



# SDOP NEWS

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## Save the Oregon State Library!

Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber's 2013-15 Budget included a major reorganization of the Oregon State Library, proposing to "1) eliminate Government Research Services; 2) consolidate the State Library's documents repository and reference services with the State Archives; and 3) reduce the costs ...by implementing improvements that were identified by the 2011 Workgroup on Libraries and Archives..."

In addition the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) has been working on the transformation. On October 25, 2013 Senator Steiner Hayward and Representative Nathanson of the Joint Ways and Means Committee, Subcommittee on General Government, provided an outline for the transformation. Concerning historical, cultural, and genealogical materials that would not typically be used for research for state agencies the report says:

- 1) Oregon Genealogy: This function will fully shift to the Oregon Historical Society. OHS should then determine the best method of collaborating with outside genealogical groups, such as the Willamette Valley Genealogical Society;
- 2) State Documents: All required state documents will be consolidated with the Archives and any materials that are not government records and should be kept for historical purposes will then be moved to the Oregon Historical Society;
- 3) State History: Similar to the State Documents, all required state documents will be consolidated with the Archives and any materials that are not government records and should be kept for historical purposes will then be moved to the Oregon Historical Society.

What does this mean to historians, genealogists, researchers and Oregonians interested in history and culture?

\* Oregon State Library currently has unique collections of Oregon history and culture, federal documents and collections, family histories, archives and books purchased years ago by the OSL such as a complete set of Massachusetts Vital Records, and Willamette Valley Genealogical Society's collection of family histories, genealogical materials for the US and other countries,

periodicals, CDs and volunteer help. All of this will be dismantled.

\* Limited access for research.

What does this mean to Oregon taxpayers?

\* The Oregon State Archives and Oregon Historical Society do not have room for these materials. Money will have to be budgeted for moving and new spaces.

\* The Oregon Historical Society is a private organization, which charges a fee. The Oregon State Library materials were purchased with taxpayer money or donated with the understanding that materials would be available to the public.

\* DAS has not provided a financial cost analysis.

\* Funding for the State Library can be restructured to include general fund money, rather than assessing other state agencies. It's not necessary to dismantle Oregon's state library.

What can be done?

\* Contact members of the subcommittee or your legislator! (see the next page for information)

Elizabeth Tice, President  
Willamette Valley Genealogical Society



Thank you to Betty Johnson who sent us a generous donation to the newsletter. She is the great granddaughter of James and Lucretia Powell Buchanan who arrived in Oregon from Illinois in 1851 and took out a Donation Land Claim in Linn County. The Buchanans had 7 children, all born in Oregon. James and Lucretia are buried in the Odd Fellows Pioneer Cemetery in Corvallis

## President's Note

As I write this short note it is still 2013 but looking forward to upcoming SDOP events in 2014.

This Newsletter contains a flyer requesting SDOP member's updated information and requesting that members who have computer access received the SDOP Newsletter via Email. The email version is in color and arrives much sooner than the mailed hard copy version and it save SDOP money.

### Mark your Calendars for SDOP's Annual Statehood Banquet.

**The date is: February 16, 2014 from 12:30 to 3:30 PM at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas.** The registration form for the Banquet is enclosed in this newsletter. The Registration form must be sent to Chris Meinicke prior to February 2, 2014. A wonderful celebration of Oregon's 155th Birthday is planned by remembering the anniversary of Oregon's admission to the Union on February 14, 1859. See you at the banquet as we all visit and mingle with fellow SDOP members sharing our ancestor's stories.

As we get into warmer weather we are traveling to The Dalles for our April Board meeting. The Date is April 26, 2014. This meeting also includes a tour of the Fort Dalles Museum and Anderson Homestead. We meet at the Fort Dalles Museum at 10:30 AM. After touring the museum we'll have our board meeting and lunch at Casa El Mirador. All members are welcome and encouraged to take in the field trip, board meeting and lunch. The Dalles, Oregon is a very historic place where the pioneers had to make a critical decision to either travel over Mt. Hood on the Barlow Trail or travel by raft/boat down the Columbia River to their destination the Willamette Valley. There are many other museums and attractions to visit while you are in The Dalles so make a weekend of it if you can. I'll list some of the other attractions in the next newsletter.

Hope to see many of you at the Banquet.

President  
Chris Meinicke

Here's to a great  
**2014**

## Save the Oregon State Library! (cont.)

At this point, the proposal is still in the Joint Subcommittee on General Government.

**Facebook:** there is a page for "Save the Oregon State Library".

**Contact legislators** to let them know how you feel about limiting public access to the State Library's collections. Senator Steiner-Hayward and Representative Nathanson released the report for the Joint Ways and Means Committee subcommittee on General Government. For committee members and contact information see: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/201311/Committees/JWMGG/Overview>

Since bills will have to be submitted to the entire legislature, you can also contact your senator and representative. To find who represents you and/or get their contact information, go to the website to enter your address.

<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/FindYourLegislator/leg-districts.html>

## Save the Date!!!

Greetings! Please mark your 2014 Calendar for our next SDOP Annual Banquet on February 16, 2014. We will circle our wagons at the Monarch Hotel and Conference Center in Clackamas (same location as last year) to commemorate Oregon's 155th Birthday and enjoy a afternoon together celebrating our pioneer spirit and heritage.

The program will feature guest speakers and entertainment that will set an informative and delightful tone for this special afternoon, highlighted by a Salmon and London Broil buffet, the presentation of Miss Pioneer Oregon 2014 and our 2014 Scholarship recipients as well as historical antidotes and current information on our organization. Cost for the event is \$34 for adults and \$24 for children under 13.

If you have interest in volunteering or would like to have an announcement made at the banquet regarding family history and the Oregon Trail, please contact me at (503) 628-0917 or by email: [drew@madeinoregontwice.com](mailto:drew@madeinoregontwice.com).

See you at the Celebration!  
Drew Ackerlund, President-Elect

**Updates Needed - Help Us Save Money**

Dear SDOP Members:

We need to update information for our membership roster and mailings. Please fill out the information below and send it to us. Some addresses have not been updated for many years, but we have found that even newer members have changes too. Rosters are not public and are only purchased by members. Also, it costs us about 50 cents or more for each newsletter returned if the address is incorrect.

The sad fact is that newsletter printing and mailing costs are exceeding our yearly income. Fifty-five percent of our members are life members and life membership does not generate new revenue. We considered discontinuing the printed newsletter in favor of the electronic newsletter, but at this time are working on the budget and are continuing printed newsletters.

If there is any way that you can change from printed newsletter to the electronic newsletter, it would be very much appreciated. Perhaps you have family who could receive and print the newsletter for you if you do not have a computer. Emailed newsletters are in color and arrive faster. Also, we are going to be able to send information between newsletters to those who have email addresses.

☞ The newsletter is emailed in easy to view.pdf format. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader, ☞  
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-or- mail this form to : Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers  
P.O. Box 6685  
Portland, OR 97228-6685



Thank you for your help.

## WE REMEMBER

“Thomas Vaughan was born in 1924 and died on December 6, 2013 at 89. When thinking of Thomas Vaughan, one thinks of the Oregon Historical Society and an exceptional researcher-author. Vaughan was the Executive Director of the Oregon Historical Society from 1954 through 1989. OHS had five employees and a budget of \$50,000 when he started and grew to 100 employees and a budget of \$4,500,000 when he retired. Exhibit areas were expanded attracting many more visitors annually. Neighboring buildings were purchased to complete a full Portland city block for the Oregon History Center. He worked with the state legislatures to get state funding for OHS, but that funding decreased significantly in the 1990s and more recently.

“He is known for his leadership on the Oregon Geographic Names Board and helping Portland State University established a Public History Program, to train students for a career in history. He encouraged assistance with museums and county, city, and other historical groups. In 2006 the Thomas Vaughan Gallery was dedicated in the Oregon History Center in Portland.

“Some of Vaughan’s books include *Captain Cook, R. N.: The Resolute Mariner*, *Paul Kane: The Columbia Wanderer: Sketches, Paintings, And Comment, 1846-1847*, *Soft Gold: The Fur Trade & Cultural Exchange on the Northwest Coast of America with Bill Holm*, *A Bibliography of Pacific Northwest History with Priscilla Knuth*, *Portland A Historical Sketch and Guide with Terence O’Donnell*. He Edited *The Western Shore: Oregon Country Essays* as well as *High & Mighty: Selected Sketches about the Deschutes County* and wrote *Voyages of Enlightenment: Malaspina on the Northwest Coast 1791- 1792 with E. A. P. Crownhart-Vaughan*, *Mercedes Palau de Iglesias.*”

*Reprinted from Linn County Historical Society Newsletter & Journal, January 2014, with permission of Glenn Harrison, Editor. Thomas Vaughan was an Honorary Member of SDOP.*

December 27 to December 29, 2013, the Oregonian published a detailed obituary on Tom Vaughan.

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Honorary SDOP member, Clifford E. Snider, 87, passed away December 07, 2013. Born June 29, 1926, he was an Honorary Chief of the Chinook Tribe. A retired Clackamas High School teacher and coach, he had been an OSU football player. He was an attendee of the yearly SDOP Banquet.

## A Note from your President-Elect

As President-Elect of SDOP, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of President Christine Meinicke, all past and current officers, and SDOP Board Members. Without the combined spirit of cooperation and commitment to our organization by these volunteers, we would not be celebrating Oregon’s 155th birthday in the fashion we have enjoyed over the years—the Banquet, Miss Pioneer Oregon, genealogy connections and SDOP’s civic activity’s among regional and local historic associations.

Countless hours have been spent by your volunteer Board and officers and their combined efforts have brought clarity to a number of important issues which are central to both the mission and purpose of SDOP and also the viability of our heritage association.

Technology is helping us to present in a new format our much enjoyed SDOP News as many elect to have the publication mailed electronically. This is one arena where the membership can help SDOP to hold down expenses while still receiving this benefit. If you haven’t already, please consider notifying Mel Fuller to sign up for electronic delivery.

We also continue to explore new methods of fundraising to offset fixed expenses for the programs we sponsor, such as Miss Pioneer Oregon and our Junior Awards program. This is another area that I ask you, as a member of SDOP, to help and I encourage all members to add SDOP to their list of worthwhile recipients for charitable donations.

Like other Not-For-Profit organizations, SDOP is able to receive donations of, frankly, any kind. If you have given to your local church, the Salvation Army, Sunshine Division, or a college or university, you undoubtedly understand both the rationale for the solicitation and also the potential tax benefits of your charitable contribution. Whether you choose to gift cash, Required Minimum Distributions from qualified accounts or other assets, SDOP will gladly receive your gift at any time and provide you with proper acknowledgement of your donation for accounting purposes.

Thank you for considering the financial needs of SDOP, please call or email me if you have questions.

Drew Ackerlund, President-Elect  
503/730-0930 [drew@madeinoregontwice.com](mailto:drew@madeinoregontwice.com)

**SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF OREGON PIONEERS ANNUAL STATEHOOD CELEBRATION**

COMMEMORATING

**OREGON'S 155<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

AND PRESENTING

**MISS PIONEER OREGON 2014**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2014**

LOCATION: JOIN US AT THE MONARCH HOTEL, 12566 SE 93<sup>RD</sup> AVE, CLACKAMAS, OR.

12:00 PM MEET & MINGLE: -Registration, viewing of displays/merchandise & visiting.

1:00 PM PROGRAM with Welcome by President Elect Drew Ackerlund

Please join our Annual Statehood Celebration! We are delighted to present Miss Pioneer Oregon 2014 and our Scholarship Recipients for 2014. Get current SDOP information and enjoy a wonderful Buffet:

**MENU:** Filet of Salmon, London Broil with Pinot Noir Demi-glace, Baby Red Potatoes, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Mixed Greens with Balsamic Vinaigrette, Bleu Cheese and Candied Walnuts, Rolls with Butter.

Guest Speaker: **ROBERT L. HAMM**, Campus College Chair, Education, University of Phoenix presenting historical antidotes from his "Mapping the West" Presentation.

**COST:** \$34 for adults and \$24 for children under 13. Reservation deadline is February 2, 2014.

Please detach & mail this reservation form with your check directly to Christine Meinicke, SDOP President

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a past SDOP President? Year? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a past Miss Pioneer Oregon? Year? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adult Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$34.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children (13 & under) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$24.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers**. Please mail this form and your check to:

Christine Meinicke, President SDOP, 18805 NW Illahe Street, Portland, OR 97229

If you have questions or special dietary needs, please contact Drew Ackerlund, SDOP President-Elect, at (503)730-0930 or drew@madeinoregontwice.com


**Calendar Events**

**Saturday, January 11, 2014 from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Business Meeting at Chris Meinicke's House

18805 N.W. Illahe Street, Portland, Oregon 97229

Phone: 503-645-3124

Email: [chris.meinicke@frontier.com](mailto:chris.meinicke@frontier.com)

Lunch: Potluck

**Sunday, February 16, 2014 from 12:30-3:00 pm**

Annual Oregon Birthday Banquet

Place: The Monarch Hotel

12566 SE 93rdAve., Clackamas, OR

Time: 12:00 mingle, 1:00 program

Cost: \$34 adults, \$24 children under 13

Reservation deadline is February 2nd.

**Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 10:30 am**

Tour: Fort Dalles Museum and Anderson Homestead

500 S. 15th Street & Garrison, The Dalles, Oregon 97058

Cost: \$3.00 per person

Lunch: Casa El Mirador (fine Mexican dining)

1424 W. 2nd Street, The Dalles, Oregon

**Friday, June 13, 2014**

Founders' Day: Champoeg State Park

**Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 10:00 am**

Annual Meeting

Location/Lunch: High Cliff Restaurant, Oregon City

**Saturday, July 19, 2014 from 12:00-3:00 pm**

Annual Picnic

Location: Pavilion at Champoeg State Park

Meeting prior to Picnic at Rebecca's Tea Porch at the Newell House



Front view of the Foster Farmhouse with the famous lilac.

**SDOP COMMITTEES 2013-2014**

**Banquet Committee** Drew Ackerlund, Chris Meinicke, Ellie Nelson, Nancy Parker, Diane Root, Maryjane Davey

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**NOTICE**

Deadline for submissions of articles, stories, pictures, and information for the March SDOP NEWS will be

**Friday, February 21, 2014**

## Welcome New Member!

We are proud to have you in our growing pioneer family!

### Member

Connor Joseph Acott

### Ancestor

Jackson Lee Morrow – 1853

## In Memoriam...

Our sympathy is extended to the families of the following named members who have passed:



*Lesley Corbett Forster  
Grant B. Frame  
Betty J. Hershman  
Jessie R. Humphrey  
Neil S. Hyde  
Edith Marie McMullen  
June M. Keyes Minturn  
Clifford E. Snider  
Thomas Vaughan*



Grounds of the Philip Foster farmhouse including the store on the left.

### FOR SALE

A New 2013 SDOP Membership Roster is for sale to the membership only.

You may buy one for \$10.00 at a meeting or \$13.00 with postage.

Send check to: SDOP, PO Box 456  
La Grande, OR 97850-0456.

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## SDOP Merchandise Available by Mail

### SDOP 2013 Membership Roster

\$13.00 (includes S&H) This roster lists about 1000 current members and pioneer families (available to members only).

### Reflections of Oregon Pioneer Families

\$4.50 (includes S&H) This book is a compilation of 130 stories written and submitted by SDOP members.

### SDOP Cloisonné Pins

\$5.00 (includes S&H) This is the SDOP membership pin and is in the shape of the state of Oregon in dark blue with a white mountain and gold trim (available to members only).

### SDOP Woodcut Logo Note Cards

\$5.00 each set (includes S&H) Each set contains ten parchment note cards with the SDOP logo and matching envelopes.

Please make checks payable to  
*Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers.*

Send with a written request to:

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P.O. Box 6685  
Portland, OR 97228-6685*

**Save shipping and handling costs!** Purchase the merchandise in person at major SDOP functions, such as the Annual Statehood Banquet in February, the Annual Membership Meeting in June, and the Annual Picnic in July. SDOP volunteers will operate an information table at these functions and will sell the books for \$3 each, pins for \$3 each, note cards for \$3 a set, and the roster for \$10.

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