

The West Side

Newsletter and Journal of the Yamhill County Historical Society

December 2003

Our Turkey Industry

At our November meeting Barbara Doyle shared with us what she has learned about the turkey industry in Yamhill County. The turkey industry in Oregon actually started in Douglas County in 1850. In those days the turkeys were more akin to the scrawny wild turkeys we see today. In the 1920s farmers were working hard to breed a turkey that would produce more meat.

By the 1930s the industry was flourishing in Yamhill County. Producers were working to produce better birds by refining the way they were housed, fed, and bred. Then the turkeys grown locally began to exceed demand and the prices were declining. In 1949 the price of turkeys was deregulated which spurred the industry forward.

In 1949 turkeys were sent to every governor of the United States, and the President. A turkey was even sent to Istanbul, Turkey. The industry was in its heyday and was promoted in many inventive ways. In the 1950s Yamhill County was the leader of the turkey industry, but by 1993 it was all over for these growers, a big blow to Yamhill County. Vineyards now have taken the place of many previous turkey farms. Thanks for the presentation, Barbara!

From our President

Last month I was daydreaming, this month it is reminiscing. I have been your president for almost nine years. So much has happened in that length of time. One of the major changes was the addition of the Log Museum. Thanks to the generous donation from Verle & Dorothy Miller. It has allowed us to hold activities otherwise not possible (Harvest Festival, Holiday Special, Community & non-profit group meetings, etc.) Now we are transferring items from the Church due to the high humidity content to be catalogued & properly stored in the Log Museum. Once again space becomes an item of concern.

The organization of the "Ruth Stoller Research Library" and making it more available to the public is a direct result of the new Log Museum. Thanks to memorials for "Roma Sitton" it is also equipped with a workable kitchen.

Once again, thanks to an endowment from the "Millers", we are able to maintain the Log structure plus improve the other two buildings. The original builder, Morgan Maghee is in the process of recaulking and sealing the outside logs and correcting the crack in the upstairs floor.

Every now and then we need to take the time to think about those who have helped us. The list is long but the acquisition of the Log Museum certainly was a monumental event. Just reminiscing. Sincerely, Shirley.

Volunteer Meeting Held

On Saturday, November 15, 2003, a meeting of our core group of volunteers was held in the Log Building. Attending were Carol Reid, Volunteer Coordinator, co-chair Annita Linscheid, Jean Sartor, Elma Shuck, Marjorie Owens, Lila Jackson, Barbara Knutson, Barbara Doyle, Twila Byrnes, Lorna Grauer, Eileen Lewis, George and Maxine Williams, Joanne Watts and Dan Linscheid.

Display Committee: a committee was established for plan for a create displays in the following areas: Bulletin Board, Case Tops, Display Cases. The display in the large display case in the museum will be changed every 4 months, give or take. Volunteers for this committee were: Lois Brooks, Twila Byrnes, Barbara Doyle, Jean Sartor, Eileen Lewis. Lois will chair. A meeting of this group has been set for Dec. 6th at 1:00 pm. All members were asked to bring their display ideas. Lois will have photos of displays past. There was discussion of meeting on Wednesday December 3rd to put together the annual Christmas Sleigh display for a 4 or 5 week display for the holidays.

This Committee will utilize a notebook for logging and tracking items used in the displays. It will list the "home" location site so that items are returned to their original location after the display is disassembled. Preservation update: A 100 plus quilts have been cleaned and cataloged and placed in archive packing for storage and retrieval. This project took approximately 5 months. The next project is textiles. Annita Linscheid mentioned that fabric labels bearing the item accession number needs to be sewn on all textiles.

Proposed Changes: Upon the advice of our CPA Financial Advisor, Elaine Andrews, the following items were covered: Bookstore & business office location: A number of members spoke to the possibility of moving the Research Room, sales area and business office to the large room that is currently held open for events. Many agreed that we have outgrown the little room and it is not very adequate for visitor research. There was discussion about holding the room open for the limited events held in it. A Steering Committee was formed to look into creating a Business Office, Merchandise Sales area and Research Library in the Log Building. Committee members will be Marjorie Owens, Lorna Grauer, Elma Shuck, Carol Reid and Barbara Doyle. No action on this will be taken without seeking general approval of our membership.

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YCHS

Board Meeting Highlights
November 11th 2003

Vice President Barbara Knutson presided with the following Officers and Board members present: Shirley McDaniel, Barbara Knutson, Francis Dummer, Marjorie Owens, Carol Reid, Dan Linscheid, Lila Jackson, Eileen Lewis, and Annita Linscheid. Also present was member Barbara Doyle.

The October minutes were approved as submitted. The Treasurers' Report disclosed expenses of \$2,046.57, income of \$1,786.69 leaving a balance of \$8,689.55. Carol Reid also reported that as YCHS is growing it must file tax return forms from now on. 2001 and 2002 forms have been amended. Correspondence Secretary Marjorie Owens reported she had eight pieces of correspondence. Financial Secretary Lila Jackson reported six new members and two renewals. Volunteer Chairperson Carol Reid stated that her goal is to have at least three volunteers at the museum on Saturdays and Sundays.

Barbara reported the windows in the church are complete and National Glass will be paid \$962.21. The inmate work crew will clean and put the plastic back up on the outside. Eileen will make contacts and oversee the work

Our CPA, Elaine Andrews has expressed concerns about our tracking methods, danger spots and recommendations in our business practices. Frank, Carol, Dan, and Shirley will meet with her as soon as Carol can set a date. Barbara Doyle will write a letter of explanation on the \$350.00 refund from the Nomadic Teacher so it can be returned to the Society. Dan also agreed to submit a second modified contract between Nomadic Teacher and YCHS for Barbara to review. It was agreed that our Society needs to organize an inventory of sale items. Annita reported the preservation project is ongoing and making good progress. She requested \$100.00 for some needed preservation supplies. Carol also reminded everyone of the volunteer meeting on Nov. 15th, and stated she is working on a volunteer manual.

Carol explained the need for all volunteers to keep track of volunteer hours and in-kind donations. She will make forms available. She said this is essential for obtaining grants. The rate of equivalent compensation for a volunteer hour is \$15.00. In-kind donations included postage, supplies, telephone, mileage, etc. for which the volunteer has not requested reimbursement.

There will be a petty cash box in the Log Building. It will be discussed later how this is to be used. The Board agreed to purchase a small safe for \$30.00 that Carol had brought along.

Carol brought a box of our new calendars to sell at the meeting tonight. She explained that the printer failed to put the meeting dates on this first batch of 50. We will try to sell them as gifts to be given to someone who has no use for the meeting dates to be on them. The remaining corrected calendars will be ready soon and will be sold at the December meeting, and possibly other locations around the county. We purchased 150 calendars at a cost of \$5.50 each. We will be selling them for \$7.00. Next years harvest festival will be earlier, Sept, 18th due to weather concerns. Dan passed out a list of officers and board members with the dates they were elected to simplify keeping track of what positions will be up for this election and for the future. Board members Shirley McDaniel and Barbara Knutson choose to stay in their current positions as does the financial secretary Lila Jackson, leaving Marjorie Owens' position of correspondence secretary to be filled. The nominating committee has several people in mind to ask to fill that slot. Carol said she would like all accounts moved to the First Federal Bank. It will be easier to have them in one place and First Federal has generously donated funds to our organization in the past. The CDs may be transferred to First Federal later. The board will review a list of items YCHS has in the safety deposit box at the bank so the contents can be evaluated as to what is kept there and what may need to be added.

The notice for conditional use for the Highway 18 property has been published in the News Register. Hopefully it will be completed by the end of December. The volunteer meeting is Saturday November 15th. The need for all society records to be stored in one place will be discussed among other things. Morgan Maghee is 80% done with the chinking in the log building. He will need several days with no one in the building to do the cracks in the floors. Dan agreed to explain the purposed changes to the bylaws at the general meeting tonight. He will also address the membership about questions on the five acres on highway 18, as there are questions being asked by members and they need to be updated.

Annita Linscheid, Secretary

Members step forward with donations

Shirley Kuykendall and Shirley McDaniel kindly donated money toward purchase of the two new vacuum cleaners for our buildings, as mentioned in last months newsletter. Thanks, ladies, for your generosity.

Volunteer Meeting (cont.)

We need an in-box for the following: Genealogy look ups, President, Correspondence, Secretary, Treasurer and Volunteers. Carol Reid donated a wooden In-Box labeled for the Treasurer and Volunteers to get us started. Business forms: Volunteer Log of Hours form – previously kept forms are located at the church. Volunteers agreed that they stopped keeping a log because the forms or file crate was often moved and could not be located. Membership Forms – Some new forms are located on the visitor's sign-in table in foyer of the log cabin. Older versions of the membership form are located at the church. Accession Sheets and instructions – Located at the church. Elma said that they need to be redone. It was mentioned that there needs to a de-accession form created. Publications List – Located in both the church and log cabin and has been on the back of one version of the membership form. On Loan Form – Located at the church. The form is used to track items that are out of the museum on temporary loan. A logbook should be a companion to the completed forms.

The way that we handle receipts needs to change, and we will likely end up with one point of sale for all publications and sales items. It was agreed that the volunteer project updates at the monthly meetings are important. They would also like to continue to see this update information in the newsletter. This is valuable for people who do not attend the monthly meetings. We hope to have Crafter(s) active in the museum at least once per month. Contact will be made to see if this can be done by local crafters. We would also like to see volunteers run a historical videotape continuously while museum is open. Once a backup is made, volunteers can run the tapes during the hours of weekend operation.

More publicity needed: Dan Linscheid will send a copy of the monthly newsletter to all Yamhill Newspapers, radio and our local cable TV company.

Accession criteria: These are some of the questions we should ask ourselves when people ask to donate items to our collection: 1.) is it germane to Yamhill County? 2.) do we have space for storage? 3.) can we preserve & display it? 4.) do we already have a number of them? Elma and Olive are to be contacted when someone brings in an item for the museum. They will approve all accessions and they are willing to do this over the phone. We may consider adding a paragraph in our form stressing the fact that, for various reasons, our Society may sell or otherwise dispose of donated articles (triplicates, etc.).

Volunteer & Orientation: it was agreed that new volunteers be paired with a mentor when they come on board to work at the museum and log cabin. There is now a volunteer Manual in the works. We need to welcome and train new volunteers, keep all volunteers informed and readily address questions and concerns when they arise.

OTHER BUSINESS: Up coming cooperative event – "They Came Over Prairies and Mountains", by the LDS church will be held March 13, 2004 at 10 am to 3 pm in the LDS Family History Center in McMinnville.

Three storytellers are needed from YCHS for this event. Dan Linscheid and Barbara Doyle volunteered to do this and someone suggested Jim Lockett as the third participant (He needs to be contacted and invited).

Let's Talk Turkey

About turkeys. About seventeen months ago I began working on the turkey project. I've interviewed eight individuals and physically done research in five different counties with two additional counties via the phone and snail mail. After the talk I gave about the turkey industry in Yamhill County on 11 November, several people told me about their, or their family's involvement with turkeys. I couldn't write it down then and my memory "just ain't what it used to be".

To get as much info about this economic activity as possible for the YCHS archives, I would like to record comments from anyone who has knowledge about the turkey business. Personal experiences or reactions are key to creating a good story and providing the necessary validity to general statements.

Please contact me at 503-538-9721 or at nomadicteacher@worldnet.att.net. I will be able to do these interviews after 11 Dec. Don't think that you must have lots of info to share. Five minutes of real, personal experiences are invaluable.

Submitted by Barbara Doyle.

Visitations

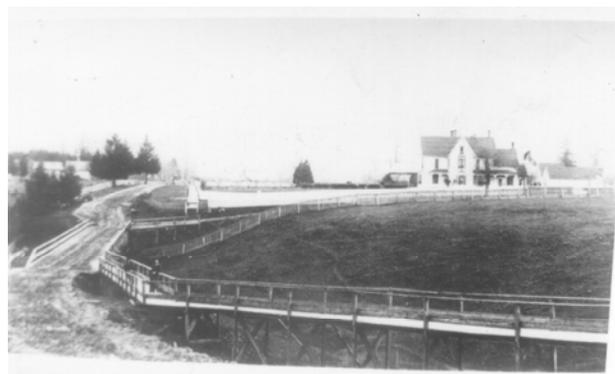
On Thursday, October 23rd, we enjoyed an after-school visit of Cub Scouts from Pack 522, Den 7. James and Jennifer Fletcher of Amity are the adult leaders of these lively 8 year olds. They were accompanied by parents/drivers and several siblings.

This Pack also visited us last year and remembered many things from that tour, especially in the barn. They each left with a sample of Joanne Watt's homemade soap.

The last father to leave remarked that he would like to come back to research information on High Heaven School since he is remodeling the building and making a home there for his family. He happily left with a copy of "Schools of Old Yamhill", where High Heaven School is featured on pages 59 and 60.

submitted by Lois, Ed and Twila

Test your memory.... Can you locate this view?



(Answer is located elsewhere in this issue)

James Nesmith's list of emigrants on the 1843 wagon train included three Garrisons: Enoch, his son, W.J. and his brother, Joseph W. We became curious about these men when their names kept appearing in stories about early Yamhill County pioneers. Who were they? Ruth Stoller helped us find an article on Enoch (by, none other than William Newby, in the Yamhill Reporter, June 14, 1883). Wanda (Mrs. Earle) Johnson gave us an article about Abraham E. Garrison, Enoch's brother, who was an 1846 emigrant. (Overland Journal, Vol 11, Number 2, Summer of 1993) Now the pieces have fallen into place for a story.

Enoch Garrison was born June 21, 1806, in Ohio, to Abraham and Polly McCullum Garrison. Abraham was a farmer and a Methodist minister. The Garrisons all loved to preach; making it a serious avocation. In the book, "Life and Labour of Rev. A. E. Garrison," published by the Garrison Clan in 1943, this story is told about A.E. and Joseph: left to conduct a camp meeting, they were at a loss of what to do. When they asked the elder for advice he said, "Abe, you preach like the Heavens and Earth was coming together and Jo, you exhort just like you would blow off those oak limbs overhead."

Enoch provides spiritual leadership.

Enoch was one of the spiritual leaders on the 1843 wagon train. A member of the Methodist Episcopal Convention, he was considered a good preacher and was well liked by the emigrants. He "prayed over" little Joel Hembree when he was buried on the trail in Wyoming.

Enoch married Margaret Herron in 1826. They emigrated by degrees across the country with their families. Brothers Enoch, Joseph H. and Abraham E. settled on adjoining farms in Atchison County, Missouri, in 1839. However, the depressed economy ate into their reserves and when the Oregon story was presented, Enoch and Joseph decided to try their luck in that new territory. Abraham E. followed in 1846. The Garrisons had similar experiences as others crossing the plains. They arrived in Oregon City on Nov. 5, 1843, and set out the next month to claim land near the present site of Whiteson.

Back in Missouri, brother Abraham and his family missed Enoch's and Joseph's families very much. Their aged mother, who was living with them but unable to make the trip to Oregon, had died in 1845. About this same time, letters from Enoch and Joseph began arriving. News of good crops, easy farming and lots of timber in the Willamette Valley excited the Garrisons and they were Oregon bound! They spent the winter selling the place (he wanted \$1500 but let it go for \$800). They were busy discarding goods, selling farm implements and outfitting their wagons for the trip. This was no small chore with seven children: the eldest 14 and the youngest 6 months. Henry, the 14-year-old, wrote the

By spring of 1846, the Garrisons, with their neighbors the Woods and Lancefields, were ready to go. Neighbors gathered to help and followed them five miles to the Missouri River. Each family had two wagons and seven yoke of oxen.

They planned to reach the river and make a quick crossing that first day, but when they got there, they found about 100 wagons—fifty waiting in line to cross. The ferry could manage only two wagons at a time, so Abraham volunteered to help. It took about three days to get everybody across.

After seeing the importance of cooperation and the slowness of travel, the Garrison group formed a company, drew up rules, elected leaders and were ready to start to Oregon. Problem #1: they had crossed the river sixty miles above St. Joseph and there was no road west to the emigrant trail. So, they hired three Indians to guide them to the trail at the Big Blue River. Problem #2: on the second day the Indians stole three fine horses and rode off into the high plains. A chase was in vain. It was like a "mole trying to catch a rabbit."

After being on their way for a month, Abraham Garrison reported: "Here I took the Rheumatism: up to this time everything went off like a marriage bell, but now the great change, I soon lost the entire use of myself many times could not use my fingers or toes, but lay on my back until my bones cut through the skin."

A great loss

Abraham was at his lowest ebb when he lost his 7-year-old son, Enoch (named after his Uncle). The diary of 14-year-old Henry explains how this happened: "...and the wheel ran over his leg, breaking it in several places. Foss, our help had on several occasions given the boy the oxwhip, and let him stand on the wagon tongue and drive the team while he would go and talk with a Miss Wood daughter of our old neighbor. Father had only this morning remonstrated with him about the matter, for fear that an accident might occur...Well that morning, it was the 9th of June...he gave the whip again to the boy and went ahead to have a chat with Miss Wood." It was then that the boy was jolted off the wagon. The best of treatment did not save the leg that became infected and had to be amputated. The child did not recover from the operation.

As the train moved on, Abraham was able to put his grief behind him and felt like he could get on with his life. It was a pretty easy time on to Fort Hall where they met Jessie Applegate of "Applegate Trail" fame. They decided to follow him through southern Oregon and on up into the Willamette Valley. They didn't realize they would be crossing high desert during drought times. The stock weakened for lack of water and grass, the emigrants had less and less food and the Indians became a terrible threat. (This was the same trail and at the

The only thing that saved them was the pioneers in the valley who sent food and arms to get them through. Brother Joseph Garrison met the emigrants in the Umpqua valley with horses and provisions. He was a "God send" to the family and to many other emigrants. The serious Indian problems were left behind.

Applegate trail disaster

Henry, writing extensively about the Applegate Trail, felt the emigrants had been deluded by Applegate who promised to open a road to the valley, but failed to do so. The "route" he chose for them went right by a "store" where Applegate sold goods to destitute emigrants at outrageous prices. Imagine, selling cheese for a dollar a pound (one-day's wage) to poor starving families! Henry says: "they are a historic family but not well thought of by the emigrants that took the Applegate Trail." (Overland Journal, "Reminiscence of Abraham Henry Garrison," Summer 1993)

Now the Garrisons were on the last leg of their journey. It was December before they arrived at Skinner Butte, near present Eugene. Enoch Garrison met them with more supplies and animals. Henry reports: "Father was driving the team, when they met, they kissed each other, then Uncle turned and walked side by side for a half mile without either speaking, blubbering like calves. I suppose it was an effecting meeting. The last time they were together, their mother was with them."

Abraham E. Garrison settled on a section of land northwest of Amity, Oregon, on Salt Creek. His old neighbor, John Lancefield, settled next door. Here is the story of how Abraham had some problems with his claim: "I became dissatisfied with my claim. I abandoned it and bought another but before buying I tried by hand in taking one up which I found difficult, and did not get at last. The country was claimed, or much of it by bachelors who had little intention of anything else than speculation. Near me was one that held at least three sections.

I knew that was more than he and I both had a right to so my brother Enoch and I went to him and wanted him to take a regular claim on any part he pleased but he would not do it so I made my selection and went to work like a good fellow scoring and hewing timber to build a house." Well, the bachelor did not like Abraham on his land and harassed him unmercifully. Abraham told him: "to leave him alone or he would 'give him a whipping.'"

The bachelor dared him, so he did, with .. "a lucky lick I made he fell about senseless...and with my right fist I beat him in the face till I was ashamed...he made me pay dear for my whistle, he sued me for assault and battery and trespass and it cost me \$100, this was very unjust as he was holding three claims which I proved but then I was a claim jumper and had to be punished...I did build on the claim I bought and soon had a good farm." Of course, Abraham being the most noted M.E. preacher in Yamhill County, had to go before the people and beg for pardon and forgiveness from the Church.

Henry Garrison reports that his father, Abraham, "lived to preach the Gospel of Christ for forty six years on this coast, during this time, he never received a cent for his labors in the vineyard of his Lord, but on the other hand, he gave thousands of dollars to the Church, and for school purposes...And I saw with pride that the influence he wielded in the early settlement of Oregon for good will bear fruit for generations yet to come."

Abraham Elison Garrison

Approaching retirement, Abraham reports: "In the year of 1867 I left my farm and moved to Salem that my wife and I might let our sun go down more easily, her health had so failed that it became necessary for her to quit work as much as possible and I felt that I needed rest. We had about accomplished our highest ambition and that was to live to see all our children become pious and also settled comfortably in the world." "Pious" and "settled comfortably." What a legacy! With the ten Garrison children and forty-seven grandchildren, many present Yamhill County residents are able to claim Abraham and Margaret as their ancestor.

Meanwhile, Enoch Garrison stayed in Whiteson for just seven years, then sold out to his son, William, and moved to Salem. After twenty years, they went on to California for another four years. (We assume he was preaching all this time.) In 1874, when his wife Margaret died, Enoch moved back to his son William's farm near Whiteson, where he died. William Newby reported at Enoch's death in 1883: "I will state that he has been a preacher of the M.E. church for the last 40 years, and truly a good man. His house was always open and afforded food and shelter for the poor emigrants or distressed of any class of his fellow beings. He has frequently preached at my house to a congregation of from twenty to thirty persons that would congregate together, some coming as far as ten miles in oxwagons to worship God."

And thus the "Preaching Garrisons" came to the end of their careers which were full of new frontiers; met with courage and faith. -JL

Returning Members & Donations

We welcome renewing members **Farrel Fuerst, George & Maxine Williams, Jerold Lynch, Lorna and Randall Grauer, Gary Booth, Evelyn York, Dwight Johnson, Merilee Johnson, Julia Jones, Nancy Owens, and Marcia Mikesh.**

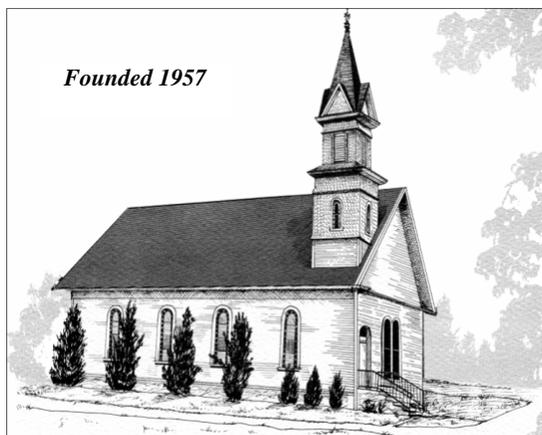
Additional donations were received from **Marcia Mikesh, Evelyn York and Argyll Crook Hensly.** A couple of years ago, **Bill Hurl** donated \$100 during a Museum visit. Therefore, his membership has been extended through 2007. Thanks to all of you for continuing to support our organization and keeping it a vital and prospering part of Yamhill County culture and a historic focal point for this area.

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YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting Notice:

Board of Directors:

Tuesday, December 9, 5:00 pm

Monthly Meeting:

Same day as Board mtg., 6:30 pm

Both at the Seventh Day Adventist
Church, Old Sheridan Road
McMinnville

This meeting will feature Christmas Sing-a-long with "**The Mavericks**". Please join us and be prepared to share your best singing voice with your fellow members as we celebrate the season.

We Hope to See you There!

Answer to Test your memory: that is the A. R.
Burbank home on the right, lying just east of
the town of Lafayette—looking easterly down
Highway 99 West. Now do you remember? ;)