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"Along the Trail..."

That is the title for the next installment of the Kenoyer story. It's the year 1853 and Jeremiah Kenoyer has been called by the United Brethren Church to help organize and lead a wagon train to Oregon Territory. Ninety-two persons were to assemble at Council Bluffs lowa to begin the trek to a new home in the Willamette Valley. This group of pioneers were known to have traveled west with the Preachers Train. Whoa! I am getting ahead of myself, again. Writing down the history of the character and exploits of relatives, who traveled with the Preachers Train and came over the Barlow Road to homestead first in Oregon and later in Washington, is the very thing people have said I should do. Family histories-- those stories handed down generation to generation—the ones we heard being told at family gatherings--provide important "threads" or clues about our ancestors, their lifestyle choices and requirements, and, ultimately, even ourselves.

"Who, What, Where and When..."

Oral Histories, according to Dr. David Bauner, are the most accurate method of piecing together who and what type of lifestyle resulted where and when they lived in the early 19th century here in the Willamette Valley. Bauner is an archeologist at Oregon State University who presented "Hidden History: An Archeologist's Perspective on Old Oregon" at the SDOP 156th Statehood Celebration on February 15, 2015. Bauner was emphatic about the importance of oral histories as they "commonly provide some of the best information" that can be used to tie together disjointed fragments of the physical evidence archeologists search for. Read: fedora hat, artifact, Indiana Jones.

To his credit, Bauner did not suggest we record our family histories and place them in a earthen pot and hide it somewhere along the flood plain of the Yamhill River to be discovered years from now...no, according to Bauner, just writing them down would be a great service to current and future historians as well as related disciplines. Documenting your family stories and the oral traditions —the act of writing them down— is the best way to unite facts, timing, causation and event circumstance, allowing the often loose threads of history to be woven together. The end result of our commitment to documenting our family histories,

we were told, was that our past might become better illuminated, without so many 'bunny trails' and historical dead ends.

But think about this; Bauner and other archeologists have largely worked on specific known or suspected sites and, naturally, the areas along the Oregon Trail. However rich in artifacts the trail might be in certain places, it is unlikely that Oregon Trail archeological sites give much if any insight to the events of the previous 15 miles of trail or of the 15 miles of trail to be covered that day. It was camp, maybe a glass shard or a grave along the trail that would be found. Meanwhile, the stories of the trail are largely silent



Presiden Elect Mel Fuller, MPO Miranda Davey, & President Drew Ackerlund at the banquet.

for the transient nature of the daily lurch, bump and trudge of the wagon train. Even the best archeologist would struggle to piece together the story of your ancestor's footsteps and experience because of the void of clues. In reality, it is only the oral histories that can make life on the trail come alive.

In 2013, when I was asked to take a hand in the work of SDOP,

my concept was to make myself available to the various tasks of keeping the proverbial "Wagon" happily rolling along down the trail. The reality has been that SDOP has a lot of work ahead of us. My hat is off to those who founded our organization and to all who have served SDOP in the past. It is a fortunate thing that SDOP has had capable and willing volunteers over the years to attend to, repair, replace and update the running gear to keep our organization on the trail and going in the right direction. SDOP, a registered not-for-profit, volunteer run corporation, is a product of the good intentions of the volunteers who take the time and

initiative to run it and the financial support and donations from you, our membership.

In the past I mentioned the "three V's": Viable, Visible, and Venerable. The concept is that if SDOP is to be around in 2059 at the 200th birthday of Oregon Statehood, it would mean that SDOP, over the next 44 years, successfully became a viable and visible organization based upon business practices, measurements and the attainment of stated goals. First and most importantly: we would have positive annual growth in membership year over year. Second: would need to continue to benefit from an increasing and loyal base that would give of their time and provide financial support for our organization. And third: we would have increased visibility to the general public through an expanded network of communication tools: email, Facebook and our own Web site domain (currently under construction) at www.OregonSDOP.org.

While we acknowledge and appreciate those who have made financial contributions to support the budget and program decisions that SDOP commits to each year, and we recognize the unlimited range of communication possibilities that Facebook and a web site will allow us and give thanks for those committee members working in this endeavor, it is the first goal—growth in membership—that drives all else.

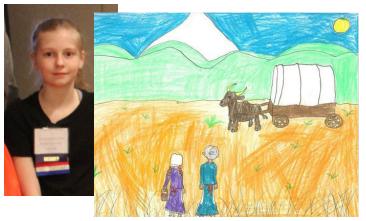
Now is the time to verbalize...yes another 'V' word. Write down and share with that niece or nephew of yours one of the trail stories you heard when you were a child... take a moment to circulate this newsletter to those on your Christmas card list...ask that relative in Orange County to join you and your family in supporting SDOP with a membership today!

I remain resolved and optimistic that, with your voice, SDOP will be Visible, Viable and Venerable in the year 2059 and beyond! It is your story to continue and carry on! The alternative is not acceptable...don't allow inaction to reduce SDOP to the scrap heap of history where in 2059 some guy wearing a fedora is left to his own devices to figure out what the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers were and what caused them to become extinct!



2015 Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers Statehood Banquet

SDOP Junior Award Winners: Grades 1-4 Johanna Walker (4th grade)



Grades 9-12 Abigail Walker (10th grade)



Starting in the early 1840s, whispers of a new territory rich with opportunity were beginning to reach the ears of those living in the east. Its name was Oregon, and it promised a fresh start for whomever dared make the journey west. It was the start of a mass exodus. Brave settlers craving better lives took their fates into their own hands,

packed what they could into covered wagons, and left their old lives behind. They knew what they sought would be dangerous to obtain, and that many would not survive. But they were determined to fulfill their dreams, or to die trying.

My ancestor Catherine Abbott was one of them. At the age of 10 she left her home of Council Bluff, Iowa, and began the treaturous journey west. Her father, John, suffered from consumption, and the family thought that a different climate would do him some good. The family of four left in 1850. That first year, they made it as far as Salt Lake City before they had to stop for the winter. Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, granted them permission to build a cabin there. The plan was to stay only for the winter, but the Abbotts ended up staying for two years after Keturah, Catherine's mother, had her third child. At the end of those two years, however, the family was greatly pressured into joining the Mormon Church, and in order to keep their

religious beliefs they set out to finish their journey in 1852.

After years of dreaming of their lives in the west, the family finally made it to Oregon City. They rented a home from John McLoughlin, owner of the general store that most consider to be the end of the Oregon Trail. Undoubtedly, the clean air did Catherine's father some good, because he lived for three more years before he passed away in 1855. The Abbott's lives took a turn for the worse after the loss of their father. Keturah Abbott, now with five children to look after and no job to sustain them, had a nervous breakdown shortly after her husband's passing. The court deemed her unstable and she was thrown in jail, and later put in an insane asylum. The children were all separated and given to other families, for they had no one else to take them in. It was a very sad ordeal, to reach Oregon without loss of life, but to be separated a few years after their arrival due to circumstances beyond their control.

Eventually, however, their mother was released from the asylum and was taken in by Catherine and her sister, Amanda. Keturah Abbott lived to be 90 years old, and see her daughter Catherine married to my great-great-great grandfather, Hercules LaTourette Kelly. She had seven children, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, my grandmother. Catherine Abbott Kelly is buried in Oregon City with her husband and a few of her children.

I have always loved history. In elementary school, I would spend hours reading library books about girls who lived during memorable events in the past, like the Civil War, the Great Depression, and the American Revolution. When I learned that one of these events took place so close to home, I fell in love with the Oregon Trail. I remember the excitement I felt when I would open one of my books and recognize the names of landmarks listed there, knowing that I had visited many of them in my home state. Suddenly I was the owner of a pioneer bonnet, and my grandparents were taking me on trips to Flagstaff Hill, Three Island Crossing, Whitman Mission, Old Fort Hall, the Blue Mountain Crossing, Clover Creek, and the Barlow Road, among other things. When my fourth-grade class did an Oregon Trail unit, I was proud to bring in pictures from my adventures and share them with my classmates.

When I discovered that I actually had an ancestor that came across on the Oregon Trail, I was thrilled. The fact that my great-great grandmother was a pioneer girl just like the ones I had read about in my favorite books made my hobby feel much more important. Looking back on the trips I took with my grandparents, what felt like an exciting history lesson became an exploration of my geneology. It's strange knowing that you've walked in the same

place your ancestors walked, seen some of the landmarks they saw.

It also made me sad, in a way. I had learned of the hardships of those on the Oregon Trail, hunger, thirst, sickness, and before I knew about Catherine Abbott I was able to view them with some detachment. It is easy to do when you don't know the people who are suffering. When I realized that my great-great-great grandmother had dealt with them firsthand, it became personal.

But the sadness could not drown out my pride. In fact, it added to it. In spite of all of the hardships she faced, my ancestor made it to Oregon. She walked thousands of miles, journeyed for years for the chance to make her future better. And when she came to Oregon City, I can only imagine her elation, knowing that she was finally home.

Catherine Abbott was a part of history, just as I'd always dreamed of being. She taught me that if you want a better life, you need to go out and get it for yourself, because nothing comes easily.

The fact that she braved the trip to Oregon and saw the beauty in the place I love so much makes me very happy. It makes me feel like I am exactly where I'm supposed to be.

College Scholarship Brandon Irving



How do you plan to contribute to a positive future for Oregon?

My family is rich in tradition. I will be the fifth generation Oregon

State University student in my family. My grandfather worked at Oregon State for his entire career and continues to financially support the academic and athletic programs for today's students.

My grandparents often take a mentoring role to students through the academic scholarship that they fund. Through both my grandparents' and parents' modeling, I want to give back in the same way they have shown me. In addition, I plan to start my own business or join a business that improves the community by developing academic skills for the youth of tomorrow. In today's environment where funding for schools is lackluster, future Oregon students need our support in creative ways to succeed, which will also support the state's success.

How has your family history, as the descendant of a pioneer, made a difference in your life and how do you plan to keep your personal history alive?

I have the best of both worlds. I am a direct descendant of

an Oregon pioneer on my father's side and have Filipino heritage on my mother's side. My mother immigrated to Oregon when she was only two years old. I am blessed to have a family with two very different backgrounds that are also very similar in core beliefs. This has allowed me to be part of a rich and diverse family culture. When I start a family, I plan to keep my SDOP involvement and Filipino culture a part of their upbringing. I believe my pioneer journey from two different cultures will add a unique element to SDOP in the future.

Miss Pioneer Oregon Miranda Davey



Miranda Davey is a senior at West Linn High school, where geology and history are her favorite subjects. She is on the Equestrian Team, competing in Western Equitation, Saddle Seat, Showmanship and In-Hand Trail. After school she works at the senior care facility, Mary's Woods in West Linn as a dietary aid; and spends her spare time at the barn or 'shadowing' in an intern capacity at a veterinarian's office, adding up the hours needed to apply for

the VetTech program at PCC. She knows her future will be working with animals.

Runner-up
Grades 1-4 Faith Root (4th grade)







Runner-up College Scholarship Bethany Janzen



How do you plan to contribute to a positive future for Oregon or your home state?

In Oregon, our communities face many needs and challenges. As a seventh generation Oregonian, I aim to be a leader who does not look the other way from our problems, but recognizes them and works to

address them. While this may include running for political office or heading a nonprofit, it may also simply consist of supporting and raising a strong family who will carry on our Oregon pioneer ideals of integrity, responsibility, and hard work.

How has your family history, as the descendant of a pioneer, made a difference in your life and how do you plan to keep your personal history alive?

My personal pioneer history has left me footprints to follow. Each story evokes in my heart the desire to live out their example. When I ponder the story of ten-year-old Calvin T. Pomeroy and his family setting forth on the first Oregon wagon train where men were daring enough to bring their families with them, I am inspired to try the untried. When I read the account of Elam Young and his family courageously standing firm in their faith during their captivity at the Whitman Station during the Whitman Massacre, chills run down my spine. Questions fly through my mind. Would I likewise remain steadfast to my beliefs, even if my brother was shot, as was the case with the Youngs? Would I continue to care for the children and those hurt? Would I forgive? I hope and pray the answer is, YES!

Similarly, when I consider the hardships and fortitude that my pioneer ancestors displayed, all my homework assignments and leadership responsibilities pale in comparison. With deep gratitude, I all the more eagerly pick up my pen to complete the tasks set before me and take responsibility for my future.

In my own family, I plan to retell the stories of the sorrow and love, fear and courage, and fatigue and perseverance of my pioneer ancestors. Whether around the Thanksgiving table or during times of great adversity, I plan to reawaken their brave tales to inspire us to likewise continue our faith in God and hope for the future. We can we follow their footprints.

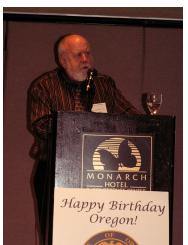


MPOs and Future MPOs: Award winner sisters Abigail Walker and Johanna Walker, 2013 MPO Bethany Janzen, 2014 & 2015 MPO Miranda Davey with Minka Barnes, MPO Erin Davey, Grace Irving with Ella Irving



1st row Board Members/Officers: Rachel Janzen, Reggie Burke, Mary Laws, Ellie Nelson, Maryjane Davey, Dawn Alexander, Dave Thompson, Merle Miller, Glen Jones, Mel Fuller

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Our guest speaker Dr. David Bauner



Color Guard of Weblos Pack #611, Clackamas, OR



Mary Laws and Rachel Janzen leading "Oregon, My Oregon"



Board Member Dave Thompson





Pioneers circling the wagons for good food, friends, and celebration.



Music CD's from Roughly Hewn, the band who delighted us at our 2015 Banquet, are available:

http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/roughlyhewn

SDOP Board Meeting 1-10-15

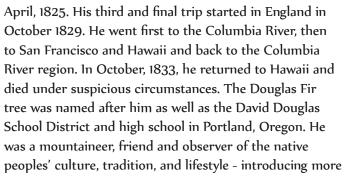
January 10, 2015 was a beautiful day in Hillsboro, Oregon for lunch at Elmer's Restaurant, and a Board meeting at the Washington County Historical Society at the Civic Center. There were some interesting exhibits on the early pioneers of the area and the native people who met them.

The exhibit on David Douglas, the skilled Scottish botanist who made three separate trips from England to

North America, was excellent. His plan involved exploring the new America by walking the woods to collect plants and identify unusual species not found in England. The first trip on June 3, 1823 was to eastern North America. There he studied the plants brought back by Lewis and Clark that even then were flourishing in some American as well as European gardens. He took samples, pressed flowers and seeds, made drawings, and noted the habitat. On this trip while he was in a tree looking at mistletoe, one of his guides stole his coat, money, field books and a textbook. It was not easy being an explorer. He

was known as the "fire man" because he insisted on boiling his water to drink. (smart man!)

The second trip was to the Pacific Northwest from July 1824 -October 1827. He arrived at Fort Vancouver in



than 240 plant species to Britain. His drawings of the long houses of the native tribes give a perspective into early Northwest history. For more information on his life see: http://www.lewis-clark.org/article/487, http://www.washingtoncountymuseum.org/home/

Drew Ackerlund called the January 10, 2015 meeting to order after members gathered together in the Historical Society conference area. Members toured the exhibits both before and after the meeting.

President's Report: Drew reiterated the goal stated in the November 2014

newsletter: "Your Board of Directors is fully invested in making sure that SDOP will be visible, viable, and venerable when the state of Oregon celebrates its 200th birthday on February 14, 2059."



President Elect Report: All of the preparations for the annual banquet celebrating Oregon's Birthday on February 15, 2015 were reported to be complete with a few exceptions of ordering the cakes and flowers. There was a discussion about finding a florist who would do silk flowers for us in the future, especially corsages, boutonnieres, nosegays and haze for Miss Pioneer Oregon. (The decision was later made, based on costs, to just buy fresh flowers for MPO.)

Scholarship Committee: Maryjane reported that there were no applications for Miss Pioneer Oregon this year and our 2014 MPO, Miranda Davy volunteered to continue to serve us as MPO for 2015. The other winners will be presented at the banquet.

Finance Committee Report: The Board accepted the recommendations of the October 15, 2014 Finance Committee meeting. One account will be retained at OnPoint and accounts were opened at Premier Bank to take advantage of higher interest rates.

Cost of Newsletter: Mary reported the cost of the newsletters to be \$4.50 for five newsletters/year per person. This included postage, mailing, printing, layout, formatting and design which are needed for both online and printed publication. This cost is based on 600 newsletters. We greatly appreciate the 400 members who receive the newsletter by email. This saves money for your SDOP and allows us more budget for other needs.

New Business: Cleve reported on his research on a new interactive web site. Hostgater was chosen the new hosting site for our online presence. This new domain includes the .com, .net, and .org sites. Hostgater provides templates, offers use of Wordpress, shopping cart services, etc. The board was excited to approve this new endeavor and help us be more accessible to the online generation!

Amy discussed her research into an "Experience Coordinator" intern position to help us develop the web site into a meaningful online experience and give students experience in graphic design and web site development. We will work to develop an Internship application and program to serve both the needs of students and the SDOP. This fits well with the goals of your SDOP to reach out to young people interested in pioneer history and those history, computer, or other majors who need valuable internships with non-profit organizations.

Announcements: Drew read a thank you note for flowers sent to the funeral from the children of long time member and Past President George Brune. Our condolences go out

to the family.

The board wishes to thank Glen Jones for his faithful, helpful service for many years as a Board Member. We accept his resignation and wish to thank him for his continued support.

Drew made a call for nominees to fill the open Board Position.

Drew announced the Oregon State Library Sale for non-profit organizations which took place on January 21st. The State Library is removing genealogical material from its collection. Visit the Oregon State Library web site for more information.

The next meeting will be April 18, 2015, 12:30, at the Bowman Museum/Crook County Historical Society in Prineville.

Annual membership meeting: June 13, 2015 at High Cliff Restaurant, Oregon City. Membership picnic: July 18, 2015 at Champoeg Park.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

Respectfully submitted: Rachel Janzen, Secretary



Marsha Ackerlund, Ethan Ackerlund, Jeremiah Kenoyer 1853, Elizabeth Cuppy Kenoyer 1853, Drew Ackerlund





Calendar Events

April 18, 2015 Saturday

11:00 Lunch at Meadow Lakes Golf Course

300 SW Meadow Lakes Drive

Prineville, OR 97754 www.meadowlakesgc.com

12:30 Bowman Museum self-guided tour with talk by Gordon Gillespie on the history of Prineville.

Meeting following museum tour.

Directions to Meadow Lakes Golf Course:
From Hwy 97, take 126 east to Prineville.
After coming down the Prineville grade, turn
right onto Meadow Lakes Drive and follow the
directional signs to the course.

From Mt. Hood coming through Madras, after Madras take the highway to Prineville. Coming into town, watch for Meadow Lakes Drive, turn right and follow the signs to the course.

June 13, 2015 Saturday
Annual Meeting
Location: High Cliff Restaurant
Oregon City, OR
All SDOP members invited!

July 18, 2015 Saturday Annual Picnic

<u>Location:</u> Champoeg State Heritage Area <u>Time:</u> Board Meeting followed by

12:30 pm Potluck Save the date!

Seeking Webmaster

SDOP invites you to apply as the organization's Webmaster. *Please contact Mel Fuller at mel_fuller@att.net for more information and a complete description of responsibilities.*

Seeking Publicist

SDOP is actively recruiting a publicist to lead in developing and monitoring public relations activities for SDOP. Duties to include writing and delivering press releases, coordinating affiliate member calendars with SDOP members relations and posting relative news bits in newsletter. Please email drewackerlund@gmail.com for more information.

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You can turn your gift into a legacy that will fund Oregon Pioneer Heritage for generations to come. By including Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers in your estate plans, you can provide resources necessary to keep our organization equipped to stay the course set in 1901. If you would like to include Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers in your estate plans, you can use the following language:

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In Memoriam...

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



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