

President's Corner

If you missed this year's Annual Banquet.... You missed a lot and we missed you! Please, let me share with you just some of the highlights of this annual event.

First of all, we all got to meet our new, "Miss Oregon Pioneer", Miss Grace Maguddayao Irving, and her family. We had an amazing "Flag Presentation", by our own Cleve Parker, accompanied by music, a silent auction and exceptional food!

Also, if you could not attend, you missed my "President's Speech". I am so proud of this year's board. Each and every member does an amazing job in their chosen field/ task. Let me share with you some of the accomplishments of this year:

Membership is up. We have many new members but, also we also have seasoned members that have been giving memberships to family and friends, as birthday and Christmas gifts. We now have a "lifetime junior membership" available.

Donations have been generous. Our correspondence secretary has been somewhat, overwhelmed. She has sent out 54, thank you cards, so far! It is so wonderful to see these donations come in and to be able to put them to such good use. It let's us know that you appreciate what we are doing.

We had the opportunity to be seen in the, "Rose Festival Parade". Our large SDOP banner with our web address included, was seen all over the world. More good news... we have been invited back again this year!

SDOP board has the most amazing technology team. We have a web site to be envious of with around 600 hits per week... we are upgrading our bookkeeping system to, "Quick Books for Non Profits" and in addition we will soon have our archival data in the clouds, for all to view and enjoy.

After finalizing our new "lapel pin logo" at the last meeting, we were ready to reveal the work of many minds and much consideration, to our members. This new logo will show all of the "Oregon Country", not just Oregon! We will gradually work this new pin into our stock of merchandise, which has greatly been enhanced, as well. In addition, we will not stop using the "Wagon Train Logo" as it works well for letterhead and such but not so much for other types of merchandise.

We have come a long way since 1901 and we continue

Rose Parade

Thank you Pioneers! We made our goal and then some! We will be in the parade! The excess will be put toward 2019.

Donations can always be made on our web site:

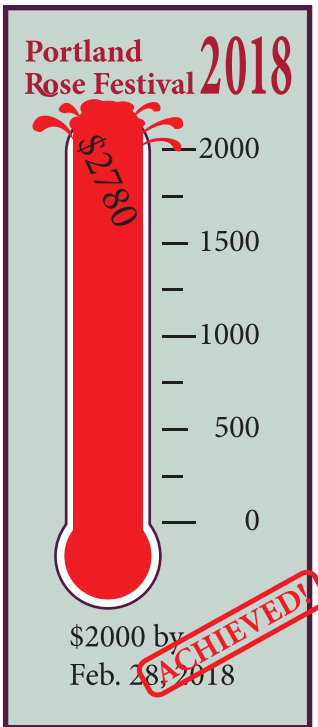
OregonSDOP.org

Click "Donations" on the top header. PayPal and credit cards accepted.

Checks can be mailed to: SDOP

PO Box 6685, Portland, OR 97228-6685.

Don't stop the wagon train!



Our New Logo

Last summer I wrote to the Board that SDOP's identity was being diluted since we had three different logos in use. The logos came about at different times for different reasons, but did not unify our look. We formed a Logo Committee and traded ideas. Thanks to the input of Cleve Parker, Reggie Burke, Diane Root, and myself, SDOP has a newly adopted logo that maps out our heritage and invites people from all of Oregon Country (as it was called from 1818-46) to join our organization. Our acronym is made clear and the colors come from Oregon's state flag. Enjoy our brand new badge of history.

-Jake Root, Newsletter Designer

to grow and expand all the while making good use of membership and donation monies. We would not exist with out our loyal members. I think our ancestors would be proud of these accomplishments.

Thank you, again for keeping SDOP strong by supporting our message of keeping the pioneer story alive.

*-Janet Wilson
President SDOP*

Submissions for next issue due April 20th.

SDOP Annual Banquet 2018



President Janet Wilson



Our Colors presented by Scout Troop 611



Miss Pioneer Oregon 2018
Grace Irving



Two of SDOP's royalty:
Nancy Hershey and Grace Irving



Chris Meinicke, Diane Root, Janet Wilson,
Nancy Parker, Nancy Hershey



Katie Jett



Some of the flags over Oregon,
presented by Cleve Parker



Nancy Parker and Becky Sands



MPO Grace Irving and her family



Kevin Harding



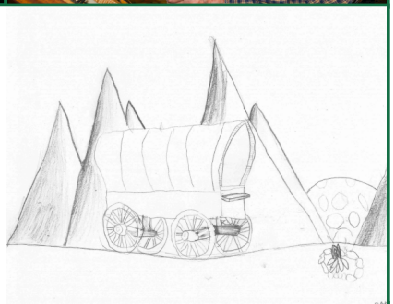
Nolan Godsey



Jackson Godsey



Gabriel Irving



Gabriel's winning drawing

SDOP Jr. Award Winning Essays

Grades 5-8

Nolan Godsey age 11

The Oregon Trail

There were lots of different things that were interesting to me about the Oregon Trail. Here are some of the facts that I learned after researching this topic. One of the interesting facts is that the Oregon Trail began in Independence, Missouri. The trail was over 2,000 miles long and most people's main goal was to either get to California or Oregon City. It typically took about five months to complete.

Another fact about the journey is that instead of using wood to make fires, they used buffalo chips, which is buffalo manure that has dried. Kids probably had to collect the buffalo chips because the men were busy hunting and fixing wagons while the women were busy cooking and feeding the animals. I would be scared to collect buffalo chips because I might mistake a fresh dropping and think it was dried which would be disgusting. I think buffalo chip fires would smell terrible and taste... interesting. The buffalo ate grass, which doesn't burn very well and is very smoky.

Thirdly, the main thing that they brought on the trip was food. The most common foods that they brought were, bacon, coffee, crackers, beans, flour, and hardtack. They brought these foods because they knew they would last longer than other perishables. Once I got to Oregon City, I probably wouldn't eat that food again, because I would be so sick of it.

The only belongings they brought were, clothing, a few simple farm tools, and cooking utensils along with a cast iron skillet. If I was only able to bring a few items that would make me sad because if I had pets I would probably have to leave them behind to make room.

I am happy that I didn't have to go on this trip. I think this trip to Oregon would be difficult because it was so long, the buffalo chips would make the food taste terrible, and I would be sad since I left my pet at home. I would look forward to getting to Oregon because they would have better food choices there.

Grades 9-12

Jackson Godsey age 14

My Appreciation for my Ancestors Journey

Being the descendant of an Oregon pioneer means a lot of things to me. For starters, it means that you should dream big. For example, if my ancestor Joab Powell hadn't dreamt

big he wouldn't have made the journey to Oregon and I wouldn't be here today.

Joab Powell was born July 16, 1799 in Claiborne County, Tennessee. He got married at 19 to Anna Beecher and they had fourteen children. He became a well-renowned Baptist preacher. He and his family came to Oregon in 1852 on the Oregon Trail. He gave the first opening invocation for the State of Oregon Legislature in 1860.

Joab Powell was a very large man, at just under six feet tall and just over three hundred pounds. He was a circuit preacher, which is a preacher that gets on horseback and travels in a circuit, preaching for maybe months before returning home. When the Oregon Legislators offered thirty dollars for him to say the first opening invocation ever at the opening of the Oregon Legislature, he was shoveling manure. He dropped his shovel and got in the cart with the messenger to head off to Salem. When he got there, his entire invocation was: "Lord, forgive them! They know not what they do!" He then asked for his thirty dollars, and left.

I feel that I can connect with Joab Powell because I work hard at wrestling, just as he worked hard at preaching and farming. If either of us didn't work hard at our tasks, we wouldn't be as good as the pursuits. Another thing I feel I have in common with Joab is we both set big goals. For example, I set big goals like I want to place in state by junior year. He set a goal to go to Oregon, and he made it. I think setting big goals is important because if you don't try to reach for the stars, you won't even leave the ground.

Some things I like about Oregon are the trees and how they move in the wind. Something else that I like about Oregon is that all of the people are nice and the community gets along fairly well. I am grateful that Oregon has a coastline so we don't have to drive too far to see the ocean. Probably my favorite thing about Oregon is that there's not an over-abundance of people like New York so it doesn't seem like you're crowded. However there is still quite a few people here so it's still a great community. I would not get to enjoy any of these benefits if my ancestors Joab and Anna Powell had not made the dangerous trek across America.

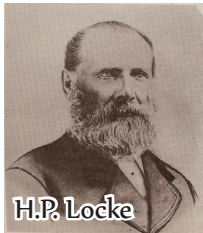
Being the descendant of an Oregon pioneer means that I have heritage here in Oregon. Although to some people it is not paradise, I would not trade Oregon as my home for any other place in the world. I am thankful that the Powells braved the long journey, because it meant a better life for all of their descendants.



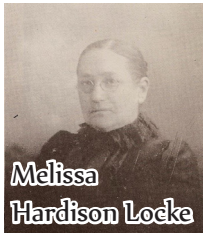
My Oregon Trail Family

-Evelyn Darleen Floyd Brown

Many years ago when I was a young woman, my grandfather, Erma Hill Newman, told me a story about her grandfather, Harrison Porter Locke, who traveled west from Missouri on the Oregon Trail in 1845. It didn't impress me much at the time because I knew very little about pioneers or the Oregon Trail. However, on and off in the ensuing years, I was able to do some research into this event. I learned that not only my second great grandfather, but also his future wife and her parents, were on this same wagon train bound for the Willamette Valley in Oregon. Their names were Gabriel Hardison, Barbara Slater Hardison, and their daughter Melissa Permelia Hardison.



H.P. Locke



Melissa
Hardison Locke

H.P. Locke, as he was called by some, was born in 1812 in Cumberland Gap, Virginia. His first marriage was in 1828 in Fayette Co., Kentucky. I know no more about this marriage than that his wife's name was Rebecca Stout. But of course, he arrived in Independence, Oregon in 1845. Melissa was born in 1836 in Springfield, Illinois, and was only 9 years old on the Oregon Trail in 1845. Five years later, at the age of 14, Melissa married H.P. Lock, who was then 37 years old. They settled on their donation land claim

south of Independence, and had 14 children. My 2nd great grandmother, Emma Melissa, was born in 1863, on of a pair of twins, the other named Eva Mary.

In 1957 a book was published in Oregon by the title of *Melissa Hardison Locke and Her People*. It was compiled and published by Majorie Tedrow Curl, a descendant of others who came on the same wagon train in 1845. It contained information about, and also photographs of, my ancestors and their settling in the Willamette Valley, being some of the earliest settlers in the town of Independence. I had no knowledge of this book until many years later. Because of a chance meeting at a Hill family reunion in 1985, I was given the entire original manuscript of the book by the author herself. I was then able to extract information from it, much to my delight.

Another book published in 1976 and titled *The Brazen Overlanders of 1845*, has helped me to discover even more about these ancestors of mine. The pioneers, for the most part, were brave and daring people who traveled very far, and under great hardships to accomplish their dreams. This particular wagon train originated in Independence, Missouri,

in April of 1845, and it was not until late October that these weary travelers reached their destination, accompanied by the first snow of winter. I have a copy of a platte map showing the location of all the donation land claims south of Independence at that time. Of course, the names of my ancestors are there.

It was because of this second book that I learned much more about another event mentioned by my grandmother. She said that her grandfather had helped with the building of the Barlow Road, that was scouted out and marked across the southern slopes of Mt. Hood and into the Willamette Valley in October 1845. Because of the winter snow, the road was not actually built until the spring of 1846. Only a very few hardy and determined folks pushed on into the valley in October in spite of the cold, and the lack of food. Mr. Sam Barlow was the man with the vision for the road, and he enlisted a few brave men to help him, Harrison Porter Locke being one of them.

The Barlow Road served for many years, allowing for easier and shorter access into the Valley for many weary pioneers. In 1912, it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Remnants of the road can still be seen today here and there through the forests in the vicinity of Government Camp and nearby resorts on the southern slopes of Mt. Hood. My daughter Melissa and her husband traveled to this area in the summer of 2016, and she took many excellent photographs of the remaining wagon ruts that still survive (photos below). Yes, she is named after her 3rd great grandmother!

My ancestor's involvement with this historic even is well documented, and I feel very honored that I'm descended from one of the contributors to this part of the story of the Oregon Trail. I hope that this part of my family story will be appreciated by all of my children and grandchildren, and passed down to succeeding generations.



Barlow Road near Government Camp, 2016



April 14, 2018
SDOP Board Meeting

Polk County
Historical Society

Location: 560 Pacific Hwy., Rickreall, Oregon

Meeting and Lunch: Rock-n-Rogers Diner – right next door to museum (Can park at museum and walk to restaurant) We can order off the menu.

Time: 10:30 – 1:15 - Meeting and lunch.

1:15 PM Museum Tour - A real gem of a museum.

2:30 – 3:00 pm - Stop on the way home and visit the Historic Brunk House to tour the home and enjoy the Cherry Blossoms in the orchard. The house was the home of early settlers, Harrison and Emily Brunk.

Location: 5705 Hwy. 22 going back into Salem, Oregon.



SDOP Board Meeting January 13, 2018

Mel Fuller’s Residence

Officers Report:

President’s Report: Janet has been doing some research on grants. She asked for opinions. What would the grant be used for? Mel suggested creating a database and making it available to ourselves and other entities. It would recognize our legacy and help people who are searching for their ancestry. We could be known as the place to go for pioneer Oregon immigration information. Cleve suggested spending money on data processing so certified members could be authorized to input data. Everything that Merle has as historian needs to be added. Cleve suggested that Stephanie Flora should be contacted. She has a great pioneer web site. Katie suggested adding Native American ancestry; there are grants from the Regional Arts Council. It was mentioned the more we apply for the better. Chris mentioned that some of them need matching funds. It was suggested we apply for a

few small ones to begin with and then go for bigger ones. Discussion was held about using grant money for software that has membership capabilities, then we can email member renewals etc.

Cleve will send Mel approximately 500 scanned deceased member applications. We have about a 20 year gap in records. We need a high speed scanner. Motion was passed that we move forward on writing some grants, and have Mel outline what needs to be done. Dave, Cleve, and Mel will work on it. The technology committee will continue to check into it.

Treasurer’s Report: Dave reported that we have had lots of donations recently! We will put in the May newsletter a list of people that we are getting mail returned and see if anyone has information on them so we can update it. Rose Parade donations = \$1605, [update: we have met the goal!]. A motion was made to reconsider allocating funds for donations made to the general fund for the Rose Parade. Things are looking good for the year. The cost for bulk mailing was \$549.00. We need to budget \$500 in the future.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Mel passed out membership data info. Our membership has remained pretty stable. He also went over the list of people that owe dues; they will be put on inactive status. Dave will look at emails and addresses to see who did not get statements back.

Nominations Committee: Cleve accepted the job of treasurer. We are still looking for a president-elect.

Social Media: Things are going well. Always looking for more content to add. Lots on Twitter about genealogy, like list of immigrants from ships and how to sift through info. Lots of good traffic on Facebook, need to give Reggie access and provide Cleve with material.

Awards and Scholarship Committee Report: Cleve mentioned building an endowment as we go on and receive more donations towards scholarships and Jr. awards. We will work on getting broader knowledge of our 4th grade essay contest out to the education system.

Correspondence Committee: Chris is sending thank you notes for donations.

Old Business: The Board adopted the following Life Membership fees: **\$450.00 for Juniors up to 18 years of age.** Age 18 and older- \$300.00. Seniors- \$150.00. The Board also instituted an introductory price for Junior Life Membership for 24 months from February 17, 2018 at \$400. Usually for Junior Members it is hard to keep up on dues once they are out on their own. This problem is taken care of with a Life Membership. *Minutes continued on page 6*



Calendar Events

Please Note all SDOP members are invited to all meetings, especially the meetings that take in historical tours and/or guest speakers.

April 14, 2018

Board Meeting

Time: 10:30

Location: Polk Co. Historical Museum and Brunk House during the Cherry Blossom Festival (see ad on page 5)

May 5, 2018

Champoeg Founders' Day

Location: Champoeg State Park (free parking)

June 23, 2018

Board Meeting

Location: Vancouver with lunch at Grant House and tour of Marshall House

July 14, 2018

Annual Picnic

Location: Champoeg State Park

[Family Reunion announcements due April 20th.](#)

Black in Oregon 1940-1870

This is a new exhibit at the Oregon State Archives. It features stories, photos and documents of early black pioneers of the Pacific Northwest. The exhibit runs February 5-August 24, 2018. It's open to the public Monday - Friday, 8am-4:45pm. A web version will be available soon. The Oregon State Archives is located in the Cecil L. Edwards Archives Building at 800 Summer Street NE in Salem OR. The public entrance is located on the Summer Street side.

Dues for SDOP

New Members initiation fee: \$5*

Annual Dues [age 18-60]: \$20 [age 60+]: \$15

Junior New Member initiation [birth to age 18]: \$4*

Annual Dues: \$8

Life Member [birth to age 18]: \$450

[age 18-60]: \$300* [age 60+]: \$150*

*includes pioneer certificate and pin

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E-mail: JakeRootGraphics@gmail.com

- May submissions are due by April 20th. -
Photos and articles welcome from all members!

Minutes continued from page 5

New Business: Update accounting process; Cleve is talking with Eileen Hines, who is our CPA, about software. TechSoup.org is a clearinghouse to make software available to 501C3 non-profit organizations. He has begun the process to get us certified for these services. Cleve is getting Quickbooks Premier with 3 licenses. He will send the file to Eileen to transfer everything over. The motion passed to spend \$125 for Quickbooks Premier.

Contributions Made by SDOP Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designated purpose</u>
Janis Robertson	\$100.00 General Fund
	\$100.00 Rose Parade
Anonymous	\$100.00 Rose Parade Fund
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Thompson	\$75.00 Web site maintenance
	\$100.00 Scholarship Fund
	\$100.00 Junior Awards
Laurie Suprock	\$50.00 General Fund
Joni Walker	\$100.00 General Fund
Virginia McCormick	\$50.00 General Fund
Suzanne Marie Purvin McQueen	\$50.00 General Fund
Theresa Pitman	\$25.00 General Fund
Megan McManus	\$100.00 General Fund
William Crabtree	\$100.00 General Fund
Margaret Tilbury	\$75.00 General Fund
Roxie Hobart	\$50.00 General Fund
Mary Lou Gunis	\$70.00 General Fund
William Axtman	\$25.00 General Fund
Dane Ritchey	\$100.00 General Fund
Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Parker	\$50.00 Rose Parade Fund
Mr. and Mrs. Noel Nelson	\$30.00 Rose Parade Fund
Linda Wiley	\$100.00 Rose Parade Fund
Alexis Murray	\$100.00 Rose Parade Fund
John Irving	\$250.00 Rose Parade Fund
Mark Huffstutter	\$100.00 Rose Parade Fund
Robert Miller	\$25.00 Rose Parade Fund
Jette's Apothecary and Dry Goods	\$50.00 Rose Parade Fund

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Welcome New Members!

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

New Member

Travis M. Doto
 Colleen Valnette Fling-Glynn
 Kelley J. Donahue Jewell
 Shirley R. Huffman Klug
 Didgette Marie Jordan McCracken

Ancestor

Henry Melton – 1849
 John Bright Potter – 1853
 Edward Pedigo – 1854
 Lewis B. Huffman – 1850
 Isaac Miller Sr. – 1848

Junior Member

Sophia J. Glynn
 Bailey McCracken
 Samuel J. McCracken

Ancestor

Barbara Slater – 1845
 Bluford Stanton – 1853
 James Harrison Jordan – 1854

In Memoriam...

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



*Suzanne Faw
 Grier Rinehart Ingebretsen*



Leta Neiderheiser	\$100.00	Rose Parade Fund
Ellen Carvalho	\$100.00	Rose Parade Fund
Katie Jette	\$5.00	General Fund
Jayne Jergentz	\$10.00	Rose Parade
Merna Jergentz	\$10.00	Rose Parade
Margaret Cole	\$50.00	General Fund
Chuck Hornbuckle	400.00	Use where most needed
In memory of Chuck's wife, Suzanne		
Scott Burns	\$50.00	General Fund
	\$50.00	Miss Pioneer Oregon
Jeanne Preston	\$100.00	Rose Parade Fund
Heather Burns Eagon	\$500.00	Rose Parade Fund
Priscilla G. Lowe Belin	\$100.00	Rose Parade Fund
Melinda Jette	\$25.00	Rose Parade Fund
Mark Weise	\$5.00	Rose Parade
	\$5.00	General Fund
Patricia Adams	\$25.00	Rose Parade
Ardess Christensen	\$100.00	Rose Parade
Donna Strider	\$50.00	Rose Parade
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Salyers	\$25.00	Rose Parade



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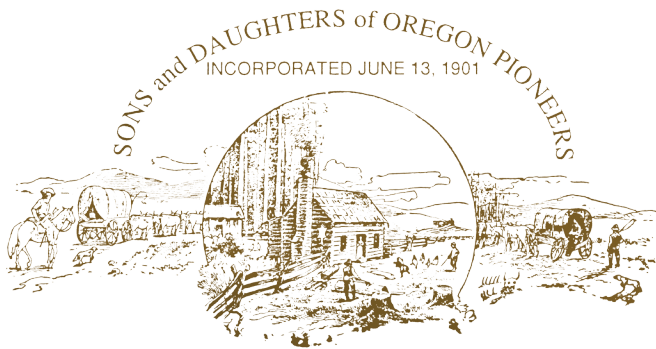
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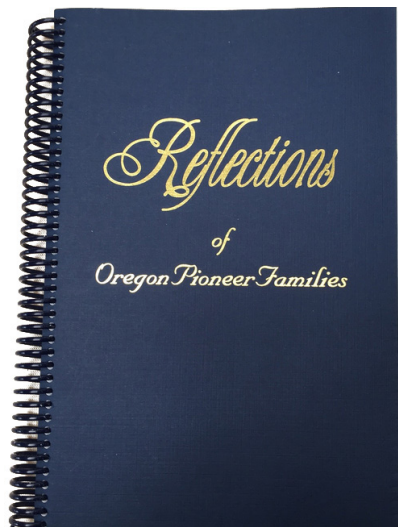
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