

President's Letter

Warm winter greetings!

I hope you have made it safely through this unusual snow and ice storm. Despite the adverse conditions, we had a remarkably successful Annual Meeting via Zoom. For those of you who were unable to attend, I am including the text of the speech I gave there:



As 2021 unfolds, these last 12 months have been long and arduous with the pandemic that our world has been thrown into. Yet I reflect that many of our pioneer ancestors endured similar hardships and months of travel to get to this place we now call Oregon. Connecting the past and the present has been a bridge that unites us. Preserving the vast number of documents that SDOP houses is a huge undertaking that is evolving as we use 21st century technology. From these documents, history is being preserved for not only ourselves, but for future generations. We have unique stories, that through our roots we all share. This is a daunting quest that SDOP is diligently working hard to achieve, and for that I am immensely thankful.

Preserving this history of our ancestors has been wonderfully rewarding. As I read the story of one of our member's ancestors who arrived in Oregon having survived unforeseen hardships and arriving with little more than the clothes on their backs, they showed amazing fortitude. John McLoughlin, the Father of Oregon, extended his hand to help them. This family who was down on their luck, later repaid John in full for his kindness. Whether rich or poor, extending the hand of friendship, care, and love, is the true meaning of this great land of ours.

SDOP has been invaluable to me to help connect the dots of my family history and I hope others will be able to do the same. It has been fascinating to hear from relatives I did not know I had. I hope you too will be able to experience the heartfelt gratitude as I have when connecting to your

relatives brought together through SDOP. Our stories intertwine and the common goal that we all share is deeply embedded in our hearts. Our ancestors brought us to this place and now it is up to us to carry on the proud heritage that they all possessed, showing what we truly are made of, for we definitely are made in Oregon... a very, very special place.

Although we are participating at our Annual Meeting and celebration of Oregon's 162nd birthday in a new way, I remember last year's Banquet. Enjoying the event with the gaiety of the Oldtime Fiddlers, Barbara Robert's wonderful speech, the presentation of Allyanne, our beautiful Miss Pioneer Oregon 2020, accompanied by Natalie, Miss Pioneer Oregon 2019. And best of all was the camaraderie we enjoyed by being together. We are delighted that Allyanne will represent us again as Miss Pioneer Oregon 2021! Now it is time we celebrate and enjoy this incredibly special day made possible by all of you!

May the promise of spring lift your spirits and bring you brighter days!

Joy★Eaton

The Importance of Pioneer Ancestors

"A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots."

-Marcus Garvey

Learning the history of our ancestors helps us gain a greater understanding of the challenges they faced, and can inspire a greater appreciation and compassion of their flaws and mistakes.

One thing I notice in many of the pioneer stories I read is the appreciation and gratitude they had. My great great grandparents immigrated from Sweden. They did not speak Swedish when they arrived, unless on the rare occasion they were alone. They thought it would be un-American. They participated in every 4th of July celebration and got such pleasure from being part of these occasions as they felt they were real Americans! They were free from the

suffering and poverty that seemed common in their native land. Their gratitude and thankful hearts is something that I strive to apply in my own life and instill in my son. I have no doubt that I am a better woman today because of my pioneer ancestors. I am strengthened by their willingness to take the risks they did and the will to provide a better life for their family.

What about our experiences? Will future generations reflect with gratitude the efforts we made during our time here on Earth?

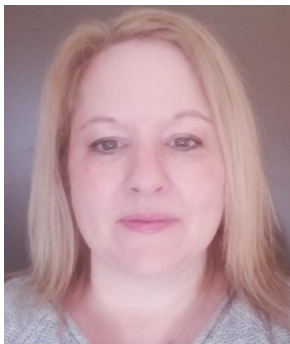
Ways you can learn more about our pioneer ancestors:

1. Read some family pioneer stories or the many books written about them. There are a plethora of books for every age group.
2. Do a little research about your pioneer family. You may be surprised by what you can find.
3. Visit a pioneer museum, or historical museum. They have a treasure trove of artifacts, materials and knowledge.
4. Take some time to reflect on your pioneer ancestors and the sacrifices they made so that we can now learn, appreciate, and pass on their heritage to the next generation.

By Dawn Alexander

Meet the New Treasurer

My name is Suzanne Severs and I will be the new



treasurer for SDOP. I became a SDOP member in 2019 but I have always been fascinated by my ancestors and the Oregon Pioneers. I was born in Portland, but I spent many years living in Texas and moved back to Portland a few years ago. After driving

from Dallas to Portland, I have a new respect for traveling cross country. I had the luxury of stopping at restaurants and Airbnb's for the night, unlike our ancestors on the Oregon Trail.

The Severs side of my family is from the Bergen area of Norway. Our last name (farm name) was Lillesand but was changed to Severs when they moved to America. I am fortunate to have Oregon Pioneers on my paternal and maternal sides of my family. On my paternal side, I have found the

Munden family. William Munden arrived in Oregon Territory in 1843 from Indiana. The Church and Sullens families are on my maternal side. The Church family is from Vermont and William Sullens is from Missouri.

I am grateful to be back in Oregon, which has always been home to me. It's nice to be around other Pioneer members and learn about our ancestors. It's my pleasure to meet you and hopefully, we will meet in person soon!

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?

Ermine Hopkins

Louise Bickford

Michael A. Grady

If you have any current contact information for them (address, phone #, or E-mail), please send it to Mel Fuller (mel.fuller@oregonsdop.org) or Dave Thompson (dave_tek@yahoo.com).

Featuring SDOP's Authors

We have in the past featured SDOP's authors in our Newsletter. If you are an author please let us know and we'll highlight your book.

The book shown below is authored by Dawn Alexander, Secretary of SDOP. Here are a few



of Dawn's comments: "After a LOT of hard work behind the scenes for the past several months, I'm so excited to finally

announce that I have a new book coming out soon, *FARM ANATOMY ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS*. The book contains 20 educa-



tional lessons to learn about the various parts of a farm and an activity to go along with each lesson. You can pre-order your copy here: <https://amzn.to/34Cdp9t>." The book can also be ordered from other book stores. For parents, grandparents and/or teachers this would be a great book for children to help them learn where their food comes from besides just the grocery store.

Nancy Starkweather Hersey.....Life Member
President 2003-2005
MPO 1946
Patricia StruppLife Member
Paul WilsonLife Member



New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

New Senior Members

Member	Ancestor
Lois J N Plunkett Petronius Perminus Hooker (1849)	Charlotte Jane Kincaid (1849)
Nancy Alan Hoffhines	George Washington McHaley 1843)
Patricia J Young	William Coddington Miller (1845)

New Adult Members

Member	Ancestor
Amber Deane Wedin	William S Breeding (1851)
Audra Jean Smith	William S Breeding (1851)
Skye Wamholtz	Pierre Crhysoloque Pambrun (1826)

New Life Members

Member	Ancestor
Connie L Revenue Selzler	Converted from Sr.
Richard O Shelton	Zebedee Shelton (1846)

Special recognition for two people who were very active in SDOP and contributed much to the SDOP organization. Both died on the same day in January 2021.

Nancy Hersey August 17, 1928 - January 17, 2021



Nancy Hersey passed away peacefully Sunday, January 17, 2021 in her family home. She was preceded by the husband of her children, Ken Downing, and her sister, Barbara Nusbaum. Nancy lost her great love, Richard Mort, in 2017 (President of SDOP 2008-2009).

Nancy had a very long history with SDOP, starting with being Miss Pioneer Oregon in 1946.

She was also SDOP President for two terms, from 2003-2005. She often attended SDOP's annual Statehood banquets, and most recently she rode in SDOP's entry in the 2018 Portland Rose Festival Parade. SDOP is making a Memorial contribution to the Oregon City Historical Society in honor of Nancy Hersey.



In Memoriam

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

Ruth Richey Scott Senior Member
Ruth Elaine WilliamsLife Member
Gyneth Susan Balfour Senior Member
Arlene Curry BuschertLife Member
President 2007-2008
Lillian G Schiendelman.....Life Member
Lee Ruffner Bouchard..... Senior Member

Arlene Curry Buschert

November 10, 1924 - January 17, 2021



Arlene Curry Buschert died peacefully on January 17, 2021. She married the love of her life, Elmer "Eddie" Buschert before he shipped off for WWII duty. Arlene and Eddie were married for 72 years. Arlene enjoyed tracing her Oregon roots, including her lineage from Daniel Boone and territorial governor of Oregon, George

Law Curry. Arlene was President of SDOP for the term 2007/2008. SDOP is making a memorial contribution to the Wilsonville-Boone's Ferry Historical Society in honor of Arlene Curry Buscher.

4th & 5th grade Essay Contest

The Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers has a *great* opportunity for 4th and 5th grade students this year to learn more about Oregon's history by participating in the 4th (and 5th grade this year only) Essay Contest.

Share this award information with your grandchildren, great grandchildren, neighbors, and friends, especially your teacher friends. We would like to have a lot of participation this year!

Rules:

1. Must be a 4th or 5th grade student in a public, private, or homeschool curriculum in the state of Oregon.
2. Entries must be **postmarked by May 15** or delivered to the Chairperson by then.
3. Judge's ruling will be final.
4. Winners will receive awards at the annual SDOP picnic, the 2nd Saturday in July, at Champoeg State Park. Need not be present to win.
5. Must be entirely the work of the applicant.
6. Typed essays (preferred): double spaced, 12 point font (Arial or Times preferred), 1-inch margin, max 2 pages.
Handwritten essays: ink on lined notebook paper, max 3 pages.
7. Essays must have cover sheet with student's contact information.
8. A **picture** of the applicant must be included, and the **signed Photo and Essay Release Form** must be attached.
9. Entries can be sent in by individuals or in class sets by a classroom teacher, but each entry must have the required materials attached.

Topic, Criteria, and Awards:

Essay topic:

"Discuss the pioneer spirit, a determination of accomplishing goals under very difficult circumstances, and how the result of that spirit has affected our lives today."

Judging Criteria:

- How well the topic is addressed
 - Command of standard English grammar and usage conventions
 - Organization of details
 - Use of primary and secondary sources
- Sources must be cited.

Awards:

1st place winner receives **\$150.00**
2nd place winner receives **\$75.00**

Please mail submissions to:

Sons and daughters of Oregon Pioneers
Attn: Dawn Alexander
PO Box 6685
Portland, OR 97228-6685

Any questions?

Phone (541)-581-0378

Email: dmalex289@msn.com

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4-5th Grade Essay Contest - Cover Sheet

Student's Name: _____

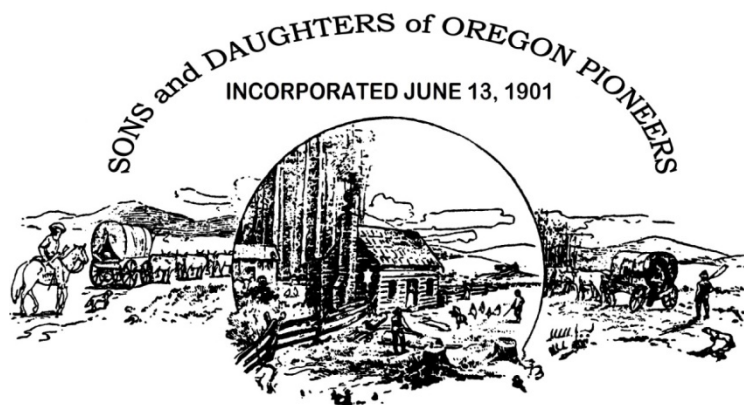
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Phone Number (Area Code): _____

Parents/Guardians: _____

Name of School: _____

Teacher's Name: _____



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Photo and Essay Release Form

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I grant to Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, the right to take photographs of me and my family in connection with the SDOP 4-5th grade essay contest. I authorize the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the photos and essays in print and/or electronically.

I agree that the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers may use such photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

I have read and understand the above:

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Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

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Upcoming SDOP Board Meetings and Events

Board meetings are open to all Members

April 24, 2021


Zoom Meeting  **CHANGED**

Time: 10:00 am.

Speaker: Linda Lewis McCormick of Brownsville, Oregon, Author of: "*The Spaldings of the West*"

Let Joy (joy.eaton1@gmail.com) know if you would like to attend, and she will send an invitation for the Zoom meeting.

June 19, 2021

TBD – Brownsville, OR  **CHANGED**
or Zoom Meeting

Time: 10:00 am.

Let Joy (joy.eaton1@gmail.com) know if you would like to attend, and she will send an invitation for the Zoom meeting.

July 10, 2021

Annual SDOP Picnic

Location:

Champoeg State Park at the Pioneer Pavilion

Donations to SDOP

SDOP thanks everyone who made a donation to support our programs. We couldn't do it without you!!

Mary Peacock	\$100.00	General Fund
Mr & Mrs Gary Eaton	8.00	Newsletter Mailing
John W. (Bill) Harris	\$100.00	General Fund
Donation in memory of Bills Mother, Alice Harris, who was Oregon Mother of the Year in 1964		
Carol Yetter	\$100.00	General Fund
Betty Johnson	\$300.00	General Fund
	\$100.00	Newsletter Mailing

New Member Fees:

Adult [age 18-60] and Senior [age 60+]\$25.00
 Junior [birth to age 18]:\$12.00
 Friend of SDOP.....\$25.00
 Includes pioneer certificate and pin.

Life Member/Friend Fees:

Birth - 18.....\$450.00
 18 - 60\$300.00
 60+\$150.00
 Includes pioneer certificate and pin.

Annual Dues (after first year):

Annual dues are due in June.
 Junior [birth to age 18]: \$8.00
 Adult Member/Friend [age 18-60]: \$20.00
 Senior Member/Friend [age 60+]: \$15.00

SDOP News is published six times a year (Jul, Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, and May) by Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers. Send inquires and submissions to Chris Meinicke: chris.meinicke@frontier.com
 Submissions for the May issue are due by *April 22nd*, 2021.
 - Photos and articles are welcome from all members!

SDOP Tech Update

HI Fellow Members and Friends,
 Hope this message finds you safe and somewhere in the que to get your vaccine if you want one. The purpose of this email is to make an announcement regarding IT Team members responsibilities and some changes in our email practices.

First, we have are delighted to announce that Joyce del Rosario (joyce@oregonsdop.org) is taking on the lead responsibility as our SDOP Website Webmaster. She has demonstrated her skill and we are confident she will do a great job.

Second, we are announcing the creation of the My Oregon Territory (MOT) **help desk**. Lindsey Hollister (jaggy732@gmail.com) has held the responsibility of Curator and behind the scenes she has been very supportive of our work to build and maintain the MOT. Now she is available to help you with accessing the Members Only area of the website and help you with any questions on searching the database for your Early Oregon Pioneer ancestors. Lindsey can also help post family history to the database so others can see and share the story of their journey and settlement of the Oregon Territory.

Third, we have been blessed with the talents of many wonderfully skilled individuals on our SDOP IT team including those of Shauna Noon (shauna58@comcast.net). When you enter the Members Only area of the SDOP website you will see the line called Archives. Within the Archives are copies of SDOP members applications from the past for your review. See if you can find Bing Crosby's. Also, there is a place for LARGE files to be stored for members to view. Books on Oregon family's history can be uploaded there and viewed by any member. Shauna can assist you in uploading your large documents to the Archive section.

Information in our database needs updated fairly often due to the dynamic nature of life in general. Members can maintain their own profiles, but if you need help need changing information Lindsey Hollinger (jaggy732@gmail.com) is your contact. She can help with updating addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and the like.

In the sad occurrence of a members passing then our Registrar is your contact to update our records. Priscilla Belin (belinpriscilla@gmail.com) is the Registrar. She will advise others on the board as needed.

Lastly, we are transitioning to SDOP domain email addresses. They are working well as you see the domain name when you get an email that it is from a valid SDOP member. We have found, however, that on occasion the email may end up in your SPAM folder. So, if you would check your SPAM folder and mark any "@oregonsdop.org" senders as safe. I used my personal email with this message to be sure it did not end up in that folder. Thank you taking that step if needed.

Thank you for your support of SDOP and, in particular, our technology work.

Mel Fuller, Treasurer

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers Virtual Board Meeting February 13, 2021

Welcome

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Joy at 10:07 am.

Roll Call – Joy Eaton, Chris Meinicke, Joyce del Rosario, Mel Fuller, Janet Wilson, Reggie Burke, Suzanne Severs, Jeanne Preston, Dawn Alexander, Dave Thompson, Joy'e Willman, Members: Jolene Dodge, Lori Charbonneau, Larry Hull, Brian Dueltgen, Leanne Ritchey, Lillian Eaton Stewart, Charlotte Lehan, and Shauna Noon. Friend of SDOP Gary Eaton. Guest speaker Greg Leo

Officer's Reports:

Secretary: Dawn Alexander–Minutes from February 15, 2020 Annual Meeting were read. Chris made a motion to accept the minutes. Reggie 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

President: Joy Eaton Welcomed everyone attending today's meeting and reflected on the last year and made note of the strength our pioneer ancestors endured, and reflected on last year's banquet.

Treasurer: Mel Fuller reported that there is \$4,882.13 in the checking account. The Rose Parade will probably not happen so those funds will rollover. Mel also shared the Operating Statement. Discussion for the future would be the members that have not paid dues. Dave asked about the storage unit amount which we have not had any expenses for yet. Mel explained that the Blackerby account was a donation 15 years ago from property that was sold and the proceeds came to us. It was put into a CD and the interest income was what we used every year. The board is free to use the money as they see fit. Lillian asked if there was enough money in the parade account if it was held. Mel mentioned that he would like to see it at \$3,000. So, we would need about 500-600 dollars more. This is a great way to get our organization out in front of the public. Joy'e Willman made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Joyce del Rosario 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

President Elect: Chris Meinicke- nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Public Relations: Joy Eaton- nothing to report
Membership Registrar: Priscilla Belin- June 2020-Jan. 2021 we had 35 new members, 14 adults, 16 sr. members, 5 life, 8 deaths, 10 have converted to life. 1 has resigned. Arlene Buschert Pres. 2007-08, Nancy Hershey MPO in 1946 and president twice were 2 of our recent losses. Chris had sent an email asking the board to vote on \$50.00 being donated in their memory. Both of the requests passed.

Information Technology / Rose Parade: Mel Fuller- already gave Rose Parade report. IT report- our online applications are about 95% of our new members. If gifting a membership, the paper application is needed. Mel asked for help 8 months ago. He thanked the following people for their help: Shauna Noon is responsible for taking applications and uploading to Omeka which is our members only section- (Archive Manager), Jeanne Preston scanning old archived application forms. Joyce del Rosario significant help and recommending that she be our webmaster. Lindsay Hollister has been helping with the website. Suzanne Severs will take over as the new treasurer. Finance committee can look at the ledger Mel sent out. Joyce gave kudos to Mel for his request and acknowledging the talent of our membership. Chris thanked Mel for his help over the years.

Social Media: Janet Wilson- Our social media continues to grow.

Events: Chris Meinicke- April 24th will be a Zoom meeting. June 19th is undecided, we had planned on Brownsville and having MPO walking in parade and visit 2 museums, however, the Linn County Pioneer Association has tentatively rescheduled the picnic/parade to August 14th. July 10th is annual picnic at Champoeg Park. Would love to see this as a live event.

Newsletter Editor: Chris Meinicke- Asked members to send in their pioneer stories to Chris Meinicke to be in the newsletter. Next one will go out the first of March. Get your information to Chris by the 25th of Feb.

Awards and Scholarships: Dawn Alexander-Grace Irving received our college scholarship and Ella Irving received one of our Jr. awards. This year's 4th grade essay contest has been opened up to 5th graders due to COVID and not having as much of a chance to participate last year.

Cookbook Development: Janet Wilson mentioned that Jeanne is typing up recipes. Dave is also helping with this project.

Correspondence Secretary: Chris Meinicke- 15 donations in the last year and thank you

letters have been sent out. 2 baskets were put together for the Aurora Colony Museum online auction. We had 3-4 contributions for publishing in the newsletter. Strongly encourage members to donate to the scholarship and awards fund.

Trading Post: Reggie Burke- Considering the year we've had we have done really well. Has some great ideas for some smaller items coming out.

Digitizing Committee: Dave Thompson- Priscilla and Jeanne have been working on it. Dave has been working on the scans we have done before.

Historian: Janet Wilson- has gotten through all of the boxes from Dave. Has passed most of the contents to Jeanne who is scanning them and sending them off to Shauna.

Greg Leo gave a wonderful presentation about Ewing Young and the significance of his death on Feb. 9th and why we celebrate Ewing Young day in Oregon.

Charlotte Lehan is also working on commemorating the Boone family and honoring their contribution to Oregon history. More information will be forthcoming.

Old Business:

- Scavenger Hunt on SDOP website: Dawn Alexander next project to work on Joyce is willing to help also.
- Tuesday Trivia on Facebook: Dawn Alexander- we have some prizes courtesy of Reggie's talent so we are ready to go with this project. Suzanne and Chris will continue to send ideas for the weekly trivia contest.

New Business:

- Proposed New Member Fee Changes – Committee has proposed that new member rates would be: adults \$30.00, friend of SDOP \$30.00. It was mentioned to consider the members who do not have internet or poor broadband issues. The committee will continue to discuss this.
- Nomination and Election of New Officers and Board Members-

2021-2022 officers:

President: Chris Meinicke

Vice President: open

Treasurer: Suzanne Severs

Secretary: Dawn Alexander

Board members:

2021: Priscilla Belin, Reggie Burke, Joyce del Rosario;

2022: Dave Thompson, Joy'e Willman, Karyn Verstrate;

2023: Mel Fuller, Jeanne Preston, Janet Wilson.

Nominations for President elect? None.

Joy'e Willman made a motion to accept the new slate of officers and board. Dave 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

- Chris announced that the Barlow trail is 175 years old this year. Clackamas Co. Heritage Council is having events during the year and will get us the information when she knows more. 'Perspectives along the Barlow Trail' is the theme.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Joy at 12:22 pm.

Next Board Meeting – Saturday, April 24, 2021 via Zoom

Presentation by Greg Leo Introduced by Chris Meinicke

Topic: *Celebrating Ewing Young Day, February 9th, commemorating his contribution to the formation of Oregon's provisional government and aid to the settlers of the Willamette Valley.*

Greg Leo is a third generation Oregonian from Portland. Educated in the Portland Public Schools, Greg has a bachelor's degree in Public Administration from the University of Oregon and a Master of Public Administration degree from Harvard University.

An avid reader of history, Greg has served as President of Friends of Historic Champoeg and is the current Vice President of Friends of Historic Butteville. He is the History Chair of Portland's Arlington Club where he has organized the Sesquicentennial of this Portland institution in 2017.

During the last seventeen years, he has successfully guided six laws through the Oregon Legislature commemorating aspects of Oregon History, including Ewing Young, Robert Newell, Senator Edward Baker, the Second Oregon Volunteer Infantry, Willamette Falls and the University of Oregon fight song "Mighty Oregon".

He lives with his wife Rachel on a small farm near Champoeg and is the owner of The Leo Company, a Public Affairs and Government Relations firm which advises corporations, Native American Tribes and local governments on public affairs matters.

A note from the Treasurer

Hi fellow SDOP members,

This is a note from your treasurer. We are into the new year 2021 but for some there may be some business still around from last year that needs your attention. If you have paid your SDOP dues this message is not for you. If you have not, please contact me. If you feel you did not get a statement, please contact me. Your membership is at risk of being made inactive. That means no more newsletters or access to the Members Only Area of the website.

So, if you have forgotten that's okay, but please contact me. Your membership shows your pride in your Oregon Ancestry.

Thank you,

Mel Fuller, Treasurer

mel.fuller@oregonsdop.org

(541)581-0378

Meet the new Board Member, Jeanne Grant Preston

I was born in Roseburg Oregon and have spent my entire life in Oregon. I recently retired from the legal profession after 45 years. I have two married daughters and six grandchildren. I have been a member of SDOP since 1999 and a life member since 2008. My eligibility comes from my mother's side of the family. My ggrandfather, Robert Carl Breeding, came to Oregon from Missouri in 1851.



Hobbies besides genealogy research include quilting, traveling and reading. I look forward to serving on the board for SDOP.

Jeanne

McPhillips Camp Ground

Mr. Gary Smith, SDOP Life Member, submitted the Genealogy history of his McPhillips family. The story begins with two brothers, Bernard and James McPhillips, both born in Monaghan County Ireland. Bernard coming to America in 1845 and James came in 1848 in New Orleans probably on ships carrying cotton. This was the time of the great Irish Potato Famine. The boys first traveled to California and worked in the gold mines. They later returned east and purchased cattle several times and brought the herds of cattle to Oregon settling in Yamhill County around 1853. Much later, in 1888, Bernard McPhillips purchased an 80 acre tract that included Cape Kiwanda on the Oregon Coast.

This is the story of McPhillips Camp Ground from McPhillips Genealogy History submitted by Mr. Gary Smith:

"In 1888, Bernard McPhillips of McMinnville purchased an 80 acre tract that included Cape Kiwanda north to the Tierra Del Mar Beach, and east to Miles Lake. The area was covered with Huckleberries that the early settlers picked to sell and to eat, and grass where Bernard grazed his sheep. The Part located between the present Thousand Trails and the beach, was known as McPhillips Camp Ground, and hundreds of people came in covered wagons to spend their leisure time. Miles creek that flows under the present fill furnished fresh water of the campers, who pitched their tents along its shady banks. As that was some time before the advent of the automobile, horses and covered wagons were the means of travel. In those early days, the town of Woods was the center of activity. It was there that campers were able to get any extra supplies that they did not bring with them. Remains of some of the old tables and benches could still be seen along the camp as late as 1961.

In March of 1962 Bernard's grandson Barney McPhillips of McMinnville donated a strip of land, 1¼ mile long through his property, to the county of Tillamook. This enabled the county to provide a new scenic road giving access to Pacific City and Tierra Del Mar beaches. Later the property west of the road was donated to the State of Oregon, and the property to the east sold to Thousand Trails, Inc."

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