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The West Side

Newsletter and Journal of the Yamhill County Historical Society

Yamhill County Historical Society & Museum

Preserving our Past, Enriching our Future

Blacksmith Shop Construction

The first building you come to when you drive into the Heritage Center is the Blacksmith shop to the left. Chuck Kadell with the help of Ike Bay and Dean Moxley designed the structure. Sponsoring the build were Bob Squires, Milly Armstrong, and Chuck and Carlene Kadell. The construction crew, lead by Chuck, was made up of Dean Holdahl, Don King, Dean Tessman, Alan Tessman, Vince Haworth, Dean Moxley, and Chuck's grandsons Nathan and Ryan Lee. Viesko Quality Concrete of Keizer donated the concrete for a section inside the building on which to put some of the machinery. This was truly a community effort.

During special events blacksmithing will be demonstrated.

Needs for the One-Room Schoolhouse Display

We are in the process of building a one-room schoolhouse display. The volunteers at the Heritage Center have been milling the lumber for it. We will, at the present, have this display in the first building that was built at the Durham site. When we are ready to build the one-room schoolhouse on the grounds, we will tear down the display and use the material in the larger building outside.

The schoolhouse outside will be modeled after the Eagle Point/Muddy Valley School. The education that we will conduct within the school for today's school children will center around the time of 1890 or so. The desks that we will be using are the simple rough cut bench and table. The teacher's desk will be a simple table and chair.

We are looking for the following items to put in the display and we will transfer these items to the building outside when it is built:

- Regulator clock
- Blackboard
- School bell outside—that will be put in a cupola
- U.S. Flag from 1890 (43 stars) (3' x 5')
- Picture of George Washington and/or Abraham Lincoln (approx. size of 30 x 18 inches)

If you have any of these items that you would like to donate, please contact Gloria Lutz at 503.472.7563 or email glutz@onlinemac.com

If you would like to receive your newsletter via email, please let Gloria Lutz (glutz@onlinemac.com) know. If you do, you receive the newsletter first and you help the society save money on printing and postage.

Mary Bywater Cross

Mary Bywater Cross will be holding a quilt seminar at Tillicum on February 16th. After the seminar she will be stopping by with her class to look at our quilts in the log cabin .

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Presidents Letter

Greetings! It's a new year, a new decade, and I am a new president for YCHS! For those of you who do not know me, I will, briefly, tell you a bit about myself.

I first came to Yamhill County as a 19 year old bride from Texas with my husband, Tony, who is a native of this county.

I hold a BA in Fine Arts from Linfield and served six years on the Oregon Arts Commission with two terms as the chairperson.

As most of our members must be, I am a history buff, and that interest is what drew me to this organization. Also, Shirley Venhaus and Ken and Pat Williams invited me and my husband to join YCHS. Since joining, I have been both inspired and impressed with the level of volunteerism.

Even though it was not originally in my plans for 2010 to serve as your president, having stepped forward to serve in that capacity, I will do so to the best of my ability.

Thank you to our immediate past president, Bill Roll and our out-going secretary, Kim Courtin for their outstanding service this past year. We welcome all of our new and returning members, and our new board members. Besides me, our new officers for 2010 are Shirley McDaniel, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Theresa Berthelsdorf, and Ken Williams, Treasurer.

Our current Directors are, Past-President, Bill Roll, Bob Vertregt, Karen Sitton-Saxburg, Shirley Venhaus, Phyllis McBride, Tami Spears, Matt Dunckel, and Don Hurless. Also, a special thanks to Marjorie Owens and Eileen Lewis for their past service on the board.

As a last thought, if all of our members would determine to recruit at least one new member this year, we could double our membership in 2010!

Again, thanks to all of our members, and I look forward to seeing you at our next General Meeting at the 7th Day Adventist Church in McMinnville on February 14, Valentine's Day!

Carolyn Meeker, President

Lafayette Site News

We all held our breath as two very large glass cabinets "slid" down the stairs of Miller Log Building. They ended up in the covered wagon trailer along with the sleigh and several more items headed for their new home at the Heritage Center. Many thanks to Cliff Watts and his work crew for all their muscle and patience.

Later that same day Marge Owens and several family members delivered our new shelving units. With the large cabinets gone we now have room for additional storage. We have also added workspace for accessioning and photo activities.

Are you doing a little down-sizing and sorting through those boxes of "treasures?" We would like to expand our photo collection and always appreciate donations of negatives, especially early photos of towns, events, and families in Yamhill County.

The Yamhill Genealogical Society has become a very helpful partner as our research programs expand. We continue to complement each other as we both share the same goal of providing valuable research material to our visitors.

Stop in for a visit. The coffeepot is always on.....

Marge, Louise, and Jean

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

Hours:
Friday & Saturday 10 am to 4 pm
Or by appointment 503-864-2308

Heritage Center
11275 SW Durham Lane McMinnville, OR 97128

Hours:
Saturday
10 am to 3 pm

General Meeting Summary ~ January 10, 2010

- New Board President, Carolyn Meeker, was presented to the YCHS members, (about 40 signed in). President Meeker welcomed members and guests. Members said the Flag Salute and Colin Armstrong led the prayer. The pot-luck was held.
- President Meeker called the meeting to order.
- The December General Meeting minutes were read and approved.
- Treasurer Ken Williams gave a short report, as the bank statements do not come until next week. The bills are paid.
- Marjorie Owens gave the museum report. She reminded members that Mary Bywater Cross will be a visitor at the museum to look at our quilt collection. FMI call Marjorie.
- Barn calendars are being sold for $15.00.
- Bill Roll introduced the 2010 members of the board, that were in attendance. Matt Dunckel was installed at the board meeting.
- Jean Sartor brought copies of "Old Schools of Yamhill," that are for sale.
- Joanne Watts introduced the Program: "Memories of Old Schools" The first presenter was Jeannette Christensen with memories of Broadmead School, which was near Ballston, Perrydale, and Amity. The school started on September 9, 1912 and closed in 1940. Stan Christensen spoke of Oldsville School named for George Olds. Farrel Fuerst told about Kutch School that was 12 miles west of Yamhill. That school was moved three times. Lester and Evelyn Herring told about visiting Old Ironsides when they were in school near San Francisco and Fresno, CA. Pat Williams visited Old Ironsides when it was in Aberdeen, WA.
- There have been 101 school districts in Yamhill County. Here are some things we learned: What were the "Eleanors?" Who was "Queenie Rand?" Where did the log truck dump its load of logs on the school grounds? What about going to school in the summer as the winter was too wet? What about Christmas programs? Or about the swimming hole on the South Yamhill River?

We learned a lot from this interesting program. The meeting was adjourned.

Shirley McDaniel, Interim Secretary

February General Meeting and Potluck

Date: Sunday, February 14, 2010
Time: 2:00 pm Potluck, 3:00 Program
Program: "Celebrating Ewing Young" by Nancy Thornton
Location: 7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Rd., McMinnville

* Researchers *

Oregon Territory archives are now available on the web!

Did you know the state archives records from 1800 to 1860 are now online? The Early Oregonians Project (www.arcwebsos.state.or.us/news/eo.eohtml) offers information from census records, marriage licenses, death certificates, probate filings and other records from 1800 to 1860 to professional and amateur historians.

Thank You New and Renewed Members!

New Members

Family
Eileen Brazil & Vern Yeager

Friends
John & Nancy Nyberg

Planning a Vacation?

Please notify Gloria Lutz (phone: 503-472-7563; email: glutz@onlinemac.com or write to YCHS, PO Box 484, Lafayette, OR 97127). She can forward newsletters to your temporary address or hold them until you return home. Otherwise, your newsletter comes back to YCHS and we have to pay additional postage!!

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February 2010 Happenings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	6 Lafayette Museum open 10—4 Heritage Center open 10—3
7	8	9 Property Development Committee Meeting	10 Board Meeting	11	12 Lafayette Museum open 10—4 *Lincoln's Birthday*	13 Lafayette Museum open 10—4 Heritage Center open 10—3
14 YCHS 2:00 P.M. General Meeting	15 Presidents Day	16 Mary Bywater Cross Visit	17	18	19 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	20 Lafayette Museum open 10—4 Heritage Center open 10—3
21	22 *Washington's Birthday*	23	24	25	26 Lafayette Museum open 10—4	27 Lafayette Museum open 10—4 Heritage Center open 10—3
28	Locations: 2/10: Board Meeting — Lafayette Museum 2/14: General Meeting —7th Day Adventist, 1500 Old Sheridan Rd., McMinnville					

YCHS Upcoming Events

- March 10, 2010—Board Meeting
- March 14, 2010—General Meeting
- April 10, 2010—Farm Fest
- April 13, 2010—General Meeting
- April 14, 2010—Board Meeting
- April 24, 2010—Auction
- May 1-30, 2010—Pioneer Days
- May 11, 2010—General Meeting
- May 12, 2010—Board Meeting
- June 9, 2010—Board Meeting
- July 14, 2010—Board Meeting
- August 7-8, 2010—Harvest Fest
- August 11, 2010—Board Meeting
- September 18, 2010—Treasures in the Attic

Thank You from Farrel

I would like to thank all the ladies who gave a hand with the kitchen this past year. I couldn't have done it without your help.
Happy New Year all members
Farrel Fuerst

Did You Know?

For several years, the Yamhill County Historical Society has offered a variety of books for sale to its members and the public who visit the Research Center in Lafayette. Many of these books were written by people interested in local history or family members doing genealogy research.

The historical society prints several publications which we offer for sale along with biographies and novels from local authors. We try to feature books with a Yamhill County history theme. We have added several children's books with an Early American or history theme.

Available for purchase in our gift shop are early American handmade toys by a local artist, as well as children's pioneer clothing, bonnets, aprons, baby quilts, pin cushions and items forged in our blacksmith shop.

We also sell YCHS logo caps, note cards featuring pictures from our historic photo collection and calendars with scenes from local photographers.

Our publication list is included on our website, www.yamhillcountyhistory.org and we offer mail order service.

Jean Sartor, Publications

Goodbye to a Longtime Friend and Member—Grant R. Youngberg

Grant R. Youngberg 1921—2010

Grant Rowland Youngberg; age 88; died on January 3, 2010 at Osprey Pointe, McMinnville. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at the Grace Baptist Church, Carlton with Pastor Alan Hurty presiding. Grant was laid to rest in the Yamhill Carlton Pioneer Cemetery.

Grant, son of Oscar and Norma Rowland Youngberg, was born on February 17, 1921 in Carlton, Oregon. Grant graduated from Carlton High School in 1940.

He married Elsie Boettcher on November 18, 1945 in McMinnville, Oregon. Grant farmed his land all of his life. He loved antique cars and enjoyed researching family and Yamhill County history.

He was a member of the Grace Baptist Church, Carlton.

Grant is survived by his son, Wayne Youngberg of McMinnville; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Elsie in 2001; son Howard and brother Wayne.

The News Register

Reasons Not to Volunteer

- I'm permanently unemployed. My dog's in heat.
- I'm the busiest of them all. My pipes broke.
- I'm traveling to Constantinople. My mail is late.
- I'm a baby-boomer. My love life is not normal.
- I'm a night person. My higher-power instructs me.
- I've ordered a remote TV. My oil needs changing.
- I can't find my false teeth. My wife is the boss.
- I live in ten-buck-three. My toenails need clipping.
- I hate potlucks. My daughter is an alien baby.
- I was in the EPA military. My doctor advises to stay cool.
- I have a secret home. My stars are not aligned.
- I am sports addicted. My genes are not hormones.
- I love my tractor. My testosterone is sky-high.
- No one understands me.

Louise Heindl, Volunteer Coordinator
(ed. note: written by a frustrated volunteer coordinator)

Many will be shocked to find when the final days are here, there's a special place in the spirit world
set aside for YCHS volunteers furnished with leather and satin couches and a tapestry footstool.
Where there's no Farm Fest, Harvest Fest, Attic Treasure's Sale, docent tours, children's educational events, no family research, or, YCHS board committee activity reports, no publications or book sales.
There will be no *West Side* newsletters to edit, publish, fold and mail. Telephone lists will be banned, no seasonal exhibit changes and no eager YCHS team that needs a committee chairman.
A finger snap will bring cool drinks, gourmet meals and French pastries, with service fit for a king and queen.
Now, you ask, "Who will serve these privileged few and work for all they're worth?"
Why, all those who reaped the benefits of YCHS and chose not to volunteer on Earth.

Did you know? The YCHS volunteers from both sites donated over 3,000 hours from September 1-December 31, 2009.

Louise Heindl, Volunteer Coordinator

The History of McMinnville
Article from the 1957 book McMinnville The First Hundred Years
Author The Provisional League of Women Voters of McMinnville

History
West To McMinnville...

Indian trails played a major role in the development of Oregon and our city of McMinnville. More than a century ago, two trails circled the Willamette Valley. The one on the east side went from Oregon City to Salem and Albany. The west side trail, with which McMinnville was most vitally concerned, began on the west side of the Willamette River across from Oregon City. This trail followed the Tualatin River into the vicinity of the present towns of Forest Grove and Hillsboro, entered the Yamhill-Carlton district, and finally connected with our present Baker Street. At Cozine Creek it divided and one trail led to Southern Oregon. The other followed the South Yamhill River to Grand Ronde and crossed the mountains to the coast.

In 1843 there was a large migration to Oregon. It began at St. Louis, Missouri under leadership of Dr. Marcus Whitman. Among those traveling west with this group was John G. Baker. He left that wagon train when it reached Fort Vancouver and took the west side trail. He staked out his donation land claim of 640 acres and received squatter's rights where the Panther Creek Road and Baker Creek Road join. The land belonged to the Hudson Bay Company at that time. Baker became the first white settler to establish a permanent residence in the McMinnville area.

Other families began to filter into the Yamhill Valley, stake out their claims, build their cabins and start to make a new life for themselves. By 1844, when W. T. Newby settled on the present site of McMinnville, there were six families in this part of the valley. These pioneers raised and harvested their crops. They produced all their foodstuffs except the fish and game which was so abundant.

At first there was some trouble with the local Indians but Baker raised a group of volunteers and drove the marauders into the hills.

LEGAL TITLE RECEIVED

Until the Oregon Territory was organized in 1849 the settlers had no legal title to their land other than squatter's rights. It was in 1850 that the Donation Land Law became established and the settlers received legal title to their claims from the government. However, negotiations had to be made to purchase the land from the Indians to insure peaceful settlement.

In 1851 a meeting was held at Champoeg with the Tuality band of the Calapooya tribe and the country between the Willamette River and the Coast range and the Yamhill and Tualatin rivers was ceded to the white men. A reservation about six by eight miles was set aside for the Indians. This treaty specified the Tuality band would receive $40,000. The annual payments were to be $500. In addition they were to be paid annually: 130 blankets, 38 coats, 26 pairs of pants, 152 shirts, 76 vests, 130 pairs of shoes, 200 yards of calico, 200 yards of linsey plaid, 27 blanket shawls, 200 yards of domestic shirting, 38 hats or caps, 132 pocket handkerchiefs, 24 axes, five plows and 10 plow harnesses, 24 hoes, six scythes and cradles. "All of which were to be good substantial articles." Also by treaty, the tribal dignitaries were to receive annual gifts.

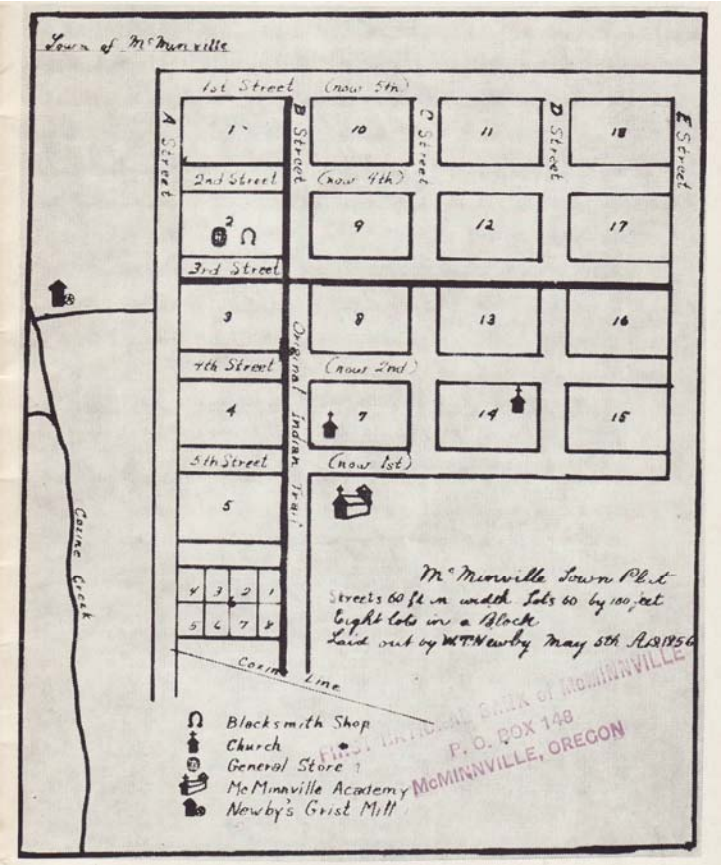
With these legal stumbling blocks to settlement all duly provided for, the people felt free to establish businesses. Grain was an important crop but when it was harvested it had to be tediously shipped on pack horses to the grist mill owned by the Hudson Bay Company at Vancouver. This was a long, difficult trip and as soon as Dr. McLaughlin started a mill at Oregon City the settlers in this area took their grain to him. Newby, McMinnville's founder, came from a family of millers and he realized the Yamhill Valley needed a grist mill. By 1853 there were sufficient families in the area to make such a venture a paying proposition. He hired the millwright at Oregon City to grind some mill stones. These he ferried across the Willamette River where they were loaded on a sled and dragged by oxen to the site for his mill located west of and adjacent to our present city library.

Prior to the establishment of the mill, Samuel

The History of McMinnville continued...

Cozine had erected a blacksmith shop on his property which adjoined Newby's and was also within the present city limits of McMinnville. However, when the mill was built in 1853, Cozine moved his shop closer to the heavy traffic to and from the mill. He located near what is now the corner of 3rd and Baker.

When settlers started moving throughout the Willamette Valley an energetic peddler, known as Solomon "Dutch" Berry, started making a circuit on foot, following the Indian trails down one side of the valley and up the other. He carried in the pack on his back such items as scissors, thread, needles and other small commodities which the pioneers needed. His business increased and he soon required a horse, then, two horses to carry sufficient merchandise. When Newby started the grist mill, Berry, like Samuel Cozine, saw the advantages of being near such a busy place. He requested permission from Newby to build a store between the blacksmith shop and the mill. Thus, the first general merchandising store was built of logs and opened its doors for business in 1854.



McMinnville Town plat map laid out by W. T. Newby May 5th 1856

NEWBY GENEROUS

The town continued to grow with businesses and homes being built around this nucleus on Newby's land. He was generous in allowing this little community to mushroom on his property, but it soon became evident that some legal title to their locations should be given. Accordingly, in 1855 he offered a five acre plot of land for the town and hired Sebastian C. Adams to survey and plat the site. The survey was completed May 5, 1856. Streets were 60 feet wide and the lots 60 by 100 feet.

When the survey was made, they discovered the town did not run North and South, as is customary, because it had built up along the original Indian trail which was to become known as Baker Street. Rather than disrupt the established buildings, the town was laid out along the trail. Newby chose to name it McMinnville after his former home in Tennessee. There were 27 people living on the site.

The churches were established long before there was a town. The Christian church was started here in 1847. The people wanted schooling for their children but there was no teacher. A group of citizens approached Aaron Payne, minister of the Christian church, and asked him to take over the teaching duties. This he did, accepting anyone from six to sixty for $5 per student. In 1856 the school was turned over to the Baptist Church under the direction of Sebastian C. Adams. This school was maintained until the Oregon State Public School law was passed during the 1870's. Shortly after this law was passed, John Cook donated the land for the original school which was built on the site of our present Cook School.

Although the city of McMinnville was not incorporated until 1882, it was laid out and established in 1856 and 1956 is rightfully a centennial year.

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