

## President's Letter

From Chris Meinicke



Greetings to all SDOP members, Friends of SDOP and their families.

I hope you are finding a way to stay cool this summer. It seems more like August weather than July weather. SDOP had a very full 2023/2024 under the leadership of Jeanne Preston with a very successful banquet and three meetings at historical sites in Oregon. They were the Baker Cabin Historical Site in Carver, Oregon; Crook County Historical Society Museum in Prineville, Oregon and the William Holmes House (aka "Rose Farm") in Oregon City, Oregon.

As your President I am looking forward to another grand year sharing our pioneer ancestor's stories, having meetings at three historical sites, the Statehood Birthday Banquet and our regular informational meetings. In this newsletter is the schedule of all our meetings/events and their locations. All members are welcome to our meetings so please plan on attending, especially those in southern Oregon who can't often come to our meetings/events,

when we meet at Seven Feather Casino Resort in Canyonville, Oregon on April 12, 2025.

A special *Shout Out* to Michael Irving who once again made SDOP's entry into the Portland Rose Festival Parade a success. Miss Pioneer Oregon, Bailey Dueltgen, and her family rode in Tom Marquette's wagon. Miss Pioneer Oregon was also in the Sico, Oregon Parade in Tom's wagon. There are pictures on our FB page and website.

We started off the year with our annual picnic on July 13, 2024, in the Pavilion at Champoeg Park. We had about 50 people in attendance, which was more than I expected considering the high temperatures. Heard some new very interesting pioneer stories as we shared our pioneer heritage. One gal shared with us how the money was raised by SDOP to build the Pavilion. Yes, the Pavilion was built by SDOP members! I would like to hear more about this project so it could be published in the SDOP's newsletter.

Tom Marquette, his wagon and mules were a big hit. I think everyone who wanted to ride in the wagon did. As I was leaving the park, Tom and Linda Walker were still giving rides to people enjoying a picnic in the park.

Ed Edmo provided us with some fascinating Indian stories and his wife shared information on Native Indian bags and other items on their display table. I think all who attended the picnic had a great time getting to know each other, sharing a few pioneer stories, good food including cherries from Hood River, and enjoying the



*Ed Edmo*

pavilion once again that some of our ancestors built. I hope to see many more members and their families at the picnic next year.

Our next meeting is in Astoria, Oregon at Priscilla Belin's home. This is a potluck event and open to all but please let me know if you are coming so we have enough chairs available. After the meeting and lunch, we'll have a guided tour of Fort Clatsop. Fort Clatsop is only about 15 minutes from Priscilla's house. If you can't make the meeting/lunch, feel free to join us at Ft. Clatsop at 1:30 pm. Enjoy your summer. If you happen to visit a pioneer cemetery, some Oregon trail wagon ruts or historical site on your summer adventures, please share these experiences with us by posting pictures on our Facebook page or send pictures and your story of your journey to me so I can post them on FB. We need to keep sharing and interacting with each other even when we are not gathering at a specific location.

Christine (Chris) Meinicke, President  
SDOP

## ***Upcoming SDOP Board Meetings and Events***

Board meetings are open to all Members and their families.

**September 21, 2024:** Board meeting and historical tour

Time: 10:30 am

Location: Priscilla Belin's home

350 Floral Street

Astoria, Oregon 97103

Tour: Ft Clatsop in Astoria, Oregon

L&C Historical Site



**November 16, 2024:** Board Meeting

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Clackamas Town Center –

Clackamas, Oregon

**January 11, 2025:** Board Meeting

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Mel Fuller's Home

31 Morningview Circle

Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035

**February 15, 2025:** Statehood Birthday Banquet and Annual Membership Meeting

Location: To be Determined

**April 12, 2025:** Board meeting and historical Tour

Time: 10:30 AM

Location: Seven Feathers Casino Resort

Canyonville, Oregon 97417

Tour: The South Umpqua Historical Society  
Canyonville, Oregon 97417

**June 14, 2025:** Board Meeting and Historical Tour

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Newell Pioneer Village –

Meeting/lunch in Rebecca's cottage:

8089 Champoeg Road

St. Paul, Oregon 97137

On the corner of Champoeg State Park

Tour: Newell House Village which includes

The Butteville School, Butteville Jail

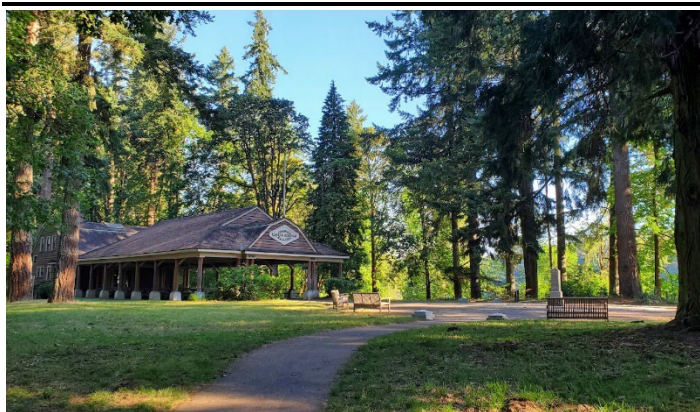
Pioneer Memorial Mother's Cabin

Robert Newell's House – one of the

signers of Oregon's Provisional Government.

**July 12, 2025:** Board Meeting and Annual Picnic

Location: Champoeg State Park – in the Pavilion

**Lost Mail**

The following members' newsletter and other correspondence was returned and SDOP does not have a new address or a good email ID. Please help us locate:

Lenora Simpson Whiteman

Diana Ott McQueen

Kelly Kay Franklin

Fred N. Van Horn

Norman S. O'Daniel

If you have any current contact information for any of them (Address, phone # or email) please send that information to: Dave Thompson (dave\_tek@yahoo.com) or Shauna Noon (shauna@oregonsdop.org).

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## Wallowa History Center

Many of our Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers find their histories in the distant corners of Oregon. If you're travelling to this part of the State, I encourage you to make this one of your stops.

### ***Wallowa History Center: Connecting People with the Story of Wallowa County***

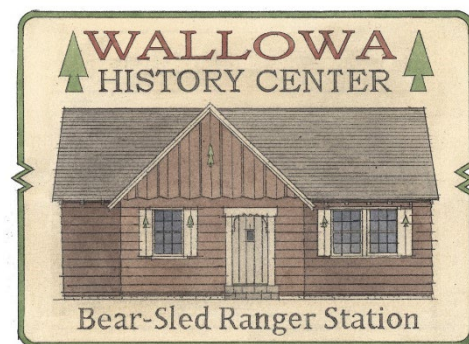
The Wallowa History Center increases public access to local history through photos, diaries, maps, oral histories, manuscripts, and artifacts relevant to the history of the area. The History Center operates a public research library complete with family and topical files and happily accepts requests for assistance with research projects. They share local research through digital and print publications in a variety of ways, most notably through the publication of the Wallowa Quarterly, a print magazine. The Wallowa Quarterly is mailed to members four times a year or can be purchased individually. The History Center hosts a wide variety of presentations and events open to the public free of charge

and offers opportunities to engage with local history.

The Wallowa History Center began in 2001 when founder Mary Ann Burrows started her mission to share local history. In 2017 the Wallowa History Center relocated to the historic Bear-Sled Ranger Station taking on the restoration of the five historic buildings that make up the complex.

The Wallowa Ranger Station, built in 1936 by the Civilian Conservation Corps, had been underused since the relocation of the district headquarters in 1981. In the last year, the Wallowa History Center has completed the exterior renovation of four of the five buildings and has begun work on the final building.

The Wallowa History Center, located at 602 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Wallowa, is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10 to 2 and by appointment. Membership for 2024 is \$20 (\$10 for seniors.) You can follow them on Facebook and Instagram or check out their website [www.wallowahistory.org](http://www.wallowahistory.org).



Our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/WallowaHistoryCenter>

Instagram [https://www.instagram.com/wallowa\\_history\\_center/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/wallowa_history_center/?hl=en)

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Checks or Money Orders can be made out to **SDOP** or **Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers**.

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### Donations to SDOP

SDOP thanks those who make a donation to support our programs and operations such as the SDOP newsletter and the scholarship fund. One goal of SDOP is rewarding the younger generation, especially those who have an interest in Oregon History. It would be nice if SDOP received additional donations for the scholarship fund and the Junior Awards Programs.

Jane Jergentz	\$25	General
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### Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers Board Meeting Minutes

**June 1, 2024**

**Oregon City, OR**

**Directors:** Joyce del Rosario, Mel Fuller, Dave Thompson, Chris Meinicke, Reggie Burke, Debbie Pedersen, Shauna Noon, Jeanne Preston, Mel Fuller, Sherry Fuller

**Sons and Daughters:** Richard Mason, Jayne Jergentz, Dina Saunders, Eileen Hines

**Friends and Guests:** Terry Thompson, Sophie Flett, Richmond Curley, Doug Tarwater, Leif Lidin-Lamon

Meeting called to order at approximately noon at Jimmy Oh's Restaurant in Oregon City, Oregon. A tour of the Holmes House preceded the Board Meeting.

### OFFICER REPORTS

**PRESIDENT:** Jeanne Preston, present, reported thank for your support during a difficult year. She was not expecting to move during the term and appreciates the ongoing support of the board.

**PRESIDENT ELECT:** Chris Meinicke assumed her third one-year term as president.

**SECRETARY:** Joyce del Rosario is continuing in her second one-year term as Secretary.

a. Board Secretary will handle updating of corporate governing and organizing records.

b. Correspondence Secretary duties will be resumed by the Corporate Secretary.

c. Board Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2024 as amended approved unanimously.

**TREASURER:** Shauna Noon is continuing in her second two-year term as Treasurer.

### In Memoriam

Our sympathy is extended to the family of the following member, who has passed:

~ Lois A. Powell - Life Member ~

~ Gary Salyer - Life Member, President  
2006-2007 ~

~ Rollin Eugene (Jack) Hines, beloved  
husband of our own Eileen Hines ~

Thank you for financially supporting our efforts to promote an interest in Oregon history with diverse audiences. Donations made through the website are processed through a secure provider by using your credit or debit card, and no PayPal account is needed. We appreciate each and every donation and will be diligent handling all.

a. Checking Account: Balances \$7000 in On-Point. \$1950 will be transferred from OnPoint Checking into Heritage Life membership account. Life membership applications received this fiscal year are included in \$1950. Interest amounts reported. Outstanding checks list was provided; Board President will contact Miss Pioneer Oregon about check.

b. CD: 17-month anniversary came open for the 124K. Representative at Heritage Bank offers SDOP 4.65% with 9-month term. Finance Team plans to roll the \$15 Heritage CD into the other CD to achieve a combined interest rate on both. Heritage Certificate of Deposit matures on 3-3-25 as it has a 9-month term. New anniversary will be 9 months from June 1. Total CD investment is \$15K+\$124K. Penalty on CD 86644 is less than interest to be gained. CD will be under review February 2025.

c. Money Market: No change to money market. Life membership or working capital, both those will get 1% increase. Did not see a reason to combine, instead will continue to maintain separate account numbers.

## **DIRECTOR/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance Committee**

**AUDIT:** No report

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:** Debbie Pedersen, Registrar, present and reporting. Anybody who becomes a friend and can provide additional proof to verify they arrived is welcome to apply as a member.

a. Annual: 0 (renewals sent in June)

b. Friends of SDOP - New: 1

c. Junior - New: 0

d. Adult Life - New: 1

e. Adult - New: 1

f. Senior Life - New: 0

g. Senior - New: 2

h. Deceased members: 2, including an honorary member, Jim Phillips, and a past officer Gary Salyers.

**BUDGET:** Treasurer presented the Operating Statement, July to May 2024.

a. Year to date, SDOP reports in black \$1513. June 30 end of fiscal year, everything is booked through May. Actuals July to May provided in printed report.

b. June budgeted amount based on previous fiscal.

c. Unlike past years, SDOP plans to send renewal invoices in the new fiscal year, not May

of this fiscal year. Membership renewal dues invoices are moving from May to June, hence not all income on June budget will happen.

d. Benevity Donation application requests are processed quarterly, no response yet on donation from performance Intel Choir.

### **Donation Revenue:**

a. Debbie Pedersen, outgoing Correspondence Secretary, reported on donation activity. Debbie explained that each donation letter has a personal note inviting the donor to join an SDOP event.

Joyce del Rosario will assume duties as Correspondence Secretary.

b. Rose Parade: \$1050 was raised for the Rose Parade since April 6. This included the \$1000 donation processing through Charles Schwab corporation.

c. General Fund: \$700 raised for General Fund.

d. Annual Birthday Banquet: A letter to Janet Apostolon and Intel Singers was circulated to thank them for the wonderful entertainment they provided at the Annual Banquet in 2024. SDOP expects a monetary donation from Intel Benevity Fund for their volunteer performance.

Finance team will meet before September board meeting.

Nominating Committee

No report.

Events Committee

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:** No report.

**AWARDS:** Dawn Alexander, not present.

a. 4TH GRADE ESSAY: Shauna delivered a copy of the 4th grade essay contest.

b. MISS PIONEER OREGON: MPO Bailey Dueltgen sent a thank you letter for her first \$500 payment. Bailey Dueltgen writes thank you "for the scholarship opportunity. I will be using it for my meal plan or dorm or something connecting with education."

c. Entertainment: Motion to pay Tom Marquette \$100 as fees for coming to picnic and giving rides in a mule-drawn wagon approved unanimously. Fees include charged offset the cost of mileage.

### **FIELD TRIPS:**

a. Oregon Territory Founders' Day, Champoeg State Heritage Area: No report.

b. Holmes House, Oregon City: Motion to pay \$100 to William L. Holmes House/McLoughlin House Museum for providing an outstanding tour approved unanimously.

c. Summer Parades: The Grand Floral Parade was on schedule Michael Irving. Bailey Dueltgen scheduled to ride in Scio, Portland, and Brownsville parades in Tom Marquette's wagon.

d. Future Meetings: Suggested locations include Ft. Dalles.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Vacant

Secretary will notify Secretary of State of changes resulting from election. Treasurer will forward 501(c)(3) status paperwork to demonstrate tax exempt status to secretary.

**DATABASE:** Mel Fuller reported that the current plan allows for 20 pages in Caspio, to increase would be approximately \$7/month charge. Mel Fuller and Shauna Noon have access to manage the Caspio database.

**CLOUD:** Online accounts should be paid for by corporate card. Treasurer will report on options in September.

**WEBSITE/WEBMASTER:** Mel Fuller, Joyce del Rosario, Lindsay Hollinger and Dave Thompson have access to edit website. An ad-hoc Committee to improve the online "Registration" was formed. Registrar plans to complete a test registration. Debbie noticed there are applications where follow-up is not happening.

### **Public Relations and Membership Development**

**SPEAKERS BUREAU:** No report.

**MERCHANDISING/ TRADING POST:** Reggie Burke, Trading Post Vendor, present reported there will be new items on the website. There were banquet sales, but no amount reported.

**NEWSLETTER:** Editor is Mark Goddard. Dave contacted Jeanne Phillips, compiler of Reflections of Oregon Pioneer Families, for permission to publish chapters of Reflections of Oregon Pioneer Families in the newsletter, and permission was granted.

**PRINTING/MAILING:** No report.

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Janet Wilson was not present, no report.

**BROCHURES:** No report.

**REPRESENTATIVE TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:** No report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Transfer of Officers: Jeanne passed the gavel to Chris. Shauna has access to Post Office

box. Debbie has keys to storage unit. New presidential pins were ordered and a pin with gavel was presented to outgoing President, Jeanne Preston.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m. Prepared by Joyce del Rosario, Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers, Secretary June 15, 2024

## **Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers Board Meeting Minutes**

July 13, 2024

Champoeg, OR

Meeting was called To Order at 10:36 am.

Roll call was taken, and we had a quorum.

**Directors attending:** Dave Thompson, Janet Wilson, Reggie Burke, Mel Fuller, Sherry Fuller, Chris Meinicke, Priscilla Belin

**Members:** Richard Mason (Richard was voted in as a board member) and Tom Marquette

### **Officer Reports**

**Secretary:** The minutes were approved as distributed by email to the board with one correction. Correction is the spelling of Ed Edmo's name in three places.

**President:** No Report

**Treasurer:** No report

**President-elect:** No report

### **Other Committee Reports**

**Registrar/membership:** Prepared by Debbie Pedersen and given by Chris Meinicke. We have seven new members and one death.

**Corresponding secretary:** Prepared by Debbie Pedersen and given by Christ Meinicke. We have had one new contribution since our last meeting.

**Events:** All members helped decide the dates and locations for the 2024/2025 year. The schedule has been sent to all members.

**Nominating Committee:** President, Chris Meinicke, appointed Joy'e Willman, per the By-law. No one volunteered to be on the committee

**Finance Committee:** Shauna Noon is Chair. Other committee members are Jeanne Preston, Mel Fuller, Joy'e Willman and Chris Meinicke

**Banquet Committee:** President appointed Joy'e Willman as Chair. Other members of the committee are Dave Thompson, Priscilla Belin and Chris Meinicke. The President stated that the committee needs to have a location selection made for the banquet by the SDOP September meeting which is September 21, 2024.

Chris suggested a possible speaker could be Denyse McGriff, the mayor of Oregon City. Possible entertainment could be the Corral Creek Bluegrass band and/or Intel Singers.

**Website/IT report:** A report was given by Mel Fuller.

- We are going to change the dues billing from being due in June to due in July
- Certain fields in the online membership application are now required, to make processing easier

Mel has agreed to remain as IT chair. Other members of the committee are Shauna Noon, Joyce del Rosario and Dave Thompson

**Newsletter Committee:** Mark Goddard and Dave Thompson. Dave said the deadline for next newsletter would be around July 20, 2024, so we can get picnic info in.

**Trading Post:** Reggie reported that the cost of mailing items has gone up considerably. She might have to increase the cost of some

items, especially the smaller items, to cover the cost of postage. Reggie will report back at the next meeting what she has decided to do. Reggie said the ad in the last newsletter was very helpful and brought in one big order.

**Social Media:** Janet Wilson report all is going smoothly

**Historian:** Janet Wilson – No report

**Governance:** Joyce del Rosario – No report

**Public Relations:** We don't have a chair for this committee, but Richard Mason said he might be able to help in this area.

**MPO Selection, awards and scholarships:** Dawn Alexander will remain as Chair. Chris reported we have a 4<sup>th</sup> grade essay winner, Jonathan Hill from Tualatin, Oregon. He could not make it to the picnic.

**Old Business:** Mel gave an update on the online application form in his IT report

**New Business:** Richard Masion said he would be willing to help with the Public Relations Committee, and step up to learn the treasurer's position from both Shauna and Mel. Chris, President, asked Richard if he'd like to fill the one empty board position (board member 2026) and he said yes. Chris asked for a vote on making Richard an SDOP board member. Everyone voted yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 am.







**Tom Marquette’s wagon ride!**



## 4<sup>th</sup> grade Essay Contest Winning Entry!

Johathan Hill is the winner of SDOP’s 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Contest

### The American Pioneers and Their Spirit

If my teacher asked me, “Which group of American were known for being brave, determined, risk-takers, adventurous, and good at solving problems” my answer would be “The Pioneers.” All these things together are called the Pioneer spirit. People with the pioneer spirit were willing to face danger and hardships for a better life. They didn’t know exactly how things would turn out when they traveled out west, but they decided to go anyway!

My life is so different from the pioneers. It’s hard to imagine all of the problems they faced. Most of my problems seem smaller. I might have to do a whole bunch of homework, or my cat might wake me up too early in the morning by meowing as loudly as an alarm clock. If the electricity goes out at home, I might have to sit in the dark for a while. I’m vaccinated for many diseases and am near good medical care. I have food and a home.

Life was different for the pioneer kids. They were in a wagon train facing all sorts of weather. Pioneers had to cross fast moving rivers and high mountains that could be covered with snow. The trails west could be hot and dusty with rough ground, and accidents happened. Sometimes a wagon could even flip over.

#### New Member Fees:

Junior [birth — 18]: .....	\$12.00
Adult [18-60] / Senior [60+] .....	\$30.00
Includes pioneer certificate and pin	
Friend of SDOP .....	\$30.00

#### Life Member/Friend Fees:

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

#### Annual Dues (after first year):

*Annual dues are due in June.*

Junior [birth - 18]: .....	\$8.00
Adult Member/Friend [18 - 60]: .....	\$20.00
Senior Member/Friend [60+]: .....	\$15.00

#### Adjustments

Printed Newsletter fee: .....	+\$10.00
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There were diseases like cholera and smallpox along the trail. People could get snake bites. Food could be hard to find. (<https://westernexpansion.mrdonn.org/oregontrail.html>) It was difficult life, and that's why a pioneer had to be brave to make a decision to travel west. Children had to be brave, too.

I read about a pioneer boy named Henry Garrison. When he was 78, he told about what it was like to be a boy on the Oregon Trail. (<https://octa-trails.org/articles/oregon-trail-diaries/>). He had to take care of his family at the young age of 14-years-old, after his dad very sick. He had to bury his 7-year-old brother on the journey. The trail was filled with good adventures, too, and he told how he etched his name on Independence Rock. He met up with a party of 400 Crow warriors who swapped horses with his group. Garrison said, "No tongue can tell, nor pen describe the heart-rending scenes through which we passed." I think he was trying to say that there were good things about being on the Oregon Trail, but it was still hard. Learning about him was a reminder of how different pioneer kids' lives were from mine and how important the pioneer spirit was, no matter what age they were.

The pioneers showed everyone that American was a place with opportunity for anybody who wanted to work for it. They taught us that obstacles can often be overcome and to not be afraid of risks. Those are good lessons for American today. Work hard for the future you want. That's what I plan to do!

### By the Scholarship Committee

We would love to see our College Scholarship and Jr. awards program grow. If you would like to donate to these programs, visit the Donations and Dues link on our website.

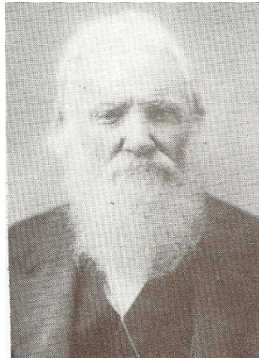
## New Members

<b>#1978 Dina Saunders</b>		Adult
Jacob Spores *	1847	NY
Nancy Jane Orndorf	1847	OH
Louis Spores	1847	IL
Henry Spores	1847	IL
Mary Elizabeth Spores	1848	OT
Sarah Griffith	1853	OT
<b>#1975 Judith A. Lowe Tolboe</b>		Senior
William Orr Hobson*	1843	England
Thomas Owens	1843	VA
Sarah Damron	1843	KY
John Hobson	1843	KY
<b>#1977 Michael E. Harter</b>		Senior
James Shelton Morgan*	1852	TN
Clarinda Kincaid	1852	KY
Samuel Morgan	1852	MO
<b>#1981 Elizabeth Lancefield Lane</b>		Sr. Life
Robert James Lancefield*	1846	England
Eveline Cooley	1845	KY
James Officer	1845	TN
Sarah Carpenter	1847	KY
<b>#1984 Patrick F. Hussey</b>		Senior
Michael Troutman Simmons*	1844	KY
Elizabeth Kindred	1844	IN
Christopher Columbus Simmons	1845	OT
<b>#1983 Monica Louise Sullivan</b>		Adult
John Bonser*	1847	OH
Rebecca Wood Halstead	1847	NY
Martha Jane Bonser	1847	IL
<b>#1985 William Douglas Jonas</b>		Senior
Jesse Marion Anderson*	1854	IN
Melissa Rose Arnold	1854	IN
George Gilbert Anderson	1854	IA
Life Member Conversion:		
<b>#1631 Beth M. DeVaul</b>		Senior Life
Caleb Davis*	1853	OH

\*Indicates Pioneer on the Certificate

## Reflections of Oregon Pioneers

The following is an excerpt from *Reflections of Oregon Pioneer Families*, a collection of pioneer stories compiled by SDOP life member Jeannie Sharp Philips. ©1994



**Abner Allen**  
**1799-1888**

At 17 Abner Allen left his birth state, North Carolina, for Tennessee. In 1826 he married Susan Akin. In 1829, with extended family, they moved to Illinois by keel boat. Floating down the Cumberland and Ohio rivers was fairly efficient but upstream in the Mississippi-Illinois rivers required all their combined strength at the ropes to urge the heavily laden boat along

In 1852 Abner sold his farm and headed for Oregon with his wife and six children - Henry, Ida, Frances, Mary, Hannah, and Caroline. Henry and Caroline were married. Their group included some neighbors. They crossed the Missouri at St. Joseph and began the journey 27 April 1852. Most were dying of cholera on the trail, but Abner's wife, Susan, died of spotted (mountain) fever. Abner barely survived the same fate and suffered recurring bouts in later years.

In Wyoming they encountered hostile Indians but coped without injuries to the train.

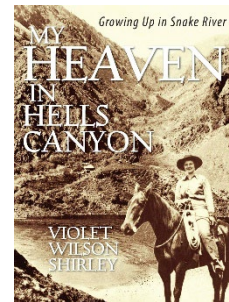
Resting briefly at The Dalles, the train followed the Barlow Road, arriving at Silverton 27 August 1852, four months to the day after their departure from Illinois.

*By Great-Great Grandson, Louis E. Paterson (Ed. Note: Mr. Paterson died in 1993; his daughter, Heather, was pleased he had submitted a story and gave permission to print).*

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## BOOK RECOMMENDATION –

*My Heaven in Hells Canyon: Growing Up in Snake River* by Violet Wilson Shirley



Growing up in the deepest canyon in North America on horseback. A wonderfully detailed account of family life, way past the end of the road.

*"This is one helluva narrative about one helluva woman who believed that Hells Canyon was her heaven. You'll be captivated by Violet Wilson Shirley's stories about ranch life in the deepest part of Hells Canyon. The Pete and Ethel Wilson family lived exemplary lives. Could we survive and scratch out a productive life in this rugged terrain with rattlesnakes, fickle weather, steep slopes, and animal predators constantly challenging our bodies and minds? Could we successfully raise eight children? After she retired, Violet returned to the canyon as a U.S. Forest Service volunteer at the Kirkwood visitor center. She contributed time almost every year between 1986 and 2004. Violet's spirit is chiseled into the cliffs and slopes of Hells Canyon and floats above the rapids of Snake River as it plunges through that spectacular gorge." - Tracy Vallier*

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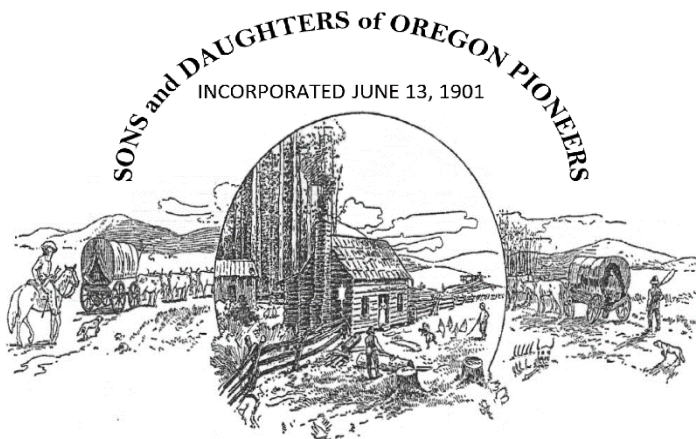
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