

President's Letter

From Chris Meinicke

Greetings to all descendants of Oregon Territory Pioneer families and friends:

I love this time of the year when all the hot days of summer are just a memory and we are experiencing cooler weather and wonderful fall colors of the Maple trees, Ash Trees, Oak Trees, tamarack trees (Western Larch Trees) and huckleberry bushes. It is a great time of year to check out some of the Oregon Trail ruts in your area such as Pendleton Area, in the Blue Mountains, The Dalles Area, sections of the Barlow Road over Mt. Hood or even sections of the Applegate (Southern route) Trail. Or take a walk through a pioneer cemetery such as Mountain View Cemetery in Clackamas County, Lone Fir and River View cemeteries in Multnomah County, Jacksonville cemetery in Jackson County or Belle Pass Cemetery and Salem Pioneer Cemetery in Marion County. I would love to hear about your adventures this fall with pictures and we could print them in the SDOP Newsletter.



In February of 2022 SDOP elects new officers and board members. SDOP is probably the oldest, if not the oldest, historical organization in Oregon with roots going back to 1873 as the Oregon Pioneer Association, then became known as the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers in 1897 and incorporated on June 13, 1901. It is an organization totally run by volunteers for over 120 years. **SDOP needs members to step up to the plate and take an active role in this organization in order to continue being a robust organization keeping our pioneer heritage alive for**

future generations. Currently we are looking for two officer positions which are President-Elect and Secretary. Dawn Alexander has been Secretary for at least five years and would like to step down from that position, but I am sure she'll remain on the board. We also have several board positions to fill. Taking a board position is a great way to start being active in SDOP. Please contact Joyce del Rosario (joyce@oregonsdop.org), Dave Thompson (dave_tek@Yahoo.com) or myself (chris.meinicke@frontier.com) or 503-645-3124 if you are interested in an officers position or would like to be on the board.

At our annual Oregon's Statehood Banquet SDOP likes to reward the younger generation of pioneer ancestors by selecting a Miss Pioneer Oregon, awarding a college scholarship and various Junior awards for students in 1-12th grades. All the applications for honoring our younger generation were in the September 2021 SDOP newsletter or can be found on line at: <https://oregonsdop.org/scholarships-con-tests/>

We need applications by the 15th of December. Parents, grandparents please help get applications submitted to SDOP as soon as possible.

I hope many of you can join us at our next board meeting on November 2021 at the Conference Center in Clackamas Town Center. The directions for the meeting location is in this newsletter.

A small correction: It was John Riddle (also Ar-tencia's brother) who plotted the town of Riddle, Oregon not George Riddle as stated in last newsletter. He also built the Riddle Hotel which is still standing. Most of my information about my pioneer families, the Riddle's and Merri-man's come from obits and many newspaper articles I obtain from the Medford Historical Museum and from the book "Early Days in Oregon"

by George W. Riddle published in 1948 for the Riddle Parent Teachers Association and again in 1953.

The Cow Creek Indians were a small tribe of the Umpqua Tribe and actually welcomed the Riddles. Many of the Riddle family members learned their language (a dialect of Chinook) including my Great Great Grandmother, Artencia. And the Indians learned some English especially the younger generation by playing, fishing and hunting with the Riddle children. The Chief of the Cow Creek Indians was Chief Miwaleta. There was a mutual understanding between the Riddles, some of the other local settlers and Chief Miwaleta. Of course, this wasn't always the case with all the Indians, settlers and miners in Southern Oregon. Chief Miwaleta gave Indian Names to William Riddle. He was called "Lom-Tu", (Old Man) and his wife, Maxamilla Riddle was called "Mulagolan" (mother).

There is a park named for Chief Miwaleta and an historical marker in the park honoring him. The park is near Azalea, Oregon on the shores of Galesville Reservoir on the Cow Creek River.



We cannot change history or the justice that was denied for many generations to Native Americans but can begin to tell their stories.

The next issue of the SDOP newsletter will have more on my pioneer families and early history of Oregon.

Chris Meinicke

November Board Meeting Location Clackamas Town Center Community Room

Here are some directions for anyone that hasn't been to the Community Room.

The easy way is to go in through the North door, by the cinema. That door opens into the food court.

Go along the **Left** wall of the food court, to the elevator, located between Panda Express and Cinnabon:



Take the elevator to the Lower Level and turn right as you leave it. The Community room is the first door on the left:



If you use the escalator instead; turn left at the bottom, and then take the hallway to the left, between **Buckle** and **Francesca's**. Go past the elevator, to the first door on the left.

See you there!

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Meet SDOP's New President-Elect



Mrs. Joyce Allegra del Rosario is currently serving as President-Elect of SDOP for the 2021-2022 term. Joyce is descended from multiple pioneer families. Some of her relatives traveled with

Daniel Boone's party, others were at the Whitman massacre, and others founded towns in Oregon including Florence, Prineville, and Eugene.

Joyce is active in Oregon Christian Writers and does research on Oregon Trail authors. "One Woman's West" is the published journal of her aunt, Martha Gay Masterson, written when Martha was a teen crossing the Oregon Trail. Joyce is also related to Joaquin Miller, the Poet of the Sierras.

She received her commission in the US Army from Kemper Military Junior College in Missouri where she studied Military Science and History. Joyce is currently studying Financial Services/Accounting and Data Analytics at George Fox University in Newberg. Joyce continues to serve as a community-based advocate and a champion for housing equity.

Upcoming SDOP Board Meetings and Events

Board meetings are open to all Members and their families.

November 13, 2021

Board Meeting

Location:

Clackamas Towne Center Community Room
(See page 2)

Time: 10:00 AM

January 8, 2022

Board Meeting

Location:

Clackamas Town Center Community Room

Time: 10:00 AM**February 13, 2022 (Sunday)**

Annual Oregon Birthday Banquet

Location:

Monarch Hotel
125 SE 93rd Ave
Clackamas, Oregon

Time:**11:00 AM** - Annual All Member Business Meeting**12:00 Noon** – Arrive for Banquet**April 9, 2022**

Board Meeting and Tour

Time & Location:**10:00 AM Tour** - Vista House, on the old Columbia River Highway**12:00 Noon Meeting** – Multnomah Falls Lodge Restaurant**June 18, 2022**

Board Meeting and Parade

Board meetings are open to all Members and their families.

Location:

Brownsville, OR, for the Pioneer Picnic

*Details to follow***July 9, 2022**

Annual SDOP Picnic

Location:

Champoeg State Park Pioneer Pavilion

Time:**10:00 AM** - Board Meeting**12:00 Noon** - Picnic**Lost Mail**

The following members have had their newsletter returned, and SDOP does not have a new address for them. Do you know where they are now?

Wilma McKern Bauer	Hermiston, OR
David R. Hannan	Portland, OR
Robert Green	Spanaway, WA

If you have any current contact information for them (address, phone #, or E-mail), please send it to:

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Dave Thompson (dave_tek@yahoo.com), or
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A Brief History on Miss Pioneer Oregon

From 1901 until 1921 most of the names of Miss Pioneer Oregon have been lost over time. If you have any names and/or information about a "Miss Pioneer Oregon" or just "Miss Oregon" from 1901 to 1921 please contact Chris Meinicke, President of SDOP or the SDOP Historian, Janet Wilson. Prior to 1949 Miss Pioneer Oregon was just called "Miss Oregon".

But there is one notable lady who was crowned the first "Mother Queen of Oregon" in June of 1907. Her name was Mary Ramsey Lemons Wood. She was crowned by former Oregon Senator George Henry Williams who was a former president of the Oregon Pioneer Association and Joseph D. Lee a member of SDOP. Mr. Henry L. Pittock presided over the ceremony on July 4, 1907. It is believed Mary Wood was 120 years old when she died in January 1908 and is buried in the Hillsboro Pioneer Cemetery. Mary Ramsey Lemons Wood is the great, great, great grandmother to our SDOP member, Linda Bardel. I've asked Linda to provide an article on her pioneer ancestor and especially how she is going to

be honored by the Albany (Oregon) Carousel Museum in a book being written by them about the carvings which is a representative of Oregon Woman Pioneers. Linda Bardel's brother, John Wesley Lemons is also a member of SDOP.

We also have a record of the crowning of Mrs. O.N. Denny as Mrs. Oregon in 1928. She was a survivor of the Whitman Massacre in 1847 and also a member of SDOP.

Miss Madeline Nichols was MPO in 1921. There was no MPO in 1922. Then from 1923 to present there has always been a Miss Pioneer Oregon crowned/awarded at the SDOP annual Oregon Statehood Banquet held each February. There are a few MPOs who have served two years such as our current Miss Pioneer Oregon, Miss Alleyann Farnsworth. Check out the SDOP website for a listing of all Miss Pioneer Oregon which in many cases includes pictures.

By Chris Meinicke, President of SDOP

References:

In the Beginning written by Merle Miller dated February 15, 2009

Wikipedia, Mary Ramsey Wood - Biography

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Some Memories of Pioneer Home Life, Traditions, Customs, and Experiences related by Oregon Pioneers

Written by Alice Revenue Webster and published in the Voice of American Women, January 1947.

Alice Revenue Webster was Connie Revenue-Selzer's Great Aunt. If you recall, Connie Revenue-Selzer, an SDOP member, hosted us along with staff of the Sandy History Museum at our September 2021 meeting.

Most information directly from the article:

My father and mother came to Oregon in 1853. They stopped on the Sandy river because the oxen were tired, the river abounded with fish, and the forest with game. It was a good place to spend the winter, and by spring they saw possibilities of a home here.

Father started a trading post on the Barlow Road. Mother planted a garden, and the nine children began to grow up, we had a good life.

I would like to correct the impression that pioneer days were hard. That is not true. We had a happy time, with an abundance of food, though it was simple.

The streams were teeming with salmon and trout. We had elk, deer, and an occasional bear. As the years passed, father began raising hogs to sell around to the neighbors.

Father would go to Oregon City for coffee, sugar, whole nutmegs, sticks of cinnamon

and Saleratus was baking soda, used instead of baking powder.

For our clothes, mother would buy unbleached muslin by the bolt in Oregon City, after it had been brought "around the Horn." She would dye the pieces for dresses brown, with ash tree bark. The children's dresses were fastened in the back, and it was a sign of being grown up when a girl began to wear her dresses fastened in the front. I remember how mortified I was the first time I wore a dress buttoned in the front.

We had happy times, and the school was the center of our social life.

I remember when we had the mumps. Then mother tied a piece of salt pork on each swollen cheek with a long piece of cloth, which went under the chin and was knotted on top of the head. We gaily went off to school and discovered that every other child in school was tied up that day, too. We were running around the schoolhouse laughing and shouting, "The mumps, the mumps, we got the mumps", when somebody said, "There comes Mr. Cross (the teacher). He's got the mumps, too!" Sure enough, Harvey Cross was all tied up with salt port, the same as we were and we had the most hilarious school day I ever experienced, because everybody had the mumps.

The article ends with some good advice even for today.

People were dependant on one another and had to get along. One never knew when he would need help, and no one could afford to get mad or be dishonest. The feelings of

tolerance and friendship are needed more than ever in today's world.

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New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

New Senior Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
David M D Nuss	John Calvin Dobbins (1850)
Cilla C Carpenter	John P Stanfield (Before 1855)

New Junior Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>Ancestor</u>
Cayman R Campbell	Provedenze M Currey (1853)



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- Marylou McKay Green
- Margaret Dunlap Stevens
- Robert D Green

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