

How many trails make up “The Oregon Trail”? The paths to Oregon are diverse as the people who took it up. But, how many outside of our circle know that “The” Oregon Trail consists of more than “one” trail?

SDOP has been looking for clues about all Oregon pioneer emigrants and their diverse motivations. We know the pioneer era starts before 1859, and we know the paths to God’s country are no less diverse than the people who arrived here. At our annual statehood celebration this February, we will be blessed by a presentation about pioneer families who strongly connect with black heritage. We hope you can join us on February 11 at The Tumwater Ballroom near Willamette Falls to hear what Kim Moreland, President of Oregon Black Pioneers, has to share.

Another group of emigrants we hear less about are Asians and Pacific Islanders. This time of year, we might notice Asian families celebrating the Lunar New Year with red accessories. Yet, people from Oceania made their way to the Oregon Coast before any of our records started.

While our pioneer ancestors often came by foot, whipsaw and wagon, they saw to it that rail and road should quickly follow. In order to traverse ancient forests and mountains, America needed explosives to be detonated and people to carefully handle them.

During the Oregon Trail Pioneer era, the majority of workers in the explosives industry were Chinese immigrants. “Some of them had originally come to California to join the Gold Rush. American miners didn’t welcome the competition, and in 1850 the California Legislature passed a monthly tax on all foreign miners that was primarily levied on Chinese and Mexican workers. Pushed out of gold mining, many Chinese workers went to work in railroad construction and later in dynamite factories,” explains Carolina Hernandez in her article “The Unnamed Dead.” Hernandez continues, “Chinese immigrants were frequently blamed for explosions in the factory and generally were not named but only described as ‘Chinamen’ in newspapers when they lost their lives.”

Evidence that other Asians and Pacific Islanders lived and worked alongside American pioneer settlers can be found on our maps. We know Polynesians settled Aloha, Oregon where the SDOP corporate Secretary and Past-President Dave Thompson resides. There are also the pioneer journals that describe the railroad camps along the Columbia involving Chinese workers. A chapter in Martha Gay Masterson’s journal, “One Woman’s West”, is filled with harrowing descriptions of life and death in the camps. Furthermore, company records exist that also show that Chinese immigrants were employed, though consistently underpaid for their work compared to their white counterparts. But even if the Chinese workers survived the condi-

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tions, they were not met at the city gates with equal respect and honor as others who came to the area to make it better.

We have no idea how many descendants of Chinese rail workers are in the U.S. or China or anywhere else on the planet. Descendants of those who arrived here could be anywhere in the world now. We only know that SDOP extends regular membership to persons with ancestors that were here before statehood regardless of socioeconomic status or national origin. We acknowledge that foreign-born hands helped shape our frontier lands. We have no doubt there was the spirit of a pioneer in each person who came to Oregon prior to statehood.

When we enumerate a census, every human being is counted as “one”, regardless of socioeconomic status or national origin. What if we collect more stories of the unnamed ones? SDOP has decided to pursue this line of inquiry and find stories that have not been heard from where records were seldom kept. Who knows what we will uncover? The Washington Pioneer Association is just up the river. And if we share a coast-line with California, we might also share stories of people who made it across the Pacific Ocean and landed on what we endearingly call our peaceful shores. We are especially encouraged that The Chinese Diaspora Project recently translated key articles into Chinese so that more readers could see what was traditionally available to only English-speaking audiences.

We are only limited in what we know because we do not ask. But we are children of pioneers, and we do not fear the unknown. We move ahead in faith, knowing every life, every generation has been set aside for a special purpose. If you have ideas of projects that should be sponsored or stories that need to be told, send them our way. Perhaps the efforts we make now will infill history and inform our descendants well.

-Joyce del Rosario, SDOP President 22-23

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Welcome to New Director, Sherry Fuller



I was born and raised in Prineville, Oregon and finished my education at Western University. I did almost all my teaching at Lebanon High School. I enjoy camping, gardening, and going to the coast.

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Membership and Pioneer Report

New Senior Members

Kathleen E Taylor James Taylor Cooper (1850)
Suzanne M Sky John Colgate Bell (1850)

New Adult Members

Stephen Z Taylor Daniel Savage (1852)
Jeff S Stephens George M Stephens (1852)

New Life Members

Cheryl Robnett Butler



The Circuit Rider, a bronze sculpture by Alexander Phimister Proctor, located in Capitol Park, east of the Oregon State Capitol in Salem, Oregon.
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o For giving your time and consideration in helping with the newsletter, thank you to Leif Lidin-Lamson, P. Miller Wirkkala, Sue Miholer, Jan Salsbery, Dave Thomson.

For giving your time and consideration, thank you to our many volunteers and families.

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Thank you for financially supporting our efforts to promote an interest in Oregon history with diverse audiences.

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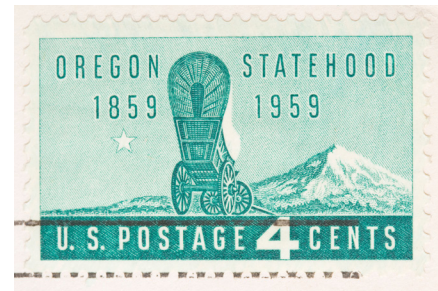
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Guest article, by P. Miller Wirkkala
2023: HAPPY 164th STATE-BIRTHDAY, OREGON!

Preface.

Following the introduction, you will find a chronological telling of some aspects of Oregon's pre-statehood era, which can (hopefully) serve as a concise timeline-backdrop supporting your own explorations into the unique stories creating Oregon state history from the 1840s to Oregon statehood.

Introduction.

February 14th, 1859 Oregon joined 32 other U.S. states as the newest member of a rapidly growing "Union" of "pre-Civil-War" states. However, from the 1840s to 1859 Oregon's pathway to statehood was a winding, bumpy trail due to Congressional delays, including political intrigues and standoffs between those who arrived as emigrants. Historical sources of many sorts, such as personal diaries and later essay-like writings of early emigrants and books written by both emigrants and visitors of the 1840-1860 era indicate tensions of both cultural and ideological struggles in the Territory.

Contemporarily competing (new and many quickly changing ownership) newspaper coverage began in the region in the 1840s, and this journalism grew and expanded in scale on up to statehood. Official government records regarding the Territory (and national policy) began accumulating during the period, too.

These myriad of historical sources (providing a glimpse into the pre-statehood era) have slowly become more available to each subsequent generation since statehood. Oral history, passed down through descendants of pioneers of the Oregon Territory, are yet another part of the "Oregon story," albeit less often heard.

Ripe with tales of heroism and charity alongside allegations of atrocities (including indications and clear proofs of legal-confusions and partisan-intrigues over the two decades before the State of Oregon's birth), these historical source materials continue to surface from attics, old buildings being torn down, and even long-forgotten bundles of keepsake letters tucked away in family "hand-me-down" footlockers. As a result of these "new finds," Oregon's history (1840s to 1859) continues to be constructed, deconstructed, and further refined.

Pre-Statehood-Era Timeline:

1843-1849:

A Provisional Government of Oregon was the

region's governing body from 1843 until 1849, until the end of the joint settlement by Great Britain and the United States in a treaty.

1846:

Great Britain and the United States finally settle the Oregon Question with the Oregon Treaty. The treaty created the 49th parallel as the political boundary between British North America and the United States west of the Rocky Mountains.

1847:

The Whitman massacre (also known as the Waiilatpu massacre) was the killing of the Washington missionaries Marcus Whitman and his wife Narcissa, along with eleven others, on November 29th. The United States federal government had left much of what was called "Oregon country" unorganized (for nearly two years since the signing of the Oregon Treaty) until news of the Whitman massacre reached the United States Congress and motivated politicians to facilitate the organization of the region into a U.S. territory the next year.

1848:

August 14th, the Organic Act was signed into law by President James K. Polk, creating the Oregon Territory out of the lands south of the 49th parallel, north of the 42nd parallel (northern boundary of California) and west of the Rockies to the Pacific Ocean. Oregon's Territorial Legislature (as a bicameral body) was created by the United States Congress to serve as the legislative branch of Oregon Territory to support self-determination efforts of settlers.

1849:

July: The first session of the territorial Legislative Assembly convened in Oregon City.



Morrison Building, Oregon City, meeting place of the first Territorial Legislature on July 16, 1849.

1850:

May: A special session was held to schedule the convening of regular legislative sessions; the first Monday in December was chosen.

December: The second regular legislative session held. At this time, the Legislative Assembly passed legislation making Salem the territorial capital. This became the central issue to a decades-long political controversy. Two Oregon Supreme Court justices refused to recognize the legality of the act relocating the capital and held their December 1851 Supreme Court session in Oregon City instead of Salem.

1851:

December: Only one Supreme Court justice along with the Legislative Assembly convened sessions in Salem.



1850-51
session in
Linn City

1852:

May: The U.S. Congress legalized the Oregon Territory capital's move to Salem, and the territorial government finally functioned (somewhat) normally.

June: Territorial Gov. John P. Gaines (Whig party) called a special session of the Legislative Assembly.

July: To spite their Whig governor, a mostly Democratic-party legislature instead convened on July 26 and adjourned on July 29, refusing to conclude any business.

December: The regular session met on the 6th and legislatively created new counties (situated north of the Columbia River, in what later would become counties of Washington state). They also transferred the power to grant divorces from the Legislative Assembly to the Territorial court system, and chartered Willamette University.



Session of 1851-52 was held at the old Oregon Institute

1853:

The Pivot Year: The numbers of the immigration heading to Oregon in 1853 has been estimated as 8,000 men, women, and children. At least 200 wagons left the Oregon Trail in Idaho, arriving in the Willamette Valley via the Southern or Applegate route. These trains were arriving (mostly mid-year) from multiple directions and trail cutoffs; as many were overdue, waiting family and friends in Oregon often were worried for the worst while praying for the best.

This surge of emigrant settlement was spurred by three motivators: the California Gold Rush enticing people west, the 1850 Oregon Donation Land Law passed by Congress created a land rush, and the newly commissioned "Free Emigrant Road." This toll-free clearing, across the Oregon Cascades, was hastily completed only shortly before the Elliott wagon train was the first train to ever cross on it. This rough clearing through the forested Cascades and its thick underbrush opened up a new east-west-east route between existing settlements in southern Oregon and eastern Oregon.

Other routes through the Cascade forests had required payment of burdensome tolls assessed by private owners on those wanting to reach western Oregon. These various "toll roads" were not only a disincentive to begin the journey to Oregon from the east (wondering if money on hand would cover the toll) but were also an expensive "rite of passage" entryway to those final miles of their long traverse after an oft harrowing four-to-five month wagon train journey to make it to the Willamette Valley.

The "Free Emigrant Road" (1853-1859) was an invaluable emigrant route that helped rapidly double Oregon's pre-statehood population. Yet, the increasing influx of emigrants (sporting widely diverse political experience and viewpoints) only served to make the Territory's already politicized factions even more partisan (and at times volatile) during the ensuing years to statehood. These 1853 emigrants had been born and begun their travels westward to Oregon, not just from more eastward parts of North America but even from Europe. Oregon had become an attraction not just for its abundances of many seasons, but for all reasons.

The "Elliott Train": By the time Elijah Elliott was ready to return to Oregon from Ft. Boise (where he greeted his wife and children on their way to Oregon to join him) around 100 wagons lined up to follow his lead to the Willamette Valley. Over the next two weeks, other wagons joined up with the train, bringing the total to 250 wagons. The Elliott train was the first to cross the Free Emigrant Road into the southern Willamette Valley. A census of the train states 615 men and

412 women and children (1,027 souls) had journeyed together with the train. Its arrival, weeks overdue, to the Willamette Valley raised worries of prior emigrants awaiting them. More on challenges this train met can be found here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elliott_Cutoff

The "Lost Wagon Train of 1853": One thousand or so emigrants comprising the famous "Lost Train of 1853" decided to follow Stephen Meek's lead from Idaho into Southeast Oregon's relentlessly hot, arid high desert. In Idaho, Meek had promised the emigrants he knew of a shortcut to speed the train's journey over the Cascades to the Willamette Valley cutoff. Once a few male train members realized their train was lost in the high desert, the tongues of a few wagons were tied together and lifted into the air to prepare a gallows from which to hang Stephen Meek. More on the "Lost Train" can be read here: <https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/travel/outdoors/2016/06/03/trail-peeks-history-lost-wagon-train/85216170/>

The "Preacher Train": This train's wagon-master was William Hurst Rockfellow. There were five preachers also along on the train. Three of them were members of the same family. It's been noted that as the train headed across the plains to Oregon, all five preachers (four Methodists and one Baptist) refused to travel on Sunday. At least one baby was born along their trail. At best count, there were 81 people on the "Preacher Train," including some who also joined the train near the Humboldt River (in July) in what is now Nevada. It is recorded that the train was escorted by a group of soldiers (apparently from Yreka) who upon hearing of the train decided to accompany it for a distance as it traveled through Modoc territory.

Members of the John Beeson family and their hired hands were also part of the train upon its arrival in what is now Jackson County on August 30th. This would be the end of their trail together. Immediately, after arrival at their destination in the Beaver Creek Valley, another wagon train of sixty wagons also entered the valley (having traveled the Applegate Trail). Treaty negotiations with the Rogue River tribes through the year had somewhat calmed the Bear Creek Valley area, further establishing (at least a belief) there was opportunity for expanding emigrant settlement in the area as the year progressed. However, there were ongoing conflicts beyond 1853 between many tribes and emigrants passing into Oregon via the southern routes. Read more about the "Preacher Train," Indian treaty negotiations, the Applegate Trail, and ongoing conflicts on the southern route into Oregon at the following (respectively ordered) links: <http://www.oregonpioneers.com/ThePreacherTrain.pdf>

<https://ndnhistoryresearch.com/2018/01/22/treaty-of-peace-with-the-rogue-river-tribes-1853>

John Beeson: During and after his arrival in Oregon country with the "Preacher Train," Beeson became increasingly incensed at the plight of the Indians he observed or heard about first-hand. He became outspoken on the topic, and by 1856, Beeson was being denounced by his local community over surfacing letters that he had been penning to newspaper editors (near and far); these letters defended the Indian responses to ongoing settler-instigated atrocities he recounted.

After a sudden tip-off of the immediate plans of a local settler-mob to do him in (before the next sunrise), John fled his Oregon home, making his way toward Portland. There he boarded a ship to the eastern U.S., sailing via South America's southern tip. Leaving his wife and adult son (Welborn) behind, John spent the next decade in the eastern U.S. dedicating himself to the lecture circuit there to speak boldly on topics he covered in his Letters to Editors, which were not often published in Oregon. You can read John's 1857 published book, *A Plea for the Indians*, at google books: https://books.google.com/books?id=dW9QAQA-AMAAJ&newbks=1&newbks_redir=0&dq=%22A%20plea%20for%20the%20Indians%22%20John%20Beeson&pg=PP3#v=onepage&q=%22A%20plea%20for%20the%20Indians%22%20John%20Beeson&f=false More on John's son, Welborn Beeson's interesting life in Oregon: <http://www.talenthistory.org/excerpts.html>

1854:

December: The sixth regular legislative session convened December 4th.

1855:

January: Capital location controversy rears up again. On January 13, it passed legislation making Corvallis the territorial capital. The seventh session was held in Corvallis. The territorial governor and treasurer remained in Salem after the U. S. Treasury Department ruled the move illegal.

December: The legislature convened in Corvallis on December 3. It passed only one act—moving the capital back to Salem—before it adjourned. The Legislative Assembly reconvened in Salem on December 18. On December 30, the newly built capitol building burned, requiring the session to be concluded in the Rector Building in downtown Salem.

1857:

August–September: The Oregon Constitutional Convention was held in Salem from August 17 to Sep-

tember 18.

November: After some dissension over slavery, free blacks, education, and state boundaries, the Oregon Constitution was put to a vote of the people November 9, 1857. It was approved by a vote of 7,195 in favor and 3,215 opposed.



January 13, 1855, removing the seat of the Territorial Government from Salem to Corvallis. December 3 and 18, 1855, Corvallis had a taste of being the state capital with the legislature meeting there. The executive officers refused to move from the unfinished capitol in Salem, and continued to meet in the building that burned down December 30, 1855.

Legislature met in the Avery Building at Corvallis (December 3-18) just long enough to decide to move back to Salem, where it again took up quarters in the new capitol in late December 1855.



1 :30 a.m. on Sunday morning, December 30, 1855, a fire broke out in the northeast corner of the building

1858:

June: Elections were held to elect legislators in compliance with the newly ratified constitution. Two full sets of legislators were elected, one territorial and the other state. The June election decided upon John Whiteaker as the first "state governor." However, as Oregon was not yet admitted as a state to the Union, George Curry also continued to serve as sitting territorial governor, having been appointed earlier.

July: The Legislative Assembly met (according to the new constitution) on the 5th to choose U. S. Senators and to inaugurate the state governor, secretary of state, and treasurer. However, Congress delayed acting on Oregon's statehood, so no state legislative session was held in 1858.

December: The territorial Legislative Assembly

convened December 6th. After the territorial legislature assembled for this regularly scheduled territorial session, federal politicians faced confusion because Oregon (then) had two governors. Congress could not or would not decide the issue, so newly elected state Governor Whiteaker (and the other state officers) yielded their newly purported authority and allegiance to Governor Curry in order to move Oregon's statehood along at the national level.

1859:

January: The territorial legislature adjourned the session begun in 1858 on January 22 without accomplishing much.

February: Oregon became a state on February 14, 1859.

May: The state's first legislative session (as a state), a special session, was held May 1859.



The last assembly in the Nesmith Building was a special session, from May to June 1859.

1860:

By 1860, a year after statehood, Oregon's population had increased by 294% from 1850, with more than 39,000 additional Oregonians bringing the number to approximately 52,000 persons.



Salem's Holman Building, on the northwest corner of Commercial and Ferry Streets, housed the legislature from 1859 to 1876



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**Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers
Board Meeting Minutes – January 7, 2023
Pedersen residence**

Called to Order at 10:23 AM.

Roll Call – Dave Thompson, Mel Fuller, Reggie Burke, Janet Wilson, Sherry Fuller, Jeanne Preston, Shauna Noon, Joyce del Rosario, Debbie Pedersen, Chris Meinicke, and Priscilla Belin. Friends Terry Thompson and Mark Pedersen were here as well. We have a quorum.

Officers Reports

President: In the interest of time, committee reports may depart from order of agenda. Joyce has collected reports from volunteers who were not able to make it and will share relevant information under committee reports. Yielding time to other officers.

Secretary: The minutes were e-mailed to the board and published in the last newsletter, with no feedback or corrections. Chris moved to accept the minutes, Priscilla 2nd – Passed.

Think about how we can attract Jr Members? We only seem to have 24 now.

I emailed the membership; it looks like somewhere between 50-100 are not receiving e-newsletters. I'm going to tell them to add Joyce@oregonsdop.org as a contact and set it to accept email from that domain. See if that helps.

Treasurer: Shauna presented the operating statement and talked about donations. Anyone feeling generous – we could use some more for the banquet.

Presented Budget vs. actual - still trending positive. Lots of donations in Dec.

Jeanne moved to accept the Treasurers report, Mel 2nd – Passed.

President elect: Preliminary questions about the Picnic – when, how to reserve, etc. We should confirm. They have new personnel at the park. Jeanne is moving back to Prineville, so won't be as accessible, but can make it work.

Committee Reports:

Awards: We have three scholarship applicants. They will all be notified next week and invited to the banquet. We also have a new Miss Pioneer Oregon, Julia Wilson (Janet's granddaughter).

Membership: we had 32 new members over the last year (70 avg). Biggest group was Sr members & Life. There were 8 Sr-to-Life, and there were 9 deaths.

The list of returned newsletters - I think they were life members, and most were deceased. (But how do we find out who died?) And two that I can't find their application in the files. How do we keep track of these people?

Correspondence Secretary: We've had two donations since the Nov meeting. Shauna sent a list to Debbie. Joyce would like to be involved; encouraging donations is part of the president's job.

Trading post: Nothing to report. However normally we have some sales after the newsletters come out, but we haven't had any after the last two newsletters. We show the QR code, but don't show a link right there. (The newsletter does show the link in a couple of places though). We should add some ad info in our social media, too. We'll look at sales & see what we can do.

Social Media: We keep gaining popularity, and currently have 1152 followers, 74.5% women, 25.5% men. I'm busy on there every day.

A woman wanted us to have a pioneer family genealogical book, but we don't have storage for things like that. Maybe it should go to the GFO? Priscilla will look into it.

Technology: Mel created a training video for entering a Point of Interest in the MOT and mailed it to the folks on that team. He will also put the video in the Admin area of our site, Now we can let everyone know it's available, so tell the folks on the deactivation list about it! This might pull them back in! Show them there is value in retaining membership. We need to have a training session for the team (possibly next weekend).

Governance: Joyce attended an online workshop about board governance taught by a nonprofit lawyer from Eugene. She also registered for Non-profit Association of Oregon classes. Joyce will keep help keep track of these resources. Putting together directors' binders for us. Any suggestions for things to include appreciated.

Nominating Committee: Where we left off last time we have a Pres Elect (Jeanne) who will become Pres in June, and the Pres-elect position for next year is open. Joyce volunteered to serve as Corporate Secretary. Shauna was not able to attend last meeting, hence we hadn't resolved the Treasurer position. Joyce inquired if there any nominations that haven't been mentioned? Any other nominations from the floor for either of the open positions? Shauna likes the work as Treasurer, and likes being part of it. She is willing to continue

with another two-year term as Treasurer. Just make sure to reach out with any fiscal questions.



SLATE for 23-24

President Jeanne Preston
Pres-elect **Open**
Secretary Joyce del Rosario
Treasurer Shauna Noon

We should all continue to recruit for Pres Elect.

Jeanne Preston

Banquet: Jeanne sent a budget, but it needs a little updating. The museum is going to charge us \$3,400 to cover everything for 60 people.

Darrell Jabin, Oregon’s Traveling Historian, agreed to be a future speaker. He will talk about some of our old railroads. Joyce said she would follow-up with Kimberly Moreland of Oregon Black Pioneers.

Janet will get the MPO sash, Chris will get the nosegay and haze. Joyce will design programs and have them printed. Need to provide for 12 complementary places, for Speaker and guest, 2 MPO’s and parents, 3 scholarship winners and parents. If winners speak, limit them to 3-5 minutes.

Board 10:00, Lunch 12:00, Dessert 3:00.

Get seal cards and banner from storage? Display Map to Everywhere in background? Scroll MPO pictures?

Parade: Mike Irving is starting to look for another ride. We’ll see. No word from Rose Fest Assn so far.

15 Apr Meeting: Astoria, Ft Clatsop meeting and tour. Adjourned at 1:02



Oregon Black Pioneers

SDOP is thrilled to share in the celebration of Oregon history in partnership with the Oregon Black Pioneers this February.

Kimberly Moreland, President, Oregon Black Pioneers, will deliver the keynote address at our annual banquet.

Oregon Black Pioneers is Oregon’s only historical society dedicated to preserving and presenting the experiences of African Americans statewide. OBP researches, recognizes, and commemorates the history and heritage of African Americans in Oregon.

Since 1993, OBP “has illuminated the seldom-told history of people of African descent in Oregon.” OBP is “inspired by the tenacity of Black Oregonians who have faced discrimination and hardship to make a life for themselves here over the past 400 years.” <https://oregonblackpioneers.org/about/>

SDOP is proud to collaborate with OBP to honor the sacrifices of pioneer families by remembering their stories.



**Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers
 Upcoming Gatherings**

February 11, 2023
Annual Statehood Celebration
Commemorating Oregon’s 164th Birthday
Presenting Miss Pioneer Oregon 2023
Keynote speaker Kimberly Moreland,
President, Oregon Black Pioneers

Held at The Tumwater Ballroom
 The Museum of the Oregon Territory
 211 Tumwater Drive, Oregon City, OR 97045

April 15, 2023
 Astoria, Oregon
 Tour of Fort Clatsop



INSTRUCTIONS: Reservations must be received by Friday, February 3, 2023. Please pay in advance for meals. If you have any questions contact Jeanne, jmpps02@gmail.com or phone/text 503-575-6502



2023 Banquet Event Registration Form

Name(s)	<i>Please include all names of those who are attending so we can prepare name tags.</i>	
	Is a member of your party a past SDOP President? Yes/No Year	Is a member of your party a past Miss Pioneer Oregon? Yes/No Year
Telephone		
Address		
Email		
<i>Please specify the number of reservations you are making:</i>		
	Number of adults @ \$45.00	\$
	Number of children (13 & under) @ \$35.00	\$
	TOTAL Enclosed \$	\$
Check/money order should be made payable to: Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers Mail this form and payment directly to: Debbie Pedersen, 13154 SE 197th Ave Damascus, OR 97089		

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Annual Statehood Celebration
Commemorating OREGON'S 164th BIRTHDAY
Presenting **MISS PIONEER OREGON 2023**
Keynote **Kimberly Moreland, President, Oregon Black Pioneers**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023

LOCATION: The Tumwater Ballroom
The Museum of the Oregon Territory
Address: 211 Tumwater Drive, Oregon City, OR 97045
10:00 am SDOP Annual All-member Business Meeting
11:00 pm Registration, viewing displays, merchandise & visiting
12:00 pm Welcome and Lunch
2:00 pm Dessert – Birthday Cake