p><u>June 1—August 30:</u> Fri-Sat-Sun 1 to 4 PM or By Appointment</p> <p>605 Market Street Lafayette Oregon Phone: 864-2308</p> <p>Email: history@onlinemac.com</p> <p>Websites: YCHS is at http:// sites.onlinemac.com/ history & historic photo gallery is at</p> <p>© 2002 YCHS</p>	<p>Board Meeting Highlights</p> <p>Log Building, Lafayette December 2, 2002</p> <p><u>Roll Call</u>: The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM by President Shirley Venhaus with the following signed in: Barbara Knutson, Eileen Lewis, Dan Linscheid, Annita Linscheid, Lila Jackson, Francis Dummer, Marjorie Owens, Shirley Venhaus, and Shirley McDaniel.</p> <p><u>Old Business</u>:- A donation check has come in to pay for the second half of the printing of Old Yamhill. <u>Information Clarification</u>: Oregon Cultural Trust - YCHS can request grant monies from them. Must be a 501 - C 3. We are. McMinnville Area Cultural Association - (MACA) - Funds may be requested from them, do not need to have a 501 - C 3 status. We have the opportunity to participate. Lila moved, Dan seconded a motion to put off our participation in MACA until we know more about how it will work. Motion passed. <u>Family History Event</u>: The Mormon Church is planning an event for April 26, 2003, from 10 to 4. We have been invited to participate. Barbara moved, Frank seconded, a motion to have Marjorie and Eileen find out more about this activity at their next planning meeting on Wednesday, December 11, and report back to the board. Motion passed. <u>Covered Wagon Update</u>: We have a copy of the property plat and a letter from the Fair Board. Next, we need the city of Lafayette to approve moving the wagon to our site. Gloria Lutz is working on this project. <u>Holiday Event</u>: Will be held December 7th from 12:30 to 4. Quilts will be on display up-stairs in the Log Building. Elma will be monitoring and providing information on the quilts. Dan moved, Barbara seconded, a motion to sell a box of blue jars that have been sorted from our duplicates. Motion passed.</p> <p><u>New Business</u>. The Poling Evangelical Church (our Museum) went on the National Registry of Historical Places on October 31, 2002. It took one year to get the approval. <u>Collection Policy</u>: needs to be reviewed again. It was up-dated a few years ago. Everyone needs to read it through. <u>Back-Kitchen area</u>: Bob Carter will check on this so it could be used for a work area "Free is a good price." <u>Board Meetings</u>: General members may attend board meetings Those wanting to address the board need to call ahead, any reports be</p>	<p><u>Other Business</u>: <u>E-mail</u>: we need a system for taking care of these messages so they don't pile up. They should be answered promptly. <u>Old Phone Books</u>: A set of duplicates will be put in the reference library. Any extras can be sold. <u>Sun-screens</u>: South and West windows in the museum need screens, and West window in the log building needs one. Shirley V. will look into pricing. <u>Audit committee</u>: Shirley V. will appoint.</p> <p><u>Next Board meeting</u>: will start at 5.00 on December 10. General meeting at 6.30. Respectfully, Shirley McDaniel, Secretary</p> <p>New Photos online</p> <p>We now have over 700 photos of olden times and places in Yamhill County online at http://www.co.yamhill.or.us. These are in large part made possible by the diligent efforts of people like Olive Mary Johnson, who has volunteered in her photography efforts for this society for decades. Next time you see Olive, please offer your thanks for her many rewarding efforts.</p>

Board Meeting Highlights

Seventh Day Adventist Church, McMinnville
December 10, 2002

Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 5:08 PM by President Shirley Venhaus with the following signed in: Shirley Venhaus, Ed Roghair, Dan Linscheid, Annita Linscheid, Francis Dummer, Eileen Lewis, Marjorie Owens, Barbara Knutson, Lila Jackson, Shirley McDaniel, Carol Reid. Barbara Doyle also attended. The minutes of the October and November board meetings, as sent to the board members, were approved on a motion made by Dan, seconded by Eileen, and approved. The Treasurer's report was sent by Treasurer Betty Brown. November income \$1,260; expenses \$1,760.83; net minus \$500.83. Expenses for calendar - \$999.50. Sales so far \$511. Francis moved to pay the current bills. Motion passed. Membership/Financial Secretary Lila reported 12 renewals and one new member -Lisa Harmer. Ed Roghair has a new address: 900 Hill Road #474, McMinnville, OR 97128. Volunteer Chair Eileen reported that volunteers are in place for this season. Corresponding Secretary Marjorie reported 8 pieces of correspondence, including sympathy, get-well's, and Oregon Roadside Council. Research George Williams is researching the grist stones' history. They are in front of the log building. Some informational plaques may be added.

Old Business: Report-Holiday event: Fifty one signed in. May have had more. Many students were in attendance. Money turned in was \$315.60. This was from sales of calendars, books, membership, and bazaar items. Barbara Doyle, Joanne Watts, and Marjorie Owens were thanked for their work, organization and leadership in managing this successful event. They will meet to evaluate and decide what to suggest for next year. We are waiting notification of when funds will be available to apply for an Historic Preservation Grant. Back Room in the Museum: Plan is to make it into a work area with minimum expense. Wiring needs to be done professionally. Francis moved, Barbara seconded, to have Shirley Venhaus get bids for electricity wiring. Motion passed. A & E thinks the Red Box that is not hooked up could be removed and we could get some money back for parts. Window treatment and carpet can be donated. Window in back door leaks air. Needs work. Bob Carter will donate his work. Old Yamhill printing bill has been paid by donations. Point of order was raised about any proposed by-laws change. Discussion was held. Eileen moved, Dan seconded, to have two signatures required on all checks. Motion passed. Dan moved, Eileen seconded, to have the treasurer send out a monthly written report before the board meetings so they could be studied by board members. Motion passed. Marjorie raised concerns that monies donated for specific uses be listed separately so that donors can see where and when their monies are spent. This is recommended by the state society. The board appointed the financial secretary as the third signature for check signing (in case one of the usual two persons was unavailable). Elections and installation should be at the December meeting. Term begins in January. New Business: Audit Committee: Ken Williams and Gloria Lutz have been appointed.

Question whether we must have a professional audit. Concerns on the cost. Shirley V. will check on this. Custodial agreement -Agreement paper has been received re: 14 binders and donation of a filing cabinet. Tabled to be on next month's agenda. The Oregon Roadside Council Grant has sent the balance of \$155. End of year financial statement is needed by January 4 for a grant application. Ray Kauer would like a committee appointed to decide on donation items. Ed Roghair and Mr. Watts were suggested. Antique Powerland was also suggested. Preservation Committee still needs to ask Millie Armstrong to participate. Computer training class will be given by Dan and will be scheduled in January. Date will be in the newsletter.

Respectfully, Shirley McDaniel, Secretary

Books to be auctioned at January meeting

The Board of Directors has authorized an oral auction to be held at our next regular meeting of the below listed books. These are all duplicates of volumes currently in our museum, and were deemed surplus:

Telephone Directories:

Lafayette—Yamhill - 1960
Dayton—Lafayette—Grand Island—1963
Dayton—Lafayette—Grand Island—1964
McMinnville—Amity—1964
Dayton—Lafayette—Grand Island— Yamhill —1965
Dayton—Lafayette—Grand Island— Yamhill —1966-67
Dayton—Lafayette—Grand Island— Yamhill —1968-69
(2) Dayton—Lafayette—Grand Island— Yamhill —1969-70
Dayton—Lafayette—Grand Island— Yamhill —1970-71
Dayton—Lafayette—Grand Island— Yamhill —1972
Dayton—Lafayette—Grand Island— Yamhill —1973
(2) Dayton—Lafayette—Grand Island— Yamhill —1974
Dayton—Lafayette—Grand Island— Yamhill —1975
Dayton—Lafayette—Grand Island— Yamhill —1976
All of these have listings for Amity, Whiteson and McMinnville: the 1960 edition indicates the older 4 and 5 digit telephone numbers.

The Lincolnian—McMinnville High School Yearbooks: 1912—2 copies, 1914, 1915—2 copies, and 1916. These all contain photos of the various classmates, descriptions of the school, it's faculty, the sports teams as well as various articles and jokes and advertisements by business establishments in the town. The 1914 Domestic Sciences class (females only) shows 21 young ladies in what appears to be nursing gowns, while the Manual Training class (males only) shows 20 young men in suits and ties over which they wear aprons to operate the new lathes, band saw and other equipment to train them for their future employment.

The Northwest, by B.C. Payette, hardbound, excellent cond., 731 pages. This is a 1964 private reprint for Payette Radio Limited, with photos, sketches and at least one fold-out map

Jesse Edwards of Newberg

By Dan Linscheid

Reading the biographical histories compiled from many sources, one cannot help but be impressed with the life story of Jesse Edwards, whose business acumen and vision for the future of this county were formidable. Born in Coatstown, Indiana on February 8, 1849, Jesse was raised in Guilford as the only child of John and Abigail (Stanley) Edwards. His father was a speculator in land ventures as well as a stock-raiser, and he prospered in his undertakings and was respected as a man of honesty and integrity.

Jesse attended the "common" schools in his hometown and graduated high school at Westfield, Indiana, in Hamilton County. He next entered Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College in Indianapolis, Indiana, and topped his studies with a course at the University of Michigan in Pharmacy. He opened a drug store in Mooresville, Indiana, where his business efforts were well awarded, but he next returned to his father's farm, where he managed the cultivation of grain and the raising and transportation of stock. He purchased and moved to a 160 acre farm in Hamilton County, Indiana, where he raised cattle, horses and hogs. He remained there for three years, after which he returned to his parents farm, which he purchased and operated for an additional three years.

In May of 1870, Jesse married Mary Kemp, at Plainfield, in Hendricks county, Indiana. They were blessed with four children, three boys and a daughter. While still in Indiana, Jesse served as recording minister of a local Friends church. In August of 1880 the family, with children ranging from 9½ to 1½ years of age, moved to Dayton, Oregon, where they spent the first winter accompanied by the Ezra H. Woodward family. These families knew each other well, both having attended the Friends Church in Indiana and subsequently traveling together to Oregon by rail and boat, via San Francisco, a laborious two week journey. Woodward later purchased the Newberg Graphic, which he operated from 1890 until 1921. Having a newspaper publisher as longtime friend and associate greatly assisted Jesse in his endeavors.

In the summer of 1881, Jesse bought most of the north half of the Peter Hagey farm, on the J. B. Rogers Donation Land Claim, comprised of 184 acres, for \$25 per acre. Jesse soon acquired two additional parcels, expanding his interests to include all of what we now call Newberg lying south of first street and between the old Dayton Avenue and Wynooski street, extending south to the Willamette River. At that time there were no homes between Mrs. Deskins' (near the intersection of First & Meridian streets) and the old Rogers place, near what would later become the C.K. Spaulding sawmill. Years later Clarence J., eldest son of Jesse and Mary, would refer to this East Chehalem valley area as the "Grubby End" of the county. In 1881, the road between Dayton and what was to become Newberg was lined with scrubby timber and stump patches, and it was neither graded nor graveled. This is what we now call Dayton Avenue.

In 1882 Jesse bought a small store located on Portland Road, east of Newberg near the Friends cemetery. Shortly after, he entered into partnership with Jessie Hobson, and the two moved the store to a point just east of Center Street facing First Street. It was in this vicinity that the first small village took root. Also about this time, Jesse started up a small sawmill with partners Albert Heater and Frank Hadley. There was abundant fir logwood standing nearby, and within a few years Jesse bought out his partners. This mill was eventually moved to Chehalem Mountain where it was operated by John Brown, Alfred Reece and Jesse. When the railroad was constructed in the area most of the lumber for trestles was furnished by this mill. In 1883, Jesse hired retired U.S. Deputy Surveyor J.C. Cooper to survey out his initial town site.

In the spring of 1884, Jesse sold enough land in the center of his 80 acre wheat field to allow construction of the Friends Pacific Academy. The academy opened in the fall of 1885. Instrumental in this endeavor were his old friend Ezra Woodward, partner Jesse Hobson, D.J. Wood and George Mitchell. These gentlemen arranged to have Dr. & Mrs. H. F. Minthorn, superintendent of the Chemawa Indian School in Salem, operate the academy. This institution was to have a profound effect on the eventual development of Newberg. The Minthorn's later became better known as caregivers for Herbert Hoover, or "Tad" as he was known to his friends.

This was obviously a very busy time in Jesse's life. This same year in partnership with Quincy Hoskins, a drain tile factory adjacent to Blaine street near Dayton Avenue was established. Jesse later bought out Quincy's interest and the plant was eventually sold to Matthew Terrell. In the following year, Jesse, Benjamin Miles, Frank Morris and Jessie Hobson joined in with others to create the Bank of Newberg. Benjamin died within a few months of this event and Jesse served as president of the bank for the next 15 years. This bank was eventually reorganized as the United States National



Jesse Edwards

In 1892, in partnership with John Witherell, Jesse started the Newberg Pressed Brick and Terracotta Company, which remained in operation until 1904, whereupon the plant was relocated to Willamina, where it remained in and was operated by the family until 1974. Within a year Mr. Witherell sold his interest in the firm to Jesse. In 1896, Jesse built the railroad spur track from the main line down Bridge street to the brick plant.

When the Friends Church found itself in need of a new meeting place, the congregation asked Jesse to serve as chairman of the building committee. Jesse was also a member of the public school board when the first school building was erected. During some of his abundant spare time(!) he served several terms as Mayor or city councilor of Newberg.

In 1901, Jesse's son Clarence worked to bring electricity to Newberg. With his father and another brother (Oran K.), Clarence secured a franchise from the city. For a short period, Clarence leased the engine that powered the brick plant to power the few lights in the city. In 1906, the C.K. Spaulding Lumber Company joined with Clarence in this endeavor and the Yamhill Electric Company was organized. A new power generation plant was constructed near the Southern Pacific station and the first 24 hour electric power was provided. Within three years, the firm was approached by the towns of Dayton and Lafayette for extension of service to those communities. Permits to construct power facilities were issued by the county to Yamhill Electric, and the business continued to grow and prosper.

Jesse returned east in 1885 to Philadelphia in gaining financial support for the new Friends Pacific Academy, now known as George Fox University. While there, he solicited buyers for his city lots as well as a number of 10 acre plots he had laid out. The Quaker community continued to grow in leaps and bounds!

In those early days, upon arrival of a sternwheeler at Rogers Landing, the ships' whistle would let out a distinctive blast, alerting Jesse that there was freight awaiting his attention at waters edge. He would hitch up his wagon and team and meander the narrow lane to the landing.

Newberg was originally platted by David Wood and William Ruddick in 1881 in the northwest section of the present city. H.S. Maloney, County Surveyor, laid out 27 lots for the partners, who believed the soon to be completed railroad would locate adjacent to their subdivision. Unfortunately they were ahead of their time, and the railroad did not arrive for another six years. With the opening of the railroad in 1887, this westerly end of town started to thrive,

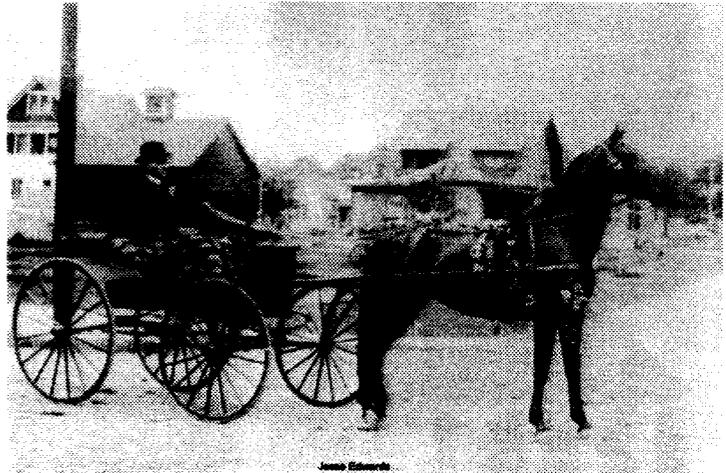
with hotels springing up near the new depot. As time went on, the town(s) of Newberg expanded toward each other, melding the west and east sides into one larger city.

When the Brick Plant moved to Willamina in 1904, Jesse's son Oran K. assumed operations. Oran's son Gerald assumed the reigns in 1955 but by the early 1970's it became apparent for a number of reasons that it was time to



close the plant. A third son, Walter F., became a wholesale and retail dealer in wood and builders supplies in Portland. Their daughter Mabel became a talented artist, proficient in both painting and music. Jesse's wife Mary passed away in 1923, and Jesse followed her in passing on December 16, 1924, in Newberg.

On three occasions Jesse travelled back east to gain support for the Friends Pacific Academy. Jesse may well be called one of the founding fathers of Newberg, since he not only owned and developed the site of the town, but promoted it's growth for many years. His endeavors also clearly impacted the growth in the west end of Yamhill County, in Willamina.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Effective May 31, 2002

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend	\$50+
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporter	\$100+
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Builder	\$250+
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Benefactor	\$500+

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**YAMHILL COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Meeting Notice

Board of Directors:

Tuesday, January 14, 5:00 pm

Monthly Meeting & Potluck:

Tuesday, January 14, 6:30

**Both at the Seventh Day Adventist Church,
in McMinnville.**

Our January meeting will feature of **Paul Clock**, discussing the Building of the Tillamook Railroad. Please join us for dinner; bring potluck fare and your own eating utensils.

Note: if you are interested in volunteering to help us field research inquiries via our email, please meet at the Log Building on January 19, 2003 at 1:00 p.m., for a brief training class. We'd really like to see more participation with this!