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January Meeting Minutes

Fifteen board members, officers, members & guests attended the January potluck and "work meeting" of SDOP held at Nancy Parker's home in Clackamas. Nancy called the meeting to order and minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected and approved. Co-President Diane announced SDOP has been invited to participate in the Oregon-California Trails Association Heritage Fair to be held Monday, July 22, 2013 at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas. It is an opportunity to share information about SDOP and to network with other organizations. Jim Tompkins added the keynote speaker for the entire conference will be from the Oregon Historical Society. Several SDOP members will also speak as a panel of pioneer descendants.

The Treasurer's Report was given. Expenses included payment to Champoeg State Park for the July picnic fee, and a donation to the McLoughlin House. Discussion was held on how newsletter expenses will be reduced by members converting to the electronic version. Adding email addresses of the board members to the newsletter was suggested.

Old Business: February banquet details were discussed. Also discussed was the idea of a field trip to Astoria, but as there was only a small amount of interest in the trip, it is no longer planned. Reggie passed around an example of an SDOP mug we could sell to members. A motion was made and carried that she would make 50 mugs which would be first sold at the coming banquet with the newer colorful logo. Discussion from previous meetings was continued on fund raising. Ellie Nelson suggested reminding members that contributions to SDOP are tax deductible. There was also more discussion on donating this July to the DAR project for moving the Pioneer Mothers Log Cabin at Champoeg, as our DAR speaker is not asking for a speaking fee. A motion was made and carried that we will donate \$100, specifically to help with that move to higher ground for the cabin. Chris added that there will be a plaque recognizing supporters.

New Business: Co-President Nancy asked for help to stage a table at the Heritage Fair on July 22nd. Ellie and Chris volunteered to be there. Posters and a banner were suggested. A motion was made and passed to send flowers to board member Ken Jette and to past president Carolyn Grenfell, who are both ill. Jim has reserved the room at Highcliffe Restaurant in Oregon City for the June 8th meeting. Meeting was adjourned.

-Denise Shook & Diane Root

May 11, 2013 – Board Meeting and Historic Tour of Dr. Caples House Museum

Time: 11:00 Museum Tour
12:15 Lunch and Board Meeting in the Knapp Social Center

Cost: \$15.00 Includes admission to Museum. Need a head count prior to May 11, 2013. Contact Chris Meinicke to let her know you are coming.

Phone: 503-645-3124 chris.meinicke@frontier.com
Locations: 1915 First Street, Columbia City, Oregon -
A couple of miles beyond St. Helen on Hwy 30.

There are signs on Hwy. 30 for the Museum.
The Caples House Museum complex consists of five museum buildings and is owned by DAR.

Dr. Caples and his family arrived in Oregon in 1844 and spent the first winter in Salem. In 1846 the family filed a claim on 320 acres of land where Columbia City is now. Mr. Caples son, Charles Caples, studied medicine in Portland. He filed a land claim near his father's claim and build a house for his family – The Caples House Museum. His daughter, Dell and her family lived in the house until 1959 when it was obtain by DAR.

Hope you join us for this meeting and Historic Tour.

SDOP Annual Banquet

The annual banquet commemorating Oregon's 154th birthday was held Sunday, February 17, 2012. Nearly 80 members participated at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas. Members were greeted by music by Heartstrings.

President-Elect Chris Meinicke welcomed members and guests. Entrance of the Colors was performed by Webelos Pack #611 from Clackamas followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary Ellen Hoeffner thanked the members for her year as Miss Pioneer Oregon 2012. Incoming Miss Pioneer Oregon, Bethany Ruth Janzen, spoke about her heritage and the importance of promoting our heritage in our families. Board member Ellie Nelson gave the invocation and everyone enjoyed a buffet lunch featuring steak and salmon.



Lunch was followed by the traditional cutting of the Oregon's birthday cake which was decorated in blue and gold. Our new Miss Pioneer Oregon, Bethany, cut the cake assisted by Marijane Fitzgerald, Miranda Davey, Claire Allen and three Miss Pioneer Oregons: Janell Hoeffner - 1977, Meghan Cole - 2010 and Mary Ellen Hoeffner - 2012.

Richelle Fitzgerald presented the Junior Awards and scholarships. Cooper Alexander from Redmond, Oregon and Savannah Taylor from Eugene, Oregon were present to accept their awards. Cooper received the award for his essay and Savannah for a \$500 scholarship. Also receiving awards was Grant Golonka from Elk Grove, California for his drawing and Emmett Ackerlund from Hillsboro for a \$500 scholarship.

Maryjane Davey introduced our speaker, historian Clark Hoss, who spoke on "What was happening in Oregon around 1863". He discussed the state of the country as it approached the Civil War and how those issues and the Civil War affected Oregon.



The program concluded with a sing along led by Heartstrings. Songs sung in keeping with the Civil War era were My Darling Clementine, Goober Peas, Tenting Tonight and Buffalo Gals. The afternoon ended with the singing of Oregon, My Oregon.



Scholarships:

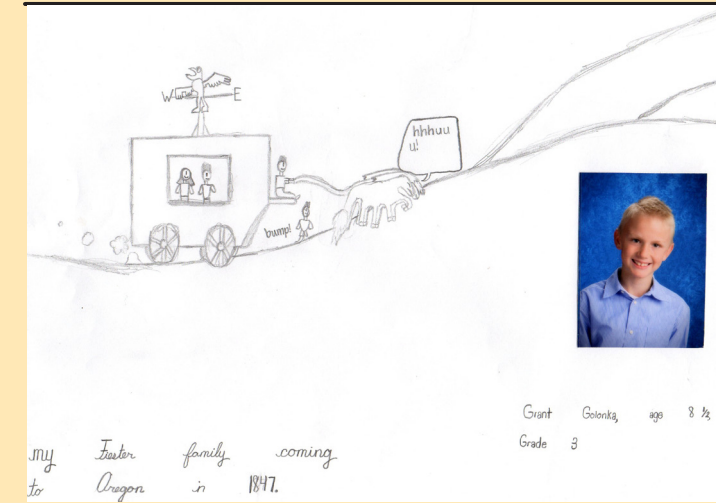


Savannah Taylor is a senior at Winston Churchill High School in Eugene, Oregon. She will attend University of Oregon in the fall. She would like to become an elementary school teacher. She has been active in volunteering, civic and church organizations.

Emmett Ackerlund is a senior at George Fox University in Newberg. Emmett is a history major from Hillsboro, Oregon. He is on the Dean's List and honor roll. Emmett has a very impressive resume of employment, awards/honors and leadership accomplishments.

Junior Awards

Grades 1-4:
Grant Golonka
3rd grade student at Bradshaw Christian School. He lives near Sacramento, California and enjoys basketball and baseball.



Grades 5-8:
No entries met the criteria.

Grades 9-12:
Cooper Alexander
from Redmond, Oregon, is a senior at Redmond High School. His family runs Maple Leaf Herefords. He belongs to FFA, Oregon Jr. Hereford Association, and enjoys 4-wheeling and exploring new places.



What Being an Oregon Pioneer Means to Me

My grandfather and Mother are the historians in my family. They have researched and found information about both of my Mom's family. Our house is filled with family heirlooms. We have books that have stories about my descendants. My Mom has shared these things with me since I was little.

Being an Oregon Pioneer Descendant means a lot to me. I don't know of any of my friends that can say they have family that were Oregon Pioneers. I am proud of my family background and their history in Oregon. I know that my great-great-great-great grandfathers William Heisler and Larkin Vanderpool were the first postmaster and doctor in Prineville. How cool is that?

I am a member of the Cook County Historical Society and regularly attend their yearly outings to different historical locations around Central Oregon. Because of this association I have learned about the Trunk Railroad, toured historic homes in Prineville, climbed to the top of the Crook County Courthouse and signed my name on the Wall (it's OK, the tour guide let us), explored around the Steens Mountains and learned about Peter French, the cattle king near French Glen, Oregon. My great-great grandmother was the grand marshal of the Crooked River Roundup

one year because of her historical heritage. My family has items in the Prineville Museum that belonged to the great grandfather and great-great-great grandfathers. I enjoy looking at them each time I visit.

My family also have history in Dufur and the local museum there has items that belonged to Dr. Vanderpool. The Heisler home is there and has a plaque on the front of it that announces it as the home of William Heisler. My roots go back to wheat and cattle, I am proud that my family was involved in agriculture, and worked in an industry that provides for others. Every generation, since the Heislars and the Vanderpools reached Oregon, has been involved in farming and ranching, even me.

I am proud of my ancestors and their bravery and strength they showed in making the journey west. There were so many unknowns about their trip and yet they believed in the word of others that Oregon was the place to be. I think about friends asking me to move to a different place, and what a different decision making process this would be now days. We know about other places, what it would be like to live there, and how easy it would be to move back here if that place didn't work out. I think about how different my life would be if my ancestors hadn't made the decision to move to Oregon. My mom and dad wouldn't be my mom and dad, so I wouldn't be me. Wow, I have my ancestors to thank for their choices.

I am proud of my heritage. I am sad that I never got to know my ancestors, but I am thankful that stories were written down, grandparents and parents have valued some of their items and I will be able to share and pass down this information to my children someday.

Miss Pioneer Oregon 2013 Acceptance Speech
Bethany Janzen

I am honored to represent this organization as Miss Pioneer Oregon 2013. First of all, I would like to thank everyone who made this commemoration of the 154th year of Oregon's statehood possible. Each of you seated here today deserve recognition. You are true sons and daughters of Oregon pioneers because you have remembered your worthy heritage. I am grateful for the legacy that my grandmother Marilee Pomeroy Sauter who is here today has passed on to me. I would like to share with you a little about myself, a story of one of my pioneer ancestors, and challenge you to live out their values as an Oregon pioneer descendant.



As a home school senior, I plan to attend a local university next fall and major in business. I enjoy playing the harp, hiking, cooking, and getting together with friends. My desire is to pass on our forefathers' values to the next generation.

Speaking of our ancestors, what does being an Oregon pioneer descendant mean to me? Ever since I heard that one of my ancestors had come over on the Oregon Trail, I was excited! Knowing that my third-great grandfather actually walked the hundreds of miles to Oregon at age ten really brings history to life. Calvin Pomeroy and his family left Missouri in 1842 on the first Oregon wagon train. While time does not permit sharing his whole story, he was looking for a new home, adventure, and as he grew older, a wife. However, there were not many women in the Oregon Territory at that time. But there was one coming who took a very different journey 11 years later. She was 14-year-old Henrietta Mehitable Blish, the oldest child of George Blish and Irene Young. Mr. Blish took part in the 1849 California Gold Rush and visited Henrietta's grandparents Elam and Irene Young on the way home in Oregon. Shortly after the Elam Youngs' arrival in the Oregon Territory in 1847, they narrowly survived the Whitman Massacre, yet one of Henrietta's uncles was killed. In May 1851, Henrietta's father returned home to Illinois. He purchased more land,

planted an orchard and garden, and seemed to settle down. Nevertheless, something special about Oregon drew him west. In the summer of 1853, the Blish family sold all they had. Henrietta later wrote, "Father liked Oregon so well that he made quite a sacrifice to go." Instead of traveling across the prairies and over the Rocky Mountains, Mr. Blish decided to take his family by sea. Nevertheless, this also proved difficult.

In September 1853, the family traveled in a wagon to Ottawa, then boarded a train to Chicago and on to New York. While in New York, Henrietta's five year old brother was almost killed by a delivery wagon. All four of her other brothers had already died. Soon the family boarded a steamer to take them to the Isthmus of Panama. Reaching the isthmus, the Blish family crossed the Nicaraguan mountains on burros. Then they went up the San Juan River in small river boats. In some places they could touch the tree branches on the bank. In Henrietta's own words, "the monkeys were so thick in the trees chattering at us." When they finally reached the Pacific Ocean, the family slept in hammocks because of the heat. Even after they boarded a double-decker ship headed to California, their dangers were not over. One night while off the Gulf of Tehuantepec near southern Mexico, it seemed like the boat would break to pieces. "First thing I know a big wave struck her and it sounded like she had struck a rock. A skylight broke and the water came pouring in and was nearly knee-deep in the steerage."

Neither tempests, temperatures, nor tight quarters daunted the brave Blish family. Their determination never failed. After three long months of travel, Henrietta arrived in Portland, Oregon on Dec. 5, 1853. The Blishes settled near the Pomeroy family. Calvin Pomeroy and Henrietta Blish attended a camp meeting together in the summer of 1854. That October, the two rode horse back together to the wedding of Clavin's brother. They shared a similar faith, courage, and vision. In November 15-year-old Henrietta and 22-year-old Calvin were married. Grateful to even be in Oregon, they lived without any of the modern conveniences we use daily. They exemplified courage, responsibility,

and hope. They also passed on a legacy of faith in Jesus Christ. Our pioneer ancestors built churches, helped their neighbors, and took care of their families. Their lives before, during, and after they came to Oregon were filled with hope and fear, joy and sorrow, responsibility and trust. We have been left an example, a heritage. However, the questions remains, what will you do with it? Will you share the stories of courage and the values that were passed on to you with the next generation? I aim to. Let us not forgot

the sacrifice, hope, and faith of our pioneer forefathers. Their dreams have become our reality.
Bethany lives in Happy Valley, Oregon. She is a senior at New Covenant Christian Academy, and also takes classes at Clackamas Community College. She plays the harp and is a member of the American and World Harp Societies. She has an impressive resume of academic associations, honors/awards, leadership and community service.

Humphrey Anniversary

Thomas and Lois Humphrey celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their family on a holiday cruise to Mexico. They married Aug. 29, 1952, in Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Coos Bay.

Tom and Lois met in high school and attended the University of Oregon together. They raised four daughters, Denise Weinke of Pilot Rock, Ellen Carvalho of Phoenix, Megan McManus of Wilsonville and Jane (deceased). They have five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Tom taught Philosophy and English at Southwestern Community College and served as Port Commissioner for the Port of Coos Bay. Lois was a librarian at Coquille High School and was active in 4H, Jobs Daughters, Community Concert, P.E.O. and Daughters of the American Revolution. They hold life memberships in the Coos Historical Society and Lois is a life member SDOP.

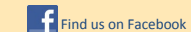
Tom and Lois enjoy gardening, spending time with their children and grandchildren, traveling and cruising.

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LIVING HISTORY AND PUBLIC EVENTS FOR 2013

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, and Event Name. Includes dates from Feb 23 to Dec 7 and events like OPRD History Cache, Volunteer Welcome Fair, etc.

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**Kenneth Reynolds Jette, Jr., 77,
May 14, 1935 - Feb. 21, 2013**

Kenneth was born in Portland and graduated from Columbia Preparatory and the University of Portland (B.A. in History). Ken worked with the U.S. Postal Service in the early 1960s and retired in 2009 after 45+ years as a clerk in downtown Portland. A passionate advocate for social justice and workers' rights, Jette was active in the American Postal Workers Union. He was a member of the SDOP Board of Directors. Ken married R. Eileen Willett in 1965; divorced 1990. Ken is survived by son, Hazen; daughters, Catherine and Melinda; brother, Dennis; nephew, Matthew; nieces, Erin and Kelly Niles-Yokum; grandchildren, Summer and Chihiro; and several in-laws. He is predeceased by his nephew, David. Services were held Wednesday, Feb. 27 at Christ the King Catholic Church in Milwaukie. Memorial donations: Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers Scholarship, c/o Reggie Burke, 7810 SE 267th, Gresham, OR 97080.

His earliest Oregon ancestors were 1828 Josef LaRouchburne/LaRoque, 1842 Tanis Liard, 1842 David Ross & Cahristiana Munro, 1846 Michael Wren and 1851 Nancy Ellen Wren.

ⓘ Please keep us informed

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This greatly assists us in processing the thousands of items we mail to members each year. Thank you for your help!

✓ Calendar Events

Spring Field Trip: Astoria cancelled.

Saturday, May 4, 2013: 12:30-3:30
Champoeg State Park for Founders' Day.

Saturday, May 11, 2013: 11:00 am Caples House Museum
Complex tour, lunch, and meeting; \$15.
Columbia City, OR

Saturday, June 8, 2013: 10 am to 2 pm, Annual Meeting at the High Cliff Restaurant, Oregon City.

Sunday, July 14, 2013: 12 to 3 pm,
The annual picnic at the Pavilion at Champoeg State Park.

Planning a Family Reunion?

SDOP News will publish a free notice in the May issue. Please include *Pioneer family name, *Full name of pioneers, *Year they arrived in Oregon, *Date and location of the reunion, *Contact info of contact person. Send to Jake Root at jdrooter@yahoo.com or 9549 Elizabeth Ct, Thornton, CO 80229

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NOTICE

Deadline for submissions of articles, stories, pictures, and information for the May SDOP NEWS will be **Friday, April 26, 2013**

Welcome New Members!

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

Life Member

Emmett A. Ackerlund
Paula Jo Beck
Tracy A. Brown
Susan R. Scovell McGregor
Linda D. Matson Stephenson
Lillian Carol Ralston Surrency

Ancestor

Jeremiah Kenoyer – 1853
Lane Logan McNary – 1847
Charles McKay – 1841
Benjamin Simmons – 1853
James H. Wilson – 1853
William Hale – 1852

Member

Dawn M. Albert Alexander
Priscilla G. Lowe Belin
Rory Nichols

Ancestor

William Heisler – 1852
William Orr Hobson – 1843
William Hale – 1852

Junior Member

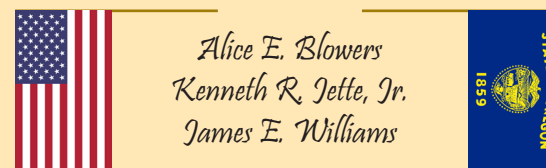
Cooper D. Alexander
Grant Robert Golonka
Macen Hayes Wahoske

Ancestor

William Heisler – 1852
Daniel & Rachael Fiester – 1847
William Sperry – 1851

In Memoriam...

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



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