

President's Desk

Happy Fall Members!

I hope everyone is enjoying the sunny warm autumn days we've been experiencing so far! It's extended my garden season just a little, which help the bees, birds and other wildlife before the cold of winter hits the land.



I am currently working on firming up our Annual Banquet, which will be Saturday, February 16, 2019 at the Monarch Hotel in the Grand Hall! Look for registration information in the January Newsletter.

Remember that applications for Miss Pioneer Oregon 2019, as well as our Student Scholarships are available at our website at <http://www.oregonsdop.org/scholarships-contests/> - Our scholarship committee always looks forward to receiving the entries and appreciating the creative efforts of our junior members!

Please note that the venue & location have changed for the April 13, 2019 meeting. We will be at the gorgeous conference room at the Fort Walla Walla Museum!

In other news, I was unable to attend the October 17 meeting regarding the Methodist Meeting House/Meek Children Grave Memorial proposals, but I do have extensive materials I received from the Hillsboro Planning Department for member review if interested. As soon as the results of the meeting are made public, I will share them with our members!

As always, I have a round up of resources for members via PDX Archives gleaned from our Twitter account:

Curious about archival research? Learn the basics from Using Archives: A Guide to Effective Research

<https://www2.archivists.org/usingarchives>

Working on your family tree? Check out the great resources at the Genealogical Forum of Oregon

<https://gfo.org/resources/research-library/>

City of Portland sites:

Find out what we have in our collections by searching our online database Efiles:

<https://efiles.portlandoregon.gov/Search>

For help check here:

<https://efiles.portlandoregon.gov/help/index>

Check out these historic Oregon Newspapers from from 1846 - 2018

<https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/>

Catherine (Katie) Jette – President



Pictures from September Board Meeting and tour in Echo, Oregon

Who Were the Oregon Pioneers?

When people hear the words “Oregon Pioneers,” the image that most often comes to mind is a family traveling by covered wagon pulled by yokes of oxen over the 2,000-mile Oregon Trail with the fertile Willamette Valley as their destination. Such an image may seem familiarly theatrical; however, it is a fact that the majority of the pioneers who arrived and settled in the Oregon Country between 1800 and 1859 did



indeed fit this popular icon. We must remember, however, that the Oregon pioneers were actually quite diverse in their backgrounds and experiences, and many made their way to Oregon without benefit of wagon trains or the Oregon Trail.

The original charter of Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers identifies our pioneer ancestors as “those hardy pioneers, mountain men, missionaries, and adventurers who arrived and settled in the Oregon Country before Oregon became a state on February 14, 1859.” It is apparent that the founders of our organization associated the term “Oregon Pioneers” primarily with people of American citizenship and/or European ancestry because for the most part, these were the people that founded our civil and military government and pioneered our basic industries. However, even our pioneer ancestors recognized that the terminology was much broader in scope and encompassed all peoples who were permanent residents of the Oregon Country before statehood. Some of the earliest pioneers included fur trappers, missionaries, and those who came for adventure. However, there is no question that the earliest known people to arrive in Oregon were the aboriginal peoples, the American Indians, who also rightfully deserve this title “Oregon Pioneers.” Because few written records existed before the 1850’s, it is difficult for descendants to document specific ancestors among American Indians, yet some of our new members have been successful in doing so.

Generally speaking, explorers were not considered to be pioneers because they did not become permanent settlers or residents of the Oregon Country. This is illustrated by the explorations of Captain Robert Gray, Lewis and Clark, and John Fremont who temporarily resided in the Oregon Country with no intentions of making their stay permanent.

The following examples provide a representative cross-section and clearly demonstrate the diversity of the many thousands of pioneers who arrived or were born in the Oregon Country.

Etienne Lucier: Lucier was a French-Canadian fur trapper who arrived in the Oregon Country in 1812 and was employed by the Hudson’s Bay Company. He settled a land claim on the French Prairie in 1831 and is recognized as having established the first farm in the Oregon Country. Lucier cast a key vote at Champoeg which resulted in the establishment of the provisional government in 1843.

Dr. John and Marguerite McLoughlin: Dr. McLoughlin and his part Indian wife, Marguerite, were British subjects from Quebec. They arrived in the Oregon Country in 1824 when McLoughlin was appointed Chief Factor of the Columbia District of the Hudson’s Bay Company. He established Fort Vancouver as district headquarters and laid out and named Oregon City. McLoughlin generously provided assistance to American immigrants arriving on the Oregon Trail and is recognized as the Father of Oregon.

Joseph Meek: Meek was a fur trapper and mountain man originally from Virginia. He arrived in the Oregon Country in 1829 and was involved with the American Fur Company. In 1840, Meek settled a land claim on the Tualatin Plains, and his vote at Champoeg in 1843 helped establish the provisional government. He was a delegate to Washington D.C., and served as both sheriff and a U.S. Marshall.

Marcus and Narcissa Whitman: Dr. Whitman, a physician, and Mrs. Whitman were Presbyterian missionaries originally from New York. The Whitmans arrived in the Oregon Country in 1836 and established the Whitman Mission at Waiilatpu where they interacted with the Cayuse Indians and generously assisted the newly arriving Oregon Trail immigrants. In 1847, they were killed by Cayuse Indians in what is known as the Whitman Massacre.

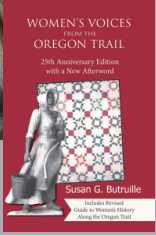
Chief Joseph: Chief Joseph was born in the Wallowa Country in 1840. His Indian name was In-mut-too-yah-lat-lat which translates “Thunder Traveling over the Mountain.” He succeeded his father, also known as Chief Joseph, as chief of the Nez Perce Indian Tribe in 1870. Refusing to accept the relocation of his people to a reservation away from the tribe homeland, he attempted to move the tribe to Canada in 1877. Chief Joseph was noted for his dedication to peace and for his eloquent speeches. He died in 1904.

Philip and Mary Foster: The Fosters were from Maine and arrived in the Oregon Country in 1843 by ship via Cape Horn and the Sandwich Islands. Foster operated a general

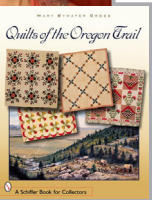
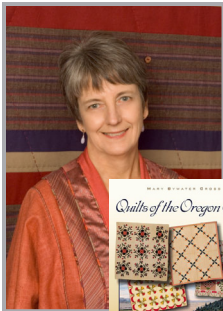
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Stitches and Songs from the Oregon Trail and Beyond

Two award-winning Oregon Trail historians, Susan Butruille and Mary Bywater Cross, will present a special pre-holiday program and book signing on Saturday, December 1 from 1:00-3:00 PM at the End of the Oregon Trail Information Center. The two friends will present readings, quilt stories, and songs.



Susan Butruille, formerly of Tigard, currently lives in Leavenworth, Washington. She will sign, sing and read from the newly-released 25th Anniversary Edition of her Oregon Trail classic, "Women's Voices from the Oregon Trail," published by Epicenter Press in Seattle. The book includes an updated and expanded "Guide to Women's History Along the Oregon Trail."



Portland resident Mary Bywater Cross will be signing the new, expanded edition of her 1993 classic, "Quilts of the Oregon Trail." Mary will present two quilts from the Museum of the Oregon Trail collection: the Adeline Crown Crawford quilt; and the 150th Anniversary Wagon Train Quilt, made in 1993 and signed by everyone who walked the Trail across Oregon.

Neither quilt has recently been shown to the public. Mary will also tell about two other quilts in her book that connect with Susan's book: the Abigail Scott Duniway Quilt and the Harlow Album Quilt.

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store in Oregon City and was the first treasurer of the provisional government. He later helped build and operate the Barlow Road. In the late 1840's, the Fosters settled a land claim and opened a general store at the western end of the Barlow Road.

Jesse and Cynthia Applegate: The Applegates were from Kentucky and came across the Oregon Trail with their 13 children as part of the great migration of 1843. Jessie was captain of the "Cow Column" portion of the wagon train. After first settling in what is now Polk County, Oregon, they moved in 1849 to settle a land claim in Umpqua Valley. Jessie was instrumental in opening the Southern Route to Oregon, known as the Applegate Trail, in 1846.

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Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers

invites you to our

Annual Banquet

February 16, 2019

Monarch Hotel Clackamas, OR

Registration page coming next issue

SDOP Board Meeting

September 29, 2018 Echo, Oregon

Officers' Reports:

President's Report: Grants: Katie has been looking into some preliminary grant research information. There are two kinds of grants: organizational or for a particular project (like digitization). She would like to start a committee of three to gather the information.

Banquet: Katie has checked on the Willamette Heritage Center and the Salem Convention Center as possible banquet sites for loading ease, technology and to be in Salem where other Oregon birthday celebrations are held. Neither of these places has onsite catering. We will continue with the banquet at the Monarch for 2019.

Cleve and Nancy visited with the speaker from the Oregon Black Pioneer organization at the recent Oregon Trail celebration in Brownsville, Oregon. He suggested we keep her in mind for our banquet speaker. It was also suggested to keep the Buffalo Soldiers in mind as a color guard.

Meetings: Katie talked about virtual meetings which would help with the challenge of getting committee members together. She mentioned there are three online programs. Facebook and Skype are for only 2-3 people. Google Hangouts can have multiple people and sounds the best for us.

Nancy mentioned the possibility of Oregon Black Pioneers and our organization doing something together. She suggested something at our banquet as an introduction to the group.

Regions for SDOP: Cleve suggested considering chapters in different areas of the region. Chris suggested Lillian Stewart in Jacksonville as a point person there. Mel said he could gather information on where members live, regionalize it and then decisions could be made on where to hold meetings. There could be emails and snail mail to members in those areas as reminders of meetings. Diane reported that she meets with a Taco Tuesday group in Keizer, Oregon and there are several people there that have pioneer ancestors. The Keizer-Gervais area has a large group of people that could be contacted about membership. Merle remembers the Pioneer Association picnics in Harney County and Union County, We could find out what counties have pioneer meetings and contact them for a start on this project.

Secretary's & Treasurer's Reports: Cleve reported that he and Mel met with Stephanie Flora of Oregon Pioneers.com. What

is on her website is a fraction of what she has, and is willing to share with us. Cleve has also met with Eileen Hines, our CPA. She will be retiring in November. She has given us excellent help and extremely reasonable rates that will be hard to duplicate. Secretary and Treasurer's reports were given and approved.

Membership Registrar Report: Merle was caught up on membership applications until Cleve gave him 12 new ones.

Committee Reports:

Information Technology Committee/Digitizing Committee: Mel gave a report in regards to the planned archival web site. Cleve and Mel will go to the Oregon Historical Society Affiliates meeting. Nancy suggested forming a committee to develop a strategic plan for different areas of SDOP. Cleve suggested that all SDOP passwords be collected and held by two people as a repository so that information is available if an Officer or Committee Chair is unavailable to provide access.

Budget Committee: Katie proposed that the Budget Committee meet to discuss the upcoming budget along with technology issues to form a plan.

Newsletter: Editor Diane presented a hardcover book, Reflections of our Revolutionary Ancestors, published by the Champoeg DAR Chapter in 2017. Each participating member wrote a chapter on their ancestor including pictures and sources. Diane and Ellie both wrote chapters. In support of the book, Katie signed a letter to the National DAR for the Champoeg Chapter's application for the Historical Preservation Award.

Policies/Procedures: Nancy made some changes/additions to the document and asked the Board to read them over and let her know of any questions or comments. A motion was made and passed to approve them as amended.

Letterhead: Diane shared a letterhead that Jake has developed. Some suggestions were given. Jake will make changes and share with the Board.

Correspondence & Events: Chris will write thank you notes for donations.

Meek Proposal: Chris gave a report on the meeting house site/burial grounds for the Meek children. She mentioned that she went to the meeting of the Hillsboro planning commission in 2004 when the mayor designated an acre of land as a monument. The Nez Perce Indians have blessed the area. The developers don't want to give up the acre of land. Nancy wrote a letter on behalf of SDOP in support of the Meek family proposal. Katie signed and submitted it to the Hillsboro Planning Commission. The development is 92 acres.

Old Business:

Open Positions: Katie will work with the Nominations Committee on President-Elect and other open positions on the Board.

Status of Brochures: Nancy passed out copies of newly edited brochures that she and Diane have been working on. The colored copies will be more expensive to print. Cleve suggested small business cards that could be distributed in place of using so many brochures. Another suggestion was black and white copies to be distributed in bulk to museums. Diane suggested reducing the SDOP contributions section to make room for MPO photos or additional website information. They will work on a finalized version for the November meeting.

Lost Mail

The following members have had their mail returned and SDOP does not have a new address. Can you help?

William H Tucker - Rockaway, OR

Mark E Ralston - Oak Harbor, WA

Lori E Hobart - Allyn, WA

Gary E Lee - Cosmopolis, WA

Michael Scott Sanders - Portland, OR

SDOP Awards

**Applications for 2019
are available online**

<http://oregonsdop.org/scholarships-contests>

Miss Pioneer Oregon



College Scholarships



Junior Awards

Essay grades 9-12

Essay grades 5-8

Pictures grades 1-4

due December 15, 2018

4th Grade Essay

due May 15, 2019

Apply now for fortune and glory



Pictures from September Board Meeting and tour in Echo, Oregon



Calendar Events

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

November 10, 2018



Board Meeting

Location: Oregon City, OR

New location

January 12, 2019



Board Meeting

Location: TBA

February 16, 2019



Annual Meeting and Statehood Banquet
Monarch Hotel, Clackamas, OR

April 13, 2019



Board Meeting

Location: Conference Room at the
Fort Walla Walla Museum

June 22, 2019



Board Meeting

Location: Baker City, OR

July 13, 2019



Annual SDOP Picnic

Location: Champoeg State Park Pavilion

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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- January submissions are due by **December 20th.** -

Photos and articles welcome from all members!

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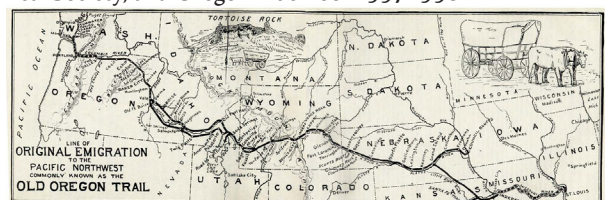
George Washington Bush: The Bush family came from Pennsylvania and in 1844 became the first African-Americans to immigrate to the Oregon Country over the Oregon Trail. The provisional government's law against slaves, free blacks and mulattos forced them to move north of the Columbia River. By special act of Congress, the Bush family was able to keep the land claim they settled in 1845 in what is now Washington State. Bush financed some of the wagon trains that later came over the Oregon Trail and was considered at that time to be one of the richest men in the Oregon Country.

In today's climate of political correctness, we find that criticism is in no short supply. Much controversy surfaced when the Oregon Trails Coordinating Council's "Promised Land" pioneer sculpture was unveiled in 1993. (Image on page 2.) Critics complained that the sculpture, which depicts a pioneer family of obvious European ancestry and Christian persuasion, does not accurately reflect the diversity of the Oregon pioneers. Some critics even suggested that any commemoration of the pioneers is inappropriate because, in the opinion of such critics, the American Indians were viciously victimized by pioneers. As is often the case, the critics distorted the facts and missed the whole point. The sculpture was not intended as the exclusive representation of all Oregon pioneers, but rather it commemorates the sesquicentennial of the Oregon Trail and reflects the overwhelming majority of the people who were part of the great Oregon Trail migration that began in 1843 and continued for several years. The pioneer sculpture was first located at it's temporary site near the Lloyd Center at the intersection of N.E. Holiday Street and 7th Avenue in Portland. Durint 1998, the sculpture was moved and permanently located at Chapman Square in downtown Portland.

The Oregon pioneers may have been quite diverse, but they all had something in common. They had to be hardy, determined and industrious to survive. We can all be proud of our pioneer ancestors.

This article was first published in the January 1998 SDOP News, written by then SDOP President Champ Vaughan.

Sources: Selected issues of the Oregon Historical Quarterly, Oregon Historical Society, and Oregon Blue Book 1997-1998



Welcome New Members!

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

New Member

Christopher G. Cook
Grace A. Cook
Mary A. Lewis Gill
Ann C. Golden
Diana L. Hadley
Gerald L. Hadley
Barbara J. Peterson Herring
Lynn Schoenewey Machen
Bradford H. Needham
Caryl E. Short Ruckert
Joshua Paul Russell
Ryan T. Russell
Zackary L. Russell
Grace C. Santoro Sanders
Roxann L. Conser Weger
Douglas K. Wickre

Ancestor

Cook – 1852
Isaac Cook – 1852
William Rackleff - 1850
William Thomas Patton – 1848
Amelia Emily Hammond – 1851
Samuel Bradley Hadley – 1851
Thomas Keys – 1853
Robert J. Montgomery – 1847
Alfred Whealdon – 1853
Heman C. Buckingham – 1846
William W. Buck – 1845
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James Monroe Parker – 1847
Jacob Conser – 1848
Francis C. Bramlet – 1852

Donations to SDOP

Lise Ohlson	\$10.00	General
Barbara Roberts	\$10.00	General
Michael Savage	\$5.00	General
Peter Sherwin	\$80.00	General
Anonymous - Network for Good	\$116.18	General
Anonymous - Network for Good	\$50.00	General
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Suzanne McQueen	\$200.00	General
Jim Irwin	\$100.00	General
Charles Hornbuckle <i>given in memory of his wife Susan</i>	\$400.00	General
Fred Meyer Rewards	\$27.70	General
Amazon Smile	\$47.09	General

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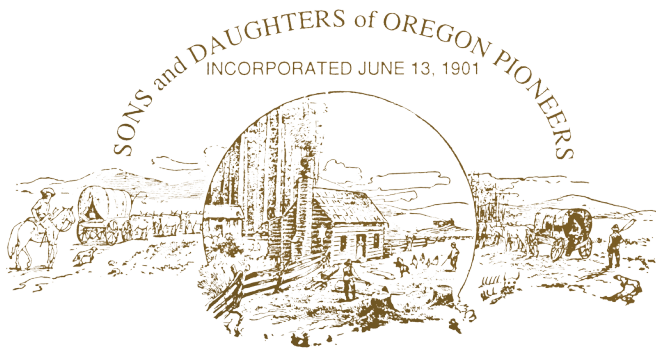
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