

Oregon Pioneers' Newsletter

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President's Letter

From Chris Meinicke



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

Hope everyone enjoyed their summer and are looking forward to cooler weather now that Fall is almost upon us. If anyone visited a Pioneer Historical site and/or museum over the summer or in the past year please, send me a brief write-up about your experience with a photo or two. I'd love to include your experience in our next newsletter.

My message for this newsletter is about the history of SDOP since we have many new members and new Board members. Most of my information has been provided to me by Merle Miller, President of SDOP from 1999-2000, and Registrar of SDOP for many years.

In 1873, there was a growing desire on the part of many of the early immigrants who settled the Willamette Valley and other parts of the Oregon Territory to organize an association to collect stories related to the Pioneers and their early history/experiences of the territory and to gather material for the archives. This became more critical as some of the immigrants began dying off. There were several preliminary meetings and then, in October 1873, the Oregon Pioneer Association became official with the adoption of a constitution and electing an executive Board. The first President, Francois X. Matthieu, was a French-Canadian Pioneer. Matthieu was the founder of Butteville, Oregon. The first annual meeting of the Oregon Pioneer Association was held at Butteville on November 11, 1873.

Side Note: Today Butteville, Oregon is home of the oldest continuing operating store in Oregon. It is currently owned by Champoeg State Park. The Boat landing at Butteville has been restored by Friends of Butteville, with most of the work completed in 2018/2019.

The Second annual meeting of the Oregon Pioneer Association was held in Aurora on June 16, 1874. It was resolved by the Association that June 16th would be the anniversary day for the meeting/reunion of the Pioneers. We continue to honor that date by having our Annual Meeting as close to June 16th as possible. At the annual meeting the newly elected officers are officially installed. The actual picture of this 1874 meeting is at the Aurora Colony Museum.



This is a picture I took of the very large photograph that used to hang at the Old Aurora Colony Museum. Some members have been able to identify their pioneer ancestor in this Picture. The picture is now being stored in the newly built Archive Building. If you'd like to see the picture I suggest you contact the museum ahead of time and let the museum know when you are planning to visit.



The Oregon Pioneer Association became the nucleus of the Oregon Historical Society. The Oregon Historical Society has in their archives many of the original documents from the first meetings of the Pioneer Association.

Along the way, membership was extended to anyone who had ancestors in the Oregon Territory prior to 1859, when Oregon became a state.

This included pioneers who came by cover wagons plus those who might have arrived by ship, mountain men, missionaries, adventurers and Native Americans. Some of our current members had family who were members of the Oregon Pioneer Association and/or members of Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers.

The Oregon Pioneer Association became the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers in 1897 and incorporated on June 13, 1901. In two years, we'll be celebrating the 125th year as one of the oldest non-profit Organizations in Oregon. Something to really celebrate! But to keep this organization a viable and an active organization we need more people to step up to become active by getting involved attending meetings, events and offering to volunteer on some of our committees. Check out our website (https://oregonsdop.org/) for additional information about SDOP.

All members are welcome at our board meetings and especially to the meetings when we meet at historical sites which always include tours. Our next board meeting is November 16, 2024, in a conference room at Clackamas, Oregon.

Christine (Chris) Meinicke, President SDOP



Dr. William Keil Founder of Aurora Community, 1856

Upcoming SDOP Board Meetings and Events

November 16, 2024: Board Meeting

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Clackamas Town Center -

Clackamas, Oregon

You're going to need some directions!!!

This month we only have a board meeting, no tour. We will meet in the Community Room at Clackamas Town Center. If you haven't been there before, it's a little different, and some directions might be welcome

The easy way is to go in the North door, by the cinema. That door opens into the food court. Go along the *Left* wall of the food court, to the elevator:



Take the elevator to the Lower Level and turn right as you leave it. The Community room is the first door on the left:



If you use the escalator instead, turn left at the bottom and then take the hallway to the left. Go past the elevator, to the first door on the left. See you there! 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 his-

torical 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

Meeting Time: 10:00 am Location: Butteville store

10767 Butte St N.E.

Aurora, Oregon 97002 (part of

Champoeg State Park, not in Aurora)

Historical Tour Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Newell Pioneer Village on the

corner of Champoeg State Park.

Tour includes: Newell House Museum, The Butteville School, Butteville Jail and Pio-

neer Memorial Mother's Cabin.

July 12, 2025: Board Meeting and An-

nual Picnic

Location: Champoeg State Park - in the

Pavilion

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Introducing our newest

Board Member!



Richard Mason is a direct descendant of William and Thursa Cathey who homesteaded in Gresham after coming over the Oregon Trail in 1853. On a spring morning, 21-year-old William Cathey married 16-year-old Thursa Cornutt in Springfield, Missouri. After their wedding, they climbed into their Conestoga wagon and headed west on the Oregon Trail.

Marie Cathey married Barrett Randall in 1919, who moved to Oregon after graduating from St. Paul Law School. They had two daughters, including Martha Randall Mason, Mason's mother.

Richard Mason graduated from Beaverton High School and attended several colleges including Lewis and Clark, Portland Community College, Cuesta College and Cal Poly, SLO. He also served two years in the US Army. After college. He worked as a radio news reporter and radio station owner for more than 40 years in California. He also worked as a Tour Guide at Hearst Castle State Historical Monument in California. He currently lives in McMinnville, Oregon.

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 Mark Goddard, Editor - mark@oregontrailgenealogy.com.

Submissions for the Nov. issue will be due by *Nov. 16, 2024*. Photos and articles are welcome from all members!

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.

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.

Checks or Money Orders can be made out to **SDOP**.

The mailing address is:

SDOP P.O. Box 6685 Portland, OR 97228-6685

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SDOP EIN# is 23-745515

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 \$3	00.00
60+ \$1	50.00
Includes pioneer certificate and pin	

Annual Dues (<u>after</u> 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



Champoeg and the Prairies Beyond, Sketch, April 1851 by George Gibbs Peabody Museum

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.

You can help earn donations just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card!



Fred Meyer is donating \$2.5 million per year to nonprofits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give.

Here's how the program works:

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to SDOPwww.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for SDOP by name or by our non-profitnumber 86878.
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- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.
- > For more information, please visit

www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards

New Members

Jody Phillips Pellatt Lorenzo Dow Phillips*	1851	Senior	NY
Constance J Crowley Dough	erty	Senior	
Thomas Crowley Jr*	1846		MO
Catherine Linville	1846		TN
Thomas McClain Crowley	1846		GA
Lindsey Louviere	Adult		
Philip Glover Sr.*	1849		MD
Philip Glover Jr.	1849		MO
Melinda Lee Anderson	Senior		
Robert Fozzard Clark*	1853		England
Lori June Malson Franke		Adult	
Henry Davidson*	1852		ОН
Sarah Montgomery	1852		ОН
Mary Elizabeth Davidson	1854		ОТ
Mary F. Crittenden		Senior	
Perry Hyde*	1851		KY
Eliza Ann Tyler	1851		TN
Francis Marion Koon	tz 1852		ОН
Timothy J. Reddington		Senior	Life
Abraham Ditmars*	1853		NJ
Harriet Ditmars	1853		ОН
Joseph A. Bailey	1853		IN

^{*}Indicates Pioneer on the Certificate



The trail that leads to us...

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



Issac Allen 1846

Who won?... In May 1846, Issac Allen and his family started the trek on the Oregon Trail from Missouri. His son, William, kept notes along the way. He reports that only one time were they stopped by Indians, about 400 Sioux. The emigrants made a display of flintlock rifles while the Indians had only bows and arrows. Issac had his eye on the chief and planned to pick him off first in case of a fight, but after a meeting, the Indians allowed passage

When it was over, William wrote that his father found he had lost the flint out of the gun, rendering it useless. Needless to say, the laugh was on him, and the old chief never knew of his narrow escape.

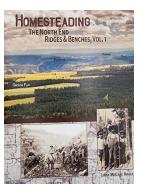
By Descendant, Glenn B. Allen

On a side note, Issac Allen was actually wagon master, along with his friend Elam Brown. The company consisted of about 30 wagons, 100 men, plus their women and children. Isaac Allen died on August

27, 1846 on the Humbolt, what is now the state of Nevada. His wife Margaret went on to marry Elam Brown. Elam Brown's son Thomas help to survey and plot the new town of Portland, Oregon. Many of the immigrants of that 1846 train have remarkable ties to the early history of Oregon. See notes about the 1846 train at http://www.oregonpi-oneers.com/1846.htm

BOOK RECOMMENDATION -

HOMESTEADING – The North End Ridges & Benches, Vol. 1 by Linda McCrae Bauck



A rare, difficult to find book, but steeped in the history of NW Wallowa country and the southern parts of Garfield and Asotin counties in Washington.

Beginning in the early 1880's, these stories give readers a peek into the hardships and triumphs as pioneers settled into this remote, roadless area. Chapters cover ferries, bridges, roads, post offices, schools, early medicine, farming, social events, and more.

The book contains over 390 photos, eight pages in color, maps, and original homestead patents. There are also stories as told by others to the author on sheep herds, the Basque, and logging.

Available from the Wallowa History Center

https://www.wallowahistory.org/

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers

♦ Miss Pioneer Oregon ◆

Applications are now being accepted for Miss Pioneer Oregon. Here is an opportunity for young women with Oregon pioneer ancestry to be selected as an official representative of Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers. The successful candidate is rewarded with the honor of being selected and monetary benefits.

Requirements:

- 1. Open to any single woman, age 16-21, who is eligible for membership in SDOP as a direct descendant of an Oregon pioneer. The pioneer ancestor must have arrived and settled in the Oregon Territory before statehood, Feb 14, 1859.
- 2. If selected, she is required to attend the SDOP Annual Statehood Banquet in February and give a five-minute speech on Oregon history or her pioneer heritage. She is also required to attend the SDOP Picnic in July.
- 3. Unless unavoidable conflicts exist, she is expected to attend the Founders' Day celebration at Champoeg State Park in May. She may also volunteer to take part in festivals, celebrations, fairs, and parades sponsored by other organizations.
- 4. She is required to appear at all official functions in pioneer costume with the special "Miss Pioneer Oregon" sash furnished by SDOP.
- 5. She is required to have a studio portrait made for programs and publicity purposes. Two 8x10s will be paid for by SDOP (up to \$100) with one copy being given to Miss Pioneer Oregon. The newsletter/banquet portrait needs to be sent to Dave Thompson (dave_tek@yahoo.com) for inclusion in the program.

Selection Criteria:

Applicants will be judged by the selection committee based on 1} poise, 2} appreciation of Oregon pioneer heritage, and 3} willingness to represent SDOP at official functions during the year to the next banquet.

Benefits:

Miss Pioneer Oregon will receive a cash reward of \$1,000, paid in two payments, a Life Membership in SDOP with the hopes of participating in the organization in the future as a board member or officer, and the privilege of officially representing SDOP for one year.

To Apply:

Fill out the application on your computer and save it as a PDF. Write a brief statement (Word or .txt) entitled "Why I Would Like to be Miss Pioneer Oregon." Email both of those and a recent picture (JPG or PNG 300 dpi or better) to dmalex289@msn.com. Any questions? Please contact Dawn Alexander (541) 581-0378 or the email above.

Must be received by December 15

	email above.			by December 15
	eer Oregon Application+			
Name	:	Age:	Telephone:	
Addre	ess:	City:	State:	Zip:
Paren	t's name(s):	Parent's e	-mail:	
Schoo	ol:		Gr	ade:
Name	of your pioneer ancestor:		Year arrived in Ol	R Territory:
Your i	nterests and hobbies:			
Skills	and talents:			
Signa	ture:			
Date:		Essav att	tached □	

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers

• Junior Awards Program •

Rules:

- 1. Applicant must be a Junior Member and in good standing with SDOP.
- 2. All entries must be postmarked December 15 or delivered to the Chairperson by the same date.
- 3. Once an applicant wins in a category, they are ineligible to win again in that age group.
- 4. The judge's ruling will be final.
- 5. Winners will be presented at the Annual Banquet in February but need not be present to win.
- 6. Must be entirely the work of applicant. A picture of applicant must accompany entry.
- 7. Any judge who has a family member applicant must abstain from voting in that category.
- 8. There will only be one winner in each category.
- 9. Work must be neat and legible--neatness counts.
- 10. Winner will receive an award of cash money in the following categories:

Categories and awards:

Date: _____

Grades 1-4 \$50 cash Art project depicting scene from the migration to Oregon.

Grades 5-8 \$100 cash Essay of at least 200 words telling something you have learned about the migration to Oregon that you would like to share with us.

Grades 9-12 \$200 cash Essay of at least 500 words telling what being an Oregon pioneer descendant means to you.

Please send submissions to: dmalex289@msn.com

Please submit drawings and photos as .jpg (300 dpi or better), or .pdf, and submit essays as Word files or .txt

Any questions? Please contact Dawn Alexander (541) 581-0378 or dmalex289@msn.com

Deadline for submission is December 15

Application for SDOP Junior Awards Name: _______ Age: ____ Telephone: ______ Address: ______ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: ____ Parent's name(s): ______ Parent's e-mail: ______ School: ______ Grade: _____ Name of your pioneer ancestor: ______ Year arrived in OR Territory: ____ Your interests and hobbies: ______ Skills and talents: ______

Art or Essay attached \Box

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers

College Scholarship Program ●

The Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers offer scholarships to its members to help them achieve their goal of earning their first bachelor's degree. Please complete all parts of the application form and send it, along with a sealed official transcript from your most recent high school, college, or university, to the address listed below. If you are a previous SDOP Scholarship recipient, please also include a sealed official transcript from all colleges or universities you attended while receiving the scholarship.

Attn: Scholarship Committee PO Box 6685 Portland, Oregon 97228-6685

Please read the SDOP Scholarship Policy before you begin filling out the application form. If you are awarded a scholarship, you will be required to provide a valid social security number for use in crediting the scholarship funds to your college or university account. A photograph of you may be requested and will be used for publicity purposes.

Applicant's Name:
Home Address:
Telephone Number:
Email:
Most Recent School: Years Attended:
What college or university do you plan to attend?
Have you applied to this institution? Yes: No: If no, by what date will you apply?
Have you been accepted, or are you currently attending this institution? Yes: No:
If yes, please attach your acceptance letter or proof of enrollment.
Please answer the following five questions on a separate document (Word file or .txt). Please retype the question and then add your response. Your responses to these questions will be evaluated by the Scholar ship Committee primarily for content, so organization, spelling, and grammar are important.
1. What are your educational goals?
2. What do you plan to do with your degree?
3. How do you plan to contribute to a positive future for Oregon or your home state?
4. How has your family history, as the descendent of a pioneer, made difference in your life and how do you plan to keep your personal history alive?
5. What other factors would you like the Scholarship Committee to consider? (Academic achievement, SAT/ACT scores, letters of recommendation [no more than 2], volunteer work, work experience, the over coming of a hardship, etc.) Please attach supporting documentation if it exists.
Please read and sign, indicating your acceptance of the following statement:
I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions set forth in the SDOP Scholarship Policy: if selected as the recipient of an SDOP Scholarship, I will use the funds only in accordance with the SDOP Scholarship Policy. I certify that I have not completed the requirements to receive a bachelor's degree at any college or university. If any part of the scholarship will not be used in accordance with the SDOP Scholarship Policy I will notify SDOP as soon as I become aware of the fact. I understand that, at its sole discretion, SDOP will work with me to see that those funds are returned to SDOP. If I am awarded a scholarship, I agree to have my name and photograph used by the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers fo publicity purposes.
Applicant's Signature: Date:

Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers •College Scholarship Program •

Rules:

- 1. Applicant must be a Member and in good standing with SDOP.
- 2. Entries are comprised of three parts: 1} the info card below 2} transcript 3} application questions (above)
- 3. All entries must be received by December 15 or delivered to the Chairperson by the same date.
- 4. Judge's ruling will be final.
- 5. Winners will be presented at the Annual Banquet in February but need not be present to win.
- 6. Must be entirely the work of applicant. A picture of applicant must accompany entry.
- 7. Any judge who has a family member applicant must abstain from voting in that category.

Criteria and awards:

Up to \$1,000 will be awarded to qualified applicants for their tuition, books, and mandatory fees, as they pursue their first bachelor's degree.

To apply, members must complete the info card below and official SDOP Scholarship application form from the website and send it, along with a sealed official transcript from their most recent high school, college, or university, to the SDOP Scholarship Committee.

Please send submissions to:

Sealed official school transcript included \Box

<u>dmalex289@msn.com</u> Please submit essays as Word files or .txt, photos as .jpg (300dpi or better) Any questions? Please contact Dawn Alexander (541) 581-0378 or dmalex289@msn.com

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● SDOP College Scholarship Info Card ● Please attach this to your application above, or on our website www.OregonSDOP.com			
Name:	Age:	Telephone #:	
Address:	_ City:	State: Zip:	
E-mail address:	_ Parent's name(s):	
School:		Year:	
Name of your pioneer ancestor:	Year arrived in OR Territory:		
Major: Skills and talents:			
Signature:			

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Application questions attached \square

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