

**President's Letter**

*From Chris Meinicke*



Greetings to all descendants of Oregon Territory Pioneer families and friends. May this newsletter find you well and having enjoyed a special holiday season, and your New Year is filled with promise and many new beginnings. I don't make New Years Resolutions but found the following by Victoria Erickson very meaningful: "Just a little reminder that you don't have to make resolutions or huge decisions, or big proclamations. You can just set some sweet intentions and take each day as it comes".

Our most important event of the year is Saturday, February 15, 2025. It is our Oregon Statehood Celebration/Banquet. Oregon became a state on February 14, 1859, 176 years ago. SDOP has been celebrating Oregon's Statehood with some type of gathering/banquet since it was incorporated in 1901. At this banquet we honor our new Miss Pioneer Oregon for 2025/2026 plus honor our youth with scholarships and awards. Please plan on attending this banquet.

**The registration form is on Page 13 of this newsletter. It needs to be sent in by: Monday, February 10, 2025.**

In addition, the Sons of the Revolution (SAR) are returning this year to Post the Colors and the Intel Singers are going to perform. I am really looking forward to the banquet. Please get your registrations in as soon as possible.

Contributions are always welcome to add to our Scholarship/Awards Fund and for SDOP's entry in the Portland Rose Festival Parade. Thanks to one of our members who has secured items for a Silent auction for the Annual Banquet such as a beautiful Pendleton Blanket shown below. Please come prepared to make a bid on this blanket to help support our efforts to have an entry in the 2025 Portland Rose Festival Parade.



Have you often wondered how your pioneer ancestors might have celebrated Christmas or the New year on their first land claim? Most of our ancestors probably reached Oregon in the early or late fall without much time to build any type of housing structure before winter, let alone get ready for the holidays.

If they had a Christmas Tree, they probably decorated it with items from the forest or handmade items. Gifts were probably also handmade like the doll in the picture below made by my Great-Great grandmother Artenecia Riddle for her little sister, Helena.



I looked in all my material about my Riddle and Merrimen ancestors and could not find any reference to how they might have spent the holidays. My Riddle ancestors spent their first winter (1851) in tents made from the material on their covered wagons. At least they had three covered wagons. *"One large tent and one small one was set up and two of the wagon boxes were arranged on the ground which, with the covers made a sleeping place, and canvas was spread to shelter the cook stove. I would say the cook stove was brought from Illinois with us. This stove must have been a wonder - our family at the time, with two extra men, were fifteen in number and all with outdoor appetites."*

The quote is from *Early Days in Oregon* by George W. Riddle. It wasn't until early spring of 1852 their cabin was ready to move into located in the Cow Creek Valley not far from the town that became known as Riddle, Oregon, plotted by John Riddle in 1882.



**Cabin built in 1852 by William H. Riddle, Douglas Co., Oregon**

SDOP's mission is to keep the spirit, memories and stories of our pioneer forebearers alive for future generations. Our speaker at the banquet is Denyse McGriff, Mayor of Oregon City, who is going to give a presentation on Ruth Adella McBride Powers, Oregon Historic Preservationist, who was involved in restoring many Oregon properties. Her first restoration effort was Dr. Robert Newell's house located in the Newell Pioneer Village at the corner of Champoeg State Park.

SDOP members plan to visit this site on June 14, 2025. Another project was the Ox Barn which is the current location of the Aurora Colony Museum which SDOP members visited a few years ago. I think we'll find this presentation extremely interesting.

Let's start off 2025 with a great attendance at Oregon's Statehood Banquet on February 15, 2025, and with strong attendance at our regular meetings especially the meetings at Historical sites in Oregon.

Christine (Chris) Meinicke  
President of SDOP

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

**February 15, 2025:** Statehood Birthday Banquet and Annual Membership Meeting  
Location: Monarch Hotel in Clackamas Town Center (off Hwy. 205).  
10:30 am Annual SDOP Board Meeting for ALL members  
11:30-12:15 Registration  
12:15-12:30 Start Banquet Program

**April 12, 2025:** Board meeting and historical Tour  
Time: 10:30 AM  
Location: TO BE DETERMINED

**June 14, 2025:** Board Meeting and Historical Tour  
Time: 10:00 am  
Location: Butteville Store  
23013 Yearly Lane 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  
The tour includes Newell House Museum, The Butteville School, Butteville Jail and Pioneer Memorial Mother's Cabin.



**Newell House Museum**

**July 12, 2025:** Board Meeting and Annual Picnic  
Location: Champoeg State Park – in the Pavilion

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**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

**Donations to SDOP**

SDOP thanks those who donate 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**.

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**SDOP**  
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**Pioneer Women’s Cabin**  
 Champoeg Heritage State Park

**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-profit number 86878.
- Then, every time you shop and use your RewardsCard, you are helping SDOP earn a donation!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.
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*The road that leads to us...*

**New Members**

<b>#2003 Dale Charles Clark</b>	<b>Sr. Life</b>
Catherine Francis Taylor*	1852 IO
Elizabeth Lewis	1852 IO
Tarlton Taylor	1852 MO
<b>#2004 Richard Benjamin Harrison</b>	<b>Senior</b>
Hugh Harrison*	1847 KY
Delia Ann Bush	1847 LA
James Lawrence Harrison	1847 MO
<b>#2008 Caitlin O'Brien</b>	<b>Junior</b>
James Alexander Wallace*	1852 KY
Arrena Caroline Daniel	1852 KY
Marion Winfield Wallace	1852 IL
<b>#2014 Katherine Ann Cook</b>	<b>Adult</b>
Susannah Collett*	1844 TN
Soloman Eads	1844 GA
Henry William Eads	1844 MO
<b>#2015 Georgia Morris Foster</b>	<b>Friend</b>
N/A	
<b>#2002 Albert Homer Eaton</b>	<b>Senior</b>
Jesse E. Eaton*	1845 KY
Mary Elizabeth Burden	1845 IL
<b>#2016 Shanti del Rosario</b>	<b>Junior</b>
Martin Baker Gay*	1851 VA
Susan Ann Callison	1851 IL
David Green Gay	1851 IL
<b>#2000 Robin Cora Richmond-Barney</b>	<b>Sr. Life</b>
David Flett*	1841 MB, CA
Letitia Cook	1841 MB, CA
William George Flett	1841 OT
<b>Deceased:</b>	
<b>#1220 Dana R. Botkin</b>	<b>Life member</b>
Henry James Cropsey Averill	1852 NY
<b>#997 Kelly Kay Franklin</b>	<b>Life member</b>
John Watt	1848 MO
<b>#305 Alice Adams</b>	<b>Life member</b>
William B. Prather	1844 VA
<b>#440 Sharon A. Ward Sullivan</b>	<b>Life member</b>
Elisha Ward	1858 IL

\* Indicates Pioneer on certificate

## The Divisions of Labor

By the Editor

Isolation was a common feature for the scattered residents in the far reaches of the PNW. Until the 1910s, most of the region was linked to the outside world only by a system of trails and rudimentary wagon roads.

*Yeah, we spent lonely days," recalled Rhys Humphreys, "but we didn't know any better. It was lonely here; the only people that we ever visited was neighbors"* (Cant Ranch Oral History, Royal Jackson, OSU). Isolation for some was a function of labor. The dozens of men who tended sheep and prospectors and miners frequently lived alone or far from family and society for days and weeks.

Daily labors in an era of subsistence living were often gender specific. Women customarily carried nearly total responsibility for maintaining the household and child-rearing. Their tasks — backbreaking and monotonous — involved cooking, washing, mending, making clothing, food preservation, and cleaning. They planted and weeded vegetable gardens, drove away birds and rabbits, picked foodstuffs, dried and parched foods, canned dozens of pints and quarts of home-grown fruit and vegetables, and recycled materials. Their fingers turned old clothing into quilts and rag rugs. They watered stove ashes in hoppers to make lye to process fat and bacon grease into soap. They raised chickens and collected eggs and milked cows and made butter. Any surpluses were carried to town to barter for dry goods and staples. They worked constantly and lived frugally.

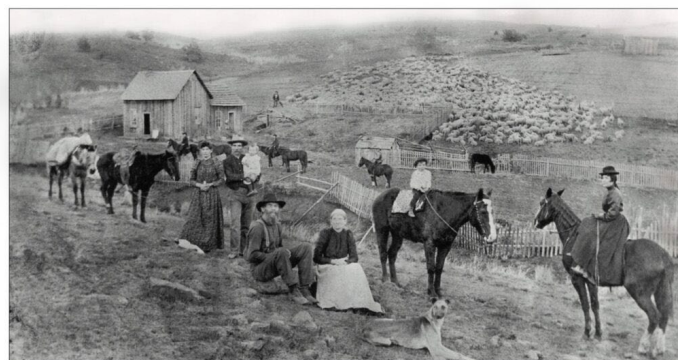
Men shouldered other responsibilities. They cut, hauled, and stacked wood to fire cook stoves and heat dwellings. In winter they sawed blocks of ice and hauled them to insulated ice houses for use in subsequent months for food preservation and for cooling beverages. They dug cellars,

lined them with stone, and filled bins with potatoes, turnips, and apples wrapped in newspapers.

Hard labor duties for men included stock tending, sheep shearing, branding, fence construction and maintenance, building houses and barns, blacksmithing, moving herds to markets, and digging ditches. Irrigation was critical in the arid environments. Men hand-dug canals and ditches, planted willows, locust, and poplar along their courses to stabilize banks, and worked each year to clean the ditches of slide debris and weeds and to repair wash-outs. Men repaired wagons, harnesses, mowing machines, plows, harrows, and tools.

Men also contributed to the family diet by hunting, fishing, planting, and pruning fruit trees, as well as butchering cattle, sheep, and hogs. They constructed smokehouses and tended fires to preserve meat as jerky and hams. Some worked with their wives to stuff intestines with ground meat fragments and spices to make sausage or head cheese. They hauled wheat to grist mills and brought home flour and corn meal. They tilled the vegetable patch and helped guard the plantings from hungry deer and rabbits. They tanned hides and bartered with Indians for gloves and moccasins. When they lacked cash, a common occurrence, they bartered labor, goods, and livestock for necessary commodities, tools, or food.

A hard life, filled with hope and faith.



Shields Family, Butler Basin

## Wagons on the Oregon Trail

The following is provided by SDOP member Roger Porter, whose family crossed the Oregon Trail in 1848.



**Interior view of Wagon**

The wagon was carefully organized because everything the family had and could take with them had to fit. All the people and belongings were also arranged in a certain way because they would have to be unloaded every night and reloaded the following morning.

The wagon was made to live inside, measuring 12 to 14 feet long, and would be able to carry as much as five tons. The bottom of the cart would be covered with chests and boxes that stored the dishes, tools, and clothing. In the back of the wagon was the washtub, iron stove, and storage of food. On top of these items were cloth mattresses filled with goose feathers and horsehair, blankets, and pillows.

Other supplies, such as pots and pans, were hung on the outside of the wagon. Because the carts were so full, there would be no room for passengers in the back. Therefore, everyone but pregnant women, elderly, and the sick would walk.

This long haul meant that on average each family member would need about nine pairs of shoes for the trip. More astounding is the number of people, mostly children, who walked barefoot.

There were also the supplies of tools that were needed not only for the journey but for being able to build a home once the pioneers reached their destination. These tools often consisted of an ax, augers, gimlet, spokes, wagon tongue, heavy ropes, chains, hammer, nails, hoe, plow, shovel, ox shoes, and spade.



Of course, there was more to the preparation than just supplies, wagon, oxen, shoes, and money. There was also the organization of the wagon train.

Each wagon train had a leader, who would oversee when the wagon train would start and stop. They would also set the pace for the wagon train.

With all this preparation and the pioneer's knowledge of danger along the trail, people have often wondered why the pioneers decided to embark on the harrowing trip out west.

## Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers Board Meeting

November 16, 2024

Clackamas, Oregon

Attendance Record. Quorum established. Directors present: Joyce del Rosario, Joy'e Willman, Dave Thompson, Shauna Noon, Chris Meinicke, Priscilla Belin, Reggie Burke, Sherry Fuller, Mel Fuller. Directors absent: Dawn Alexander, Richard Mason, Debbie Pedersen, Jeanne Preston Janet Wilson.

Members in attendance: Susan Kauth  
The regular board meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. in the community room of Clackamas Town Center Mall.

### Officer Reports

**SECRETARY** – Joyce del Rosario, Secretary, reporting.

September minutes were produced in November Newsletter Volume 54 Issue 3 posted on [www.oregonsdop.org](http://www.oregonsdop.org) under the "Publications" section. Note to September Minutes as published: the "Addendum attached" is the "Endowment Report". Motion to accept September 2024 Minutes submitted by Secretary passed unanimously.

**PRESIDENT** – Chris Meinicke, President, reporting.

Endowment Account. Chris sent her "Endowment Report" to John Irving who was a director serving on the Finance Committee when the endowment was established in 2004. John explained that the endowment fund was set aside for investment purposes only. The invested funds were never meant to be drawn down in order to pay annual operating expenses. Rather, the SDOP financial policy allows for interest income to be added to the working capital account which can be drawn on for coverage of operating expenses as needed.

**Banquet Committee** – Chris is working to transition duties to President Elect.

**Newsletter** – Chris suggested that the Board offer Mark Goddard, volunteer,

compensation for his contributions to the newsletter. The board did not approve monetary compensation, but did approve an in-kind donation of merchandise from the Trading Post and circulated a holiday card. The procedure for compensating vendors and a conflict-of-interest policy review was set aside until a future board meeting.

**Corporate Correspondence** – President and Treasurer, Chis and Shauna, reporting.

*Affiliate Historical Organizations* - Chris circulated the newsletter South Umpqua Historical Society. Additional information is available at <https://pioneerindianmuseum.org/historical-society/>

*Honored Guests* - Chris shared the latest "Here is Oregon" issue with a feature on Ed Edmo. Mr. Edmo recently joined SDOP as the speaker at the last annual picnic. Joy'e inquired about honorary memberships.

*Newsletter returns*– Chris noted that it costs money to get newsletters returned, and she researched members whose printed newsletters came back undelivered. Two addresses needed correction. One member had passed. Six had phone numbers no longer in service. The Secretary will work with the Registrar to identify SDOP members who had passed in 2024 and keep the returned newsletters in archive.

*Corporate Contact Info* – Director Reggie Burke was contacted by a member at large who searched for SDOP and found the "Trading Post" information online. The member had called initially tried to reach SDPO by calling 541-581-0378. The Google voice number is checked by Mel Fuller, current IT chair. Mel can add other persons, including the Registrar or current President, to the Google Voice mailbox. A plan to add additional director access to the account is set to occur before next board meeting.

*Letters from members* – Life member, Patty Gordon Sitton, shared some history



about being the fourth generation of her kin to reside in Corvallis.

*Letters from donors* - One member unsubscribed from newsletter mailing lists and also made a donation.

**TREASURER** – Shauna Noon, Treasurer, reporting.

Treasurer's Report Fiscal Year 2025. A printed Treasurer's report distributed at the meeting includes most recent fiscal quarter of current fiscal year.

*Operating statement* (Period ending October 31, 2024) - Ended in the positive by \$1145.

*Dues paying memberships* - Since billing corrections were issued, membership renewals are on the rise.

*Donations* - On track with projected budget.

*Life memberships* - New life memberships are added to the Heritage working capital account. Joyce suggested we reach out to the seniors who are turning 60 this year and see if they would like to take advantage of the half-price discount (\$150 versus \$300 for adults under 60).

*Interest Income* - Interest earned has increased as expected based on consolidation of CDs.

*Projected Budget with Actuals*. Projected to be in the black \$1,264.

**PRESIDENT-ELECT** - Joy'e Willman, president-elect, reporting.

Communication plan – Easiest to use phone/text to reach Joy'e

*Annual Meeting and Banquet* – Joy'e Willman, chair reporting.

\$500 was paid and accepted, however no receipt or contract has been received as of the meeting date. Joy'e has followed up Kevin. Dave, Mark and Chris worked on the registration form that appeared in newsletter. Prices are 55 – adults - 40 children. The menu will be the same as prior year.

Volunteers for the Annual Birthday Banquet have been assigned as follows.

*Color Guard* – Last year's color guard from the Sons of the American Revolution were contacted by Chris.

*Pledge of Allegiance* – Joy'e will lead.

*Music/Entertainment* - Intel Singers can be coordinated through Janet Apostolon.

*MPO Sash* – Janet ordered the sash in most recent years and will most likely contact the prior year vendor again.

*Miss Pioneer Oregon Portrait* – Dave will get help MPO schedule a shooting with the photographer of her choice.

*MPO Flowers* –After selecting colors for banquet, Chris will make a personal visit to the florist to order the nosegay and head wreath for two MPOs.

*Event Flyer and Banquet Program* – Joyce needs picture of MPO to finish design.

Joy'e will provide the program details.

*Registration* – Priscilla will manage the registration table and hand out name tags. Dave asked to have the banquet registration form set up online in the future. Chris prefers to explore online registration next year.

*Attendee Nametags* - Chris plans to sort the nametag boxes, only bringing name tags for those who she confirms are attending.

*Keynote Speaker* - Mayor Oregon City, Denise McGriff, will present the legacy of the late preservationist, Ruth Powers. Mrs. Powers led the way to save older buildings constructed by Oregon's early pioneers. One of the buildings saved by Mrs. Powers is the Newell House which will be the site of an SDOP field trip in June 2025.

*Oregon's Birthday Cake* – Mel will order cake from Costco.

*Auction* – Member Sophie Curly is collecting auction items. Silent Auction bidding forms are available from the Secretary.

*Tables* –The prior year had a table dedicated to the "Map to Everywhere" and Historical books of interest.

The Sons of the American Revolution are expected to have the trunk show requiring one table. Reggie asked for two tables for

the Trading Post. Silent auctions might require one table.

### **Committee Reports**

**FINANCE:** Shauna Noon, Finance Chair, reporting.

Annual Filing - CT-12 filed timely by Board Treasurer.

*Corporate Registry* – Nonprofit Registered Agent information is expected to be updated by the Board Secretary before end of calendar year.

*Corporate Credit Card* - Finance committee will explore card options (credit/debit) for regular subscriptions and contract requiring a reserve on a card. The Technology Chair and Webmaster expect recurring costs to be moved to card.

*Correspondence Secretary* – Joyce del Rosario reported Annual Donor Activity Statements will be drafted for calendar year 2024 after year-end.

*Dues* – Debbie Pederson, Registrar, not present. Chris Meinicke reporting.

Six (6) new members includes two (2) new adults and four (4) converted to life. Two (2) members have deceased since the last report.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Newsletter – Dave Thompson, News Editor, reporting. The recent newsletter went out via email belonging to Dave. Dave sought clarification on the procedure for sending digital newsletter. Joyce supports the current policy requiring that the e-newsletter should originate from a board member or SDOP email address; she offered additional assistance to Dave to send the e-newsletter volumes. In coordination with distribution of duties, Mel Fuller, IT Chair, explained how database queries can be acquired through Shauna Noon, Caspio Database Admin. Additional discussion went to committee immediately after the meeting.

**TECHNOLOGY:** Mel Fuller, IT Chair, reporting.

*Assignments* –

*IT Chair, emeritus* – Mel Fuller

*Caspio Database and Billing Administrator*– Shauna Noon

*Hostgator Web Server Administrator* – Joyce del Rosario

*Wordpress Website Content Manager* - Lindsey Hollinger

*Website updates* – Mel Fuller reporting.

Online Membership Application: Application for membership registration page will be updated. Initial welcome template shall be altered from to reflect current Registrar or President.

*Email Server* – Joyce del Rosario, Server Admin, reporting. Hostgator allows the admin to add email accounts like registrar@oregonsdop.org. The webmaster mentioned that using personal email accounts could put board directors at risk.

All members should continue to be wary of emails that may come from names off the Past President list. Directors are advised to funnel all corporate correspondence through oregonsdop.org accounts.

*Cloud* – Joyce del Rosario, Webmaster, and Shauna Noon, Database Admin, reporting.

*Digital safety* – The IT team suggested taking additional action to prevent phishing scams and other risk of cybercrime. Better control of corporate email communications has resulted from directors actively using their oregonsdop.org email addresses. Another security measure suggested by the IT team is to enroll in a program that teaches digital safety. The annual cost is \$823 per year for 25 users. Motion that SDOP explore subscriptions for digital safety passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

*Social Media* – Janet Wilson, Social Media Chair, not present.

*Merchandising* – Reggie Burke, owner of SDOP Trading Post, reporting.

No sales reported from SDOP Trading Post between September and November 2024.

**GOVERNANCE:** Joyce del Rosario, Governance Chair, reporting.

Updated contact information of board of-  
ficers for Secretary of State was submitted  
by the board secretary.

**EVENTS:** Annual Oregon Statehood Birth-  
day Banquet - Joy'e Willman, Banquet  
Chair, reporting.

February 15, 2025 – Banquet will be held  
at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas. Dave  
inquired if Chris was looking into alternate  
entertainment. Chris offered to consider  
alternatives that do not incur expenses.  
Chris suggested "Oregon, My Oregon" and  
a patriotic song like "My Country tis of  
thee" could alternately be sung by Zoe if  
she attends on behalf of Nolan. Joyce sug-  
gested helping young people become more  
involved with the  
Banquet.

**NOMINATING:** Joy'e Willman, Nominat-  
ing Chair, reporting.

Joy'e will ask Sophie Curly to join as well.  
Chris appointed Joyce and Dave to the  
committee. Sherry Fuller, Dave Thompson  
and Dawn Alexander have 3-year terms  
expiring in 2025. Slate will be presented in  
January 2025 at a board meeting.

**EVENTS:** Scholarship and Awards – Dawn  
Alexander, Scholarship and Awards Chair,  
not present. Chris Meinicke, Award com-  
mittee member, reporting.

*Miss Pioneer Oregon* – Eligible age is 16-  
21 years. Joy'e sought clarification about  
eligibility periods. Chris suggested that the  
maturity of the applicant should be taken  
into account.

*Junior Awards* – Applications are in the  
newsletters.

*College Scholarships* – Scholarship awards  
can be applied for more than once, win-  
ners remain eligible to apply again after  
having received a scholarship to help with  
expenses toward their first bachelor's de-  
gree.

## Old Business

None

## New Business

**1. PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Historic Building  
Preservation The Tigard-Rogers House is  
the oldest standing residence in the City  
Portland. The home was built in 1855. Re-  
search needs to be completed to assess if  
the homestead was ever listed on a  
historical registry or if the house is part of  
a historic resource inventory held by the  
City of Portland or another jurisdiction.  
Portland neighborhood groups, including  
Bridlemile Neighborhood Association and  
Southwest Hills Residential League, would  
like to hear from SDOP or its affiliates  
about local preservation efforts. These  
other nonprofits would like to learn what  
efforts go into preserving a pioneer struc-  
ture. Both groups have asked conduct a  
pathways exist for historical preservation  
and are interested in pursuing a feasibility  
assessment. SDOP officers received inquir-  
ies from the Bridlemile Neighborhood As-  
sociation secretary's office as part of this  
community led investigative effort. Chris  
forwarded the inquiry on she believes are  
involved in historic projects. Joy'e will ele-  
vate the inquiry to Oregon City Mayor  
Denise McGriff. Mayor McGriff is present-  
ing the work of the late preservationist  
Ruth Powers at the annual banquet in Feb-  
ruary 2025. This project is being handed  
over to Janet Wilson, Historian, for consid-  
eration and follow-up.

**2. EVENTS:** Field Trips, Board Meetings  
a. January 2025 – Mel Fuller's home in  
Lake Oswego, Oregon.  
b. April 2025 – Priscilla Belin noted that  
the Seven Feathers area might lack suffi-  
cient affordable lodging. Directors noted  
that Roseburg, Grants Pass and Myrtle  
Creek are the closest alternatives. The  
current Board President will speak with the  
volunteer who set up the meeting plan to  
explore additional lodging options near  
Seven Feathers.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.  
Minutes prepared by Joyce del Rosario,  
Secretary, on December 16, 2024

**Slate of Officer and New Board Member Candidates for 2025-2026**

The following officer and board positions will be voted on at our annual meeting on Saturday, February 15, 2025. This board meeting starts at 10:30 am at the Monarch Hotel, prior to our Annual Statehood banquet. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting, to vote, and to volunteer for open positions.

**Officer Nominees:**

- President.....** Joy'e Willman
- President-elect.....**Joyce del Rosario
- Secretary.....**Joyce del Rosario
- Treasurer.....**Shauna Noon\*  
(two-year position)
- Treasurer Assistant...Open**

**Board Position Nominees:**

**Board Members 2025 thru 2027**

- Position 1 –** Sherry Fuller\*
- Position 2 –** Dave Thompson\*
- Position 3 –** Dawn Alexander\*

\*Continuing member – no vote needed



**Frazier Farmstead Museum**



This year marks a significant milestone for the Frazier Farmstead Museum, as it celebrates 40 years of preserving the rich history of Milton-Freewater Oregon, and the pioneering Frazier family who helped shape it. The museum is located on a former working farmstead that once belonged to the Fraziers, who settled the area and plotted the town of Milton in the late 1800s. Today, this unique museum offers a window into the past, showcasing the lives of the town’s founders and the evolution of this small but vibrant community.

The museum holds several hundred items that were passed down with the property, giving visitors a glimpse into the daily life of the Frazier family and the people who lived here. From agricultural tools and household items to personal mementos, the museum’s collection paints a vivid picture of what life was like on a working farm at the turn of the century.

One of the many highlights of the museum is the Thomas McCoy Cabin, the oldest structure still standing in Umatilla County. Originally built in 1857, this historic cabin was moved to the museum for preservation and now stands as a testament to the area’s early settlers. Visitors can explore the cabin and step back in time to understand the hardships and resilience of those who first called this region home.

In addition to the exhibits, the museum offers a small research library located in the main house which was once the sleeping porch. The library is open to anyone interested in learning more about the town's history, the Frazier family, or the surrounding region.

The museum's six-acre site is also a popular venue for public and private events. It hosts weddings, gatherings, and the always anticipated summer festival fundraiser.

As a community-oriented institution, Frazier Farmstead Museum is free to the public, although donations are always appreciated. The museum's hours are Thursday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is closed for the season after the Christmas Open House and reopens on the first Saturday in April.

Whether you're a local resident or a visitor, the Frazier Farmstead Museum offers a fascinating journey through the past and a deeper understanding of the people who built this town. Come explore the stories that shaped Milton-Freewater and discover the treasures of a bygone era.

[www.frazierfarmsteadmuseum.org](http://www.frazierfarmsteadmuseum.org)



1892 - William Frazier is older gentleman front right

## SDOP Annual Statehood Celebration Commemorating Oregon's Birthday

Monarch Hotel in Clackamas Town Center  
 10:30 Annual SDOP Board Meeting for ALL members  
 11:30-12:15 Registration  
 12:15-12:30 Start Banquet Program

<b>Name(s)</b>	<i>Please include 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
<b>Phone</b>		
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<i>Please specify the number of reservations you are making:</i>		
	Number of adults @ \$55.00	\$
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	TOTAL Enclosed \$	\$
Check/money order should be made payable to: <b>Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers</b>		
<input type="button" value="PRINT"/>	Mail this form and payment directly to: <b>Chris Meinicke, 18805 NW Illahe St., Portland, OR 97229</b>	

**INSTRUCTIONS: Reservations must be received by Monday, February 10, 2025. Please pay in advance for meals. Questions? Contact Chris, 503-645-3124 or [chris.meinicke@outlook.com](mailto:chris.meinicke@outlook.com)**

## Horner Museum History

During the 1914 to 1925 era, Oregon Agricultural College Professor John Horner assembled artifacts to fulfill Dean Bexell's vision of a museum on the OAC campus that would be opened to the public. A number of departments had collected specimens to use in teaching students of biology and geology. Horner added to these through his many contacts throughout the state. The heirs of Albany Dr. J. Lindsey Hill gave his collection of over 1,000 natural history and pioneer artifacts and Donnegan Wiggins added his collection of firearms. Professor Horner and his friends also visited Oregon sites collecting remains of prehistoric animals and Native American artifacts.

On February 20, 1925, the Museum of the Oregon country opened in the basement of what was then the library (now Kidder Hall) in a ceremony attended by the Board of Regents, the Hill heirs, faculty and local dignitaries. At that time, the museum was said to include the collections of over 500 people.

At the opening ceremony, J. K. Weatherford said he "believed the time will come when the college can build a splendid new museum building."



Although Horner continued to seek donations and as the collection increased, the university moved the museum to larger spaces. The first move, in 1933, was into the "old gym" (now Gladys Valley Gymnastic Center). In 1936, the museum was

retitled the John B. Horner Museum of the Oregon Country, later shortened to the Horner Museum.



Because it was the only museum of its kind in the state then, it continued to grow, attracting collections from numerous graduates, faculty, and residents. It moved again in 1950 to the basement of Gill Coliseum.



Exhibits included natural history specimens arranged against a painted landscape, household artifacts arranged in period rooms, and tools arranged in a mock tool shed. State budget cuts lead to closing the museum in 1995 but in 1998 the Benton County Historical Museum agreed to take over the collection.

The college never did open a "splendid new museum building" but the Benton County Historical Society has preserved the collection in the museum in downtown Corvallis.

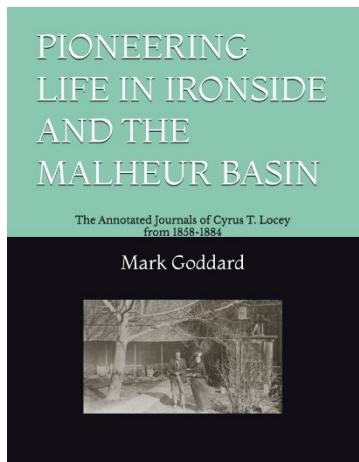
For more on the history, researching, and visiting the Horner collection, see:

Benton County Museums

<https://bentoncountymuseums.org/>

## BOOK RECOMMENDATION –

*PIONEERING LIFE IN IRONSIDE AND THE MALHEUR BASIN: The Annotated Journals of Cyrus T. Locey from 1858-1884* Paperback, 461 pgs. – November 16, 2024  
by Mark Goddard



In 1846 an 11 yr. old boy walked along the Oregon Trail, following his father to a new life in the Oregon Territory. Cyrus Thompson Locey (1835-1922) lived in Canemah (Oregon City), worked the steamboats, married the love of his life, and by 1872 found himself along the banks of Willow Creek, just east of Ironside, in SE Oregon. His journals document these travels, and beginning in 1872, the journals reveal the stark and brutal life of establishing a ranch in those far off lands. They also reveal the hardships of working the land and animals, but more poignantly, show the establishment of community. Ironside, Malheur City, Eldorado, and further, Baker City, Vale, Ontario, Parma, Canyon City... all places touched by this remarkable family that not only created a life for themselves, but created schools, were involved in politics, and influenced the creation of Malheur County and its history of farming and ranching.

Available from Amazon:  
<https://amzn.to/3PsEzwi>

## FEATURED WEBSITE

For those of us with a love of family history I have no doubt many of you have done deep dives into the internet, local history centers like the ones we feature here, and searched libraries for elusive clues.

As one who regularly researches history and genealogies, there are few websites finer than Stephenie Flora's Oregon Pioneers website.

[www.oregonpioneers.com](http://www.oregonpioneers.com)



This site was started in 1989 and is an ongoing project that focuses on the pioneers of the Oregon Territory up to and including 1855.

The site is divided into four sections. The first section is called THE SETTLING OF OREGON. The second section, THE JOURNEY, contains information on preparing for the journey and information on the trail. The third section contains EMIGRANT LISTS and is a compilation of information [including pioneer lists by year of emigration] extracted from a variety of sources (*this is the one you want if you know the year your emigrants came across*). The fourth section is devoted to RESEARCHING THE PIONEERS and provides links to research and historic sites that may be of interest.

- Recipient of the 2005 Distinguished Service Award presented by OCTA for contribution to Trail Preservation
- Recipient of the 2014 Education Award presented by the Willamette Heritage Center



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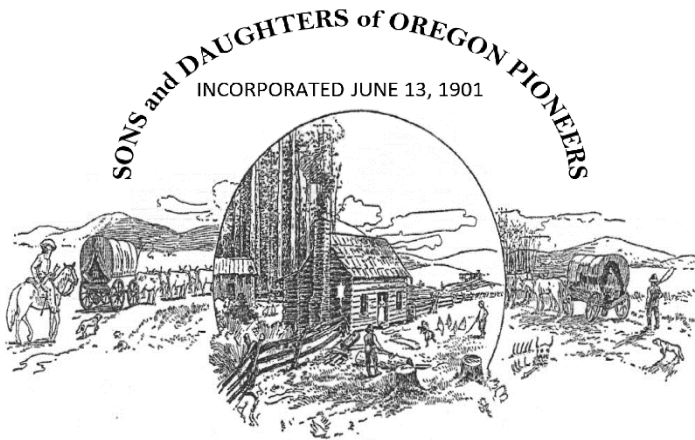
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