

KING FOLK

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KING FOLK REUNION
SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2012
9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

KINGS VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL
38840 KINGS VALLEY HIGHWAY
(IN THE GYM AT BACK OF SCHOOL)

The morning session is a workshop. Please bring King family material to share. Pictures are especially wanted and may be scanned to our CD. (see info. in newsletter) Perhaps you will discover a new relative, or be able to assist someone else with their research. A copy machine will be available to use free of charge. Coffee and donuts provided.

POTLUCK LUNCH AT NOON

Please bring a main dish and one other item of your choice (dessert, salad or munchies). Bring your own table service. Coffee, soda pop and bottled water will be provided. There is refrigeration in the kitchen but only a small microwave for reheating.

BUSINESS MEETING AT 1:00 P.M.

(Need more information? See back page to contact officers)

See next page for candid shots from 2011 reunion compliments of Nigel Parkhurst and Winnie Trump.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER – APRIL 2012 – MIMI STANG

Greetings King Family members. Being president of the King Family Association is such a privilege. I am so pleased to be a part of this wonderful family. Working together, we have accomplished a great deal these past years.

Our reunion will once again be the Saturday immediately after Father's Day, June 23rd, at Kings Valley Charter School. We welcomed a number of new members last year which is always special – they add so much to our family knowledge. And it is always great to see the “regulars” as well. See the front page of the newsletter for complete information.

We still hope that many of you will join us for morning session so we have the opportunity to visit and share as we are often overwhelmed at noon when so many arrive all at once. I would like to stress again that we are set up and ready to go by 9 a.m. The morning is the time to have your photos scanned to our CD's, to purchase reunion T-shirts and other materials, to share information with fellow King family researchers and to look through our Historian David Trask's fabulous family notebooks. We have a copy machine for you to use. Our potluck lunch begins at noon followed by our annual business meeting.

I have previously addressed the topic of our finances. We ticked back up to 90 members in 2010 - however, last year, 2011, our numbers dropped again and we have only 79 paid members. We only ask \$10 a year per family and, like most membership groups, we rely on dues and donations to fund our organization. Please help us out by paying your dues! This newsletter printing and postage, rental of the school, insurance and AV equipment are paid from our dues - dues and donations combined have allowed us to fund benches, kiosks and the King monument at Kings Valley Cemetery, the Lydia King Williams marker at Salem Pioneer Cemetery, and the King infant marker at Locke Cemetery. The good news is that we received some very generous donations in 2011 that have helped to keep us afloat.

There are so many great articles in this year's newsletter – one you will really enjoy is an essay by Ryan Trask, son of our Historian David Trask. (page 10) Ryan entered this essay in a competition for students in the 5th – 8th grades, through the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers. The essay had to be on something the student learned about the migration to Oregon. Ryan won first prize and \$200 cash. When you read his essay you will understand why he won. Way to go Ryan! And David's Historian report (page 20) has some wonderful news as well.

As always, I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the reunion. If it is your first reunion, please let us know so that we can put you in touch with others in attendance that are connected to your family.

BITS AND PIECES --- PART I

King Family Reunion T-shirts – We still have our King Family reunion T-shirts available for purchase. The cost is \$10.00 at the reunion, \$15.00 if mailed. The color is Serene Green. Sizes are Adult Small, Medium, Large and X-Large. Send a \$15.00 check made out to “King Folk” with your order to Mimi Stang, 1290 Valley View NW, Salem, OR 97304, if you want one mailed to you.

Checks Reminder – Please remember to make checks out to “King Folk.” The Chase Bank where we have our checking account will not accept checks made out any other way – save our Treasurer, Anne Trussell, the trouble of having to send a check back to you to be reissued!

Inventory of King Family Reunion Items – Pat Plunkett Holler, our King Family Association Secretary, has taken on the huge task of gathering minutes, agendas, photos, etc. of past reunions. She has made great progress – everything she has collected to date she has scanned and we now have a CD of the information. Pat has also scanned all 30 issues of the *King Folk* Newsletter and 27 parts of *Back When in Benton County* that contained King Family information. Pat is especially in need of minutes, etc. from pre-1981 reunions. Please get in touch with her at Lightandtruth@msn.com if you can add anything to her collection. What a wonderful gift this is to us – thank you, Pat!

Welcome to New Members This Year:

Sherrie & Michael Porter: Hopestill
Ken Steele: Lucretia
Victoria Wood: Hopestill & Lovisa
Amy Lynn Norton Kellogg & daughter Katie: Hopestill
Katie Turner: John
Kristopher Keeney: John
Warren Wylie Norton: Hopestill
Edna Morse: Lucretia
Kristi Griffith & daughter Nicole: Hopestill
Rebecca Campbell: John

King Family Deaths Recently Reported:

Fred Glen Kiger, Jr.	9 May 2011
Jane Hochuli King	21 March 2011
Shirley Steele Darling	23 June 2011
Marian Ilene Dixon	3 December 2011
John Albin Bottger	6 January 2012
James (Jim) Kohl	17 March 2012

King Family CD, 2011 - Besides an index and a five-generation King descendant report, the 2011 CD contains 219 photographs, King Folk newsletters 1992-2011, *Back When in Benton County* (#1-27), and King Family reunion info (1968-2010). New to the CD document collection are Amos King's Revolutionary War Pension File (it is extensive and very interesting) and the minutes of the United Evangelical K.L.C.E. (Keystone League of Christian Endeavor), 1900-1907, which met at the Kings Valley Church. This includes a list of members of the KLCE as well as a list of pastors who served the Kings Valley Church 1890-1960.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the 2011 King CD: Lynee Carpenter, Norm Chambers, David Gaylord, Earle Greig, Julie Heinzl, Pat Plunkett Holler, Jim Kohl, Anne and Peter Lema, Carol Putman, Mimi Stang, Anne Trussell, Ted Walker, Char Wirfs. Thanks to Winnie Trump for allowing us to use her 2010 reunion photos and her wonderful Kings Valley Cemetery headstone photos.

All CD's, 2007-2012, will be available at the reunion. If you can't make it to the reunion and would like one (or more), email, call, or write: Anne Trussell, 2108 Stacia Way, Sacramento, CA, 95822; 916-452-0541; atru02@comcast.net.

Photo Scanning Project

We will again be scanning photographs and other family articles and documents at the reunion this year. Here are some other items to consider scanning: post cards, prints, hand-written documents, high quality photo copies, stories, news articles, diaries, old letters and envelopes, transcripts of court documents. This year we are interested in scanning photos of headstones from any cemeteries where King relatives are interred.

We will also photograph your King-related family heirlooms and artifacts, such as textiles, tools, utensils, hair wreaths, china, knick-knacks or any other piece of historical interest. We prefer to photograph these at the reunion, but we can arrange to come to your home or meet you at a designated place to photograph them. The best way is to photograph them yourself or have someone do it for you and email or mail them to us.

All items that we scan may be placed on the King Family Photograph CD, posted on the Ancestry.com site, King Folk, published in King Folk Newsletter. By allowing the King Family Association to photograph or scan your items you will be giving us permission to share them through our publications and Internet postings.

Thank you once again for contributing to this project.

Editor's Note Group Photo: Last year at the reunion for the first time in many years, a group photo was taken thanks to Winnie Trump and Nigel Parkhurst. There is a black & white copy of the photo elsewhere in the newsletter. However, at the reunion, we will have color copies of this group photo available for those in attendance in 2011. We plan to again take a group photo at this year's reunion – best time to do it is right before lunch – about 11:45 a.m. So, please, be sure you come in time to be included!!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE 2011 REUNION MINUTES
Patricia Plunkett Holler - Secretary

About 55 family members & guests attended, enjoyed visiting and a great potluck.

With Nigel Parkhurst as auctioneer, we auctioned off two copies of Linda Crew's book, *A Heart for Any Fate*. Thank you to Char Wirfs who donated the two books.

Nigel Parkhurst called out the names of all the King children and asked their descendants to stand. Saretta: 0; Lucretia: 6; John: 6; Hopestill: 13; Stephen: 0; Isaac: 4; Amos: 0; Sarah: 0; Lovisa: 4, Abigail: 9, Lydia: 0, Solomon: 2, Rhoda Ann: 4.

First timers in attendance & ancestor: Chris Keeney & Katie Turner – John King. Katie Kellogg (age 4 ½) – Hopestill. Warren Wylie Norton, daughter Amy & granddaughter Katie – Hopestill. Rebecca Campbell – John. Kristi Griffith & daughter Nicole – Hopestill.

Secretary Pat Holler reviewed highlights of the 2010 reunion minutes. (copies of the 2011 minutes are available at the reunion).

Treasurer Anne Trussell reported dues are off again. Treasury has a balance of \$3795.02. She urged everyone to pay their dues.

Earle Greig reported on a major project at the Kings Valley Cemetery – limbing of the trees and moving the road that runs along the back of the cemetery as the bank continues to slide. The new road will cost approximately \$2000 – a motion was made by Melissa Parkhurst that we donate \$500 to the Kings Valley Cemetery Association to help with the cost. Motion passed. (See article by Earle on page 17)

Char reported that the King Folk database on Ancestry.com grows almost daily. Those not members of Anecstry.com can request an "invite" from Char which allows them access to the tree.

MESSAGE FROM LINDA CREW – author of *A HEART FOR ANY FATE: Westward to Oregon: 1845*. <http://www.lindacrew.com/>

Linda has graciously allowed me to reprint her review of the movie, *Meek's Cutoff*, from her webpage. I think she has expressed the feelings of many of us very accurately.

MEEK'S CUTOFF – MY THOUGHTS ON THE FILM

Now that I've seen it, I can say that I found Meek's Cutoff beautiful. In researching the Meek Cutoff incident for my own book, *A Heart for Any Fate: Westward to Oregon: 1845*, I watched every old wagon train movie and recent reenactment documentary available, and none held a candle to Kelly Reichardt's film for authenticity in terms of the costumes and equipment. Shooting the film in the exact locations where the pioneers who followed Stephen Meek on his "shortcut" was perfect, so much better than one more wagon train winding through Monument Valley or some Hollywood back lot.

But there the authenticity ends. I simply don't know why the filmmaker had to hijack a true historical incident if she had so little interest in the truth in it, especially when what really happened is so much more interesting than the script written by Jon Raymond. Of course, nobody owns history, and she's breaking no law in ignoring it to suit her purposes, but why? Why not just commission a dramatic but wholly fictional script based on a group of lost pioneers? If it isn't going to work as history, why not let it work better as dramatic entertainment? Because – as some before me have pointed out – this is one boring movie.

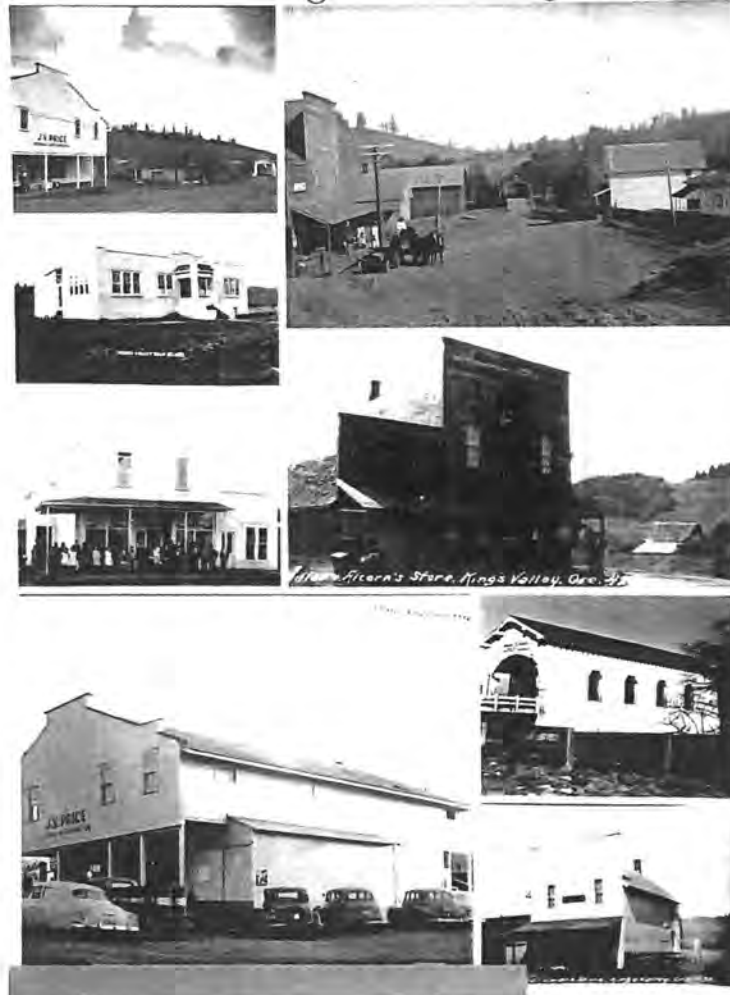
Reichardt's insistence on supposedly basing the film on a true story breaks one of the rules I set for myself as a writer of historical fiction. I will not take a real person – in this case Stephen Meek – and give him a personality and negative traits for which there is no evidence. In the movie, the plot hinges on Meek's mistreatment of a Native American and his terrible attitude toward the natives in general. In truth, in 1845, Native Americans were actually more help than hindrance all the way along the trail, and most of the white leaders quickly came to understand this. When the two hundred wagons of pioneers (yes, two hundred, not three) found themselves stranded in Central Oregon, the solution had nothing to do with Native Americans and everything to do with simply finding water. Stephen Meek was too busy trying to talk his way out of being strung up himself by his irate followers to be threatening some poor Native American who might have stumbled onto the camp. It wasn't about Indians. It was about water. And when Meek's followers did finally come upon the heavenly vision of the Crooked River rising from the desert, this must have been a thrilling moment, worthy of dramatizing in fiction, I thought, and one that would have been a highly cinematic moment as well. But Reichardt doesn't let us have that. And where were the children? Where were the people dying of typhoid fever, which was how so many were lost? For audiences unencumbered by any advance knowledge of the facts of the incident and its outcome, I suppose the conflicts and relationships among the characters might have provided more interest. But, for me, and coincidentally at the same showing, a half dozen descendants of the King family who were actually among Meek's followers, it was harder to buy the story.

My own Great-great grandmother came to the Willamette Valley on the Oregon Trail, and I'm a sucker for a covered wagon, so on one hand I loved every beautiful image in Kelly Reichardt's film and thought that in some ways this must have been exactly how things looked back in 1845. I felt grateful to her for putting it on the screen. At the same time, it struck me that the film didn't begin to encompass what this true and dramatic incident must have actually looked like in its scope and humanity. So my question to the filmmaker is, if our true story didn't interest you that much, or you simply didn't have the budget to do it justice, why come out to Oregon and lay claim to it by name?

POSTERS OF KINGS VALLEY & THE GRIST MILL

Anne Trussell has taken photos of both Kings Valley and the Chambers Grist Mill and had them made into posters. A snapshot of the Grist Mill poster was in last year's newsletter – below is the one of early Kings Valley. They will be posted again at the reunion for all to enjoy. Thank you, Anne.

Kings Valley



MORE BITS AND PIECES:

History of Madison County, Ohio
Canaan Township

A listing of township officers in this history includes the following King family members: 'Trustees' – 1824 – Isaac Fuller; 1825 – Nahum King; 1829 – Nahum King; 1832 – Nahum King; 1833 – Nahum King, Isaac Fuller; 1835 – Isaac Fuller, Elihu Knapp; 1836 – Elihu Knapp, Nahum King; 1837 – Nahum King. Also included under 'Overseers of the Poor' is Nahum King in 1821 and under ' Fence Viewers' in 1833 is Nahum King and 1838 is Solomon Norton.

(Taken from the 1883 Beers History of Ohio Counties)

Death Notice for Amos King

8 August 1839

(From Pittsfield Sun, Berkshire County, Massachusetts)

DIED: At New Lebanon, Mr. Amos King, in the 84th year of his age.

(Note: New Lebanon is in New York)

Funeral Service for Sol King

“The funeral services over the remains of ‘Sol’ King, held at Bovee’s undertaking parlors Saturday, were marked by their simplicity, this being the special desire of the deceased and in harmony with the wishes of the children who take little stock in the idea of preaching people to heaven. The service was short. Dr. Bell merely offering a statement as to the absolute honesty and all ‘round integrity of Mr. King while in life, and dwelling briefly upon his unpretentious merit. The remains were laid at rest in the Odd Fellows cemetery attended by friends and three of the four children – Abe and Scott, of this city and Mrs. Lucy Kiger of Bend. E.S. King of Forsythe, Montana, could not reach here.”

Corvallis Gazette Times Weekly, 21 March 1913.

MY STORY

By RYAN TRASK

My story begins several summers ago when I was on my way to a King family reunion with my dad. The King family came to Oregon on the Oregon Trail in 1845. That was a really long time ago. I thought it would be boring with a lot of old people around and it was going to take at least four hours to get there.

My dad stopped at an old cemetery to look up some family members that were buried there. When we got there I saw that it would take a while to find the graves but we found them quickly. My dad took a photo and I asked if he had known these people. At first I didn't understand why he laughed until I realized that these people died in the 1880's. I knew that not even my dad was born before then. That's when I started to ask him to tell me about my ancestors.

He said that my family left Ohio and traveled over six months to get to Oregon. I could not imagine this since it was only going to take us four hours to get to the reunion. I asked why it took so long and he explained that they traveled in wagons and some of them actually walked the whole way and they could only travel about ten miles a day. I was amazed that they could travel so many miles this way without any roads, gas stations, restaurants, or hotels along the way. They didn't have GPS to keep them from getting lost, and they actually did get lost before getting to Oregon. I even learned the children did not have video games, CD's, DVD's and other electronic devices to play with on the way. They also had to hunt for food along the way. Can you imagine no Subway or McDonald's? Many people even got sick and died along the way. I thought this was so sad.

We got to the reunion and I actually had a really great time. There were not just old people but young people too. I got to meet and play with some of my cousins that I didn't even know. I learned even more about my family history. I was sad to leave when it was over. When we were going home I almost felt guilty playing with my dad's cell phone. I never realized how easy my life was until I went on this trip. I really appreciate the hardships my ancestors had to suffer and overcome. I am proud to be an 8th generation Oregonian.

Pocket Book of Amos King “A Revolutionary War Relic”

Charlotte Price Wirfs

Daniel Frommherz brought an ancient wallet to share for the 2010 King family reunion. It once belonged to Amos King, who reportedly carried it throughout his service in the Revolutionary War. Amos is the father of Nahum King, Oregon pioneer of 1845, and remained in New York where he died in 1839. Daniel displayed the wallet and during the meeting told the story of how he obtained the wallet in a package that was mailed to him in 2009. Included with that package was a one-page, type-written copy which gave a brief accounting of the wallet. It had been taken from a hand-written note by John F. King, son of Luther King and grandson of Amos King. The note John wrote is titled “A Revolutionary Relic” and reads:

“This old pocket book was carried by my grandfather, Amos King, all through the War of the revolution. It was at the Battle of Bunker Hill and the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga, also it was at the Cherry Valley Massacre and various places. During the seven years it was carried between 1776-1783. The old continental bill that is in it has been kept in it for more than 100 years. It is dated 1776 and was paid to grandfather for his services when he was discharged from the Army.”

The next portion had been added by John F. King’s granddaughter, Harriet King Peterson Woods, affectionately known as “Kingy” by her family. It refers to the wallet and the hand-written note by John F. King:

**“This is the property of – Harriet King Peterson Woods
Now of Bronxville Westchester County, New York “**

The final portion of the one-page, typewritten account of the wallet was added after the death of Harriet by an unknown family member who most likely typed the page.

“List of Descendancy:

Amos King Born 1756—Died 7 July 1839

Luther King Born 8 November 1806—Died 10 December 1881

John F. King Born 26 August 1830—Died 5 April 1909

Emeline F. King Peterson Born 8 August 1858—Died 17 February 1932

Harriet King Peterson Woods Born 1 February 1888—Died in spring 1976

Jean Mary Woods Kelly Born 11 March 1913—Died 17 April 1999

Dean Wood Kelly Born 1 December 1938”

The location of the handwritten note by John F. King is unknown at this time.

Daniel continued telling the story of how he obtained the wallet and the above accounting of it. First he learned of an old letter dated Jan. 9, 1904 sent from John F. King of Hillsdale County, Michigan to Sol King of Corvallis, Oregon. John F. King was

the grandson of Amos King and he and his wife, Roxana, had traveled by train from his home in Michigan to visit the King family living in Oregon. Following the trip, John wrote to Sol.

This letter started Daniel on a search for living descendants of John F. King, which led to Dean Woods Kelly, third great-grandson of Luther King--son of Amos and the father of John F. King. At that time, Dean, born in 1938, lived in rural, central Washington. Thus began an exchange between Daniel and Dean that eventually transferred ownership of the wallet, as well as the Luther and Emeline King Family Bible, the one-page account from Harriet Woods and family, old photographs, and various papers and news clipping to Daniel.

Our historian, David Trask, has the Revolutionary war pension records of Amos King and a type-written transcript of them done by Patricia Plunkett Bearden Holler. He also has a copy of the 1904 John F. King letter Daniel referred to, which was in the Bertha King collection for many years. There is also a copy of a biographical interview of John F. King, resident of Hillsdale, Michigan dated 1888, which Daniel also used in his search for Dean. Those pages are from a book, Hillsdale County, Michigan, Portrait and Biographical Album, published in Sept. 1888 by the Chapman Bros of Chicago.

Here is an excerpt from that interview:

“Luther King, the father of our subject (John F. King), was a native of the same place as his son (New Lebanon, Albany Co., New York), and was born Nov. 8, 1806. The paternal grandfather, Amos King, was a native of the vicinity of Boston, Mass. and served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War being present at the Battle of Bunker Hill and one of the regiment who later were mainly instrumental in the surrender of the British General, Burgoyne. His grandson, John F., has a relic which he preserves with great care, in the shape of a Continental note of \$6, which was received by his honored grandfather as part payment for his services in that conflict.”

Although the wallet is not mentioned in the interview of John F. King, it probably did hold the continental note which is mentioned in the interview, the note being the more important “relic” to write of than the wallet. The interview also mentions the immediate family of John F. King, wife Roxana, and two daughters: Emma F., married to Russell Peterson, and Hattie E., married to Everett L. Ranney. From that information Daniel was able to trace the line to a living descendant, Dean Woods Kelly of Washington.

Dean Woods Kelly was impressed with the information Daniel had collected on the King family and with the research Daniel had done in order to contact him. He decided to give his King family possessions, which had been carefully handed down to him through his Grandmother Harriet Woods, to Daniel as he had no living relatives who were interested in family genealogy.

The package arrived at Daniel’s home in Sept. 2009. Among other items it contained the wallet, family photographs, and the Luther and Emeline Campbell King family Bible published by American Bible Society, New York, 1857. The Bible is in fragile condition.

Tucked inside the wallet Daniel found some news clippings which contained the obituary of Amos King from the Episcopal Church Newspaper. The obituary was published in King Folk Newsletter #29, published by King Family Association, April 2010, p. 12. Daniel said the \$6.00 Continental note was not in the wallet and he would contact Dean Woods Kelly as to where it might be.

In conclusion Daniel states that the Revolutionary War pension records state (recorded in Amos's own words), that he was present at the Battle of Cherry Valley. No direct mention is made of any other battles. Research is being done to determine if Amos was present at the Battle at Bunker Hill or was a part of the regiment who was instrumental in the surrender of General Burgoyne, both described in the 1888 biographical sketch and in the hand-written accounting of the wallet by John F. King.

Amos' Tannery

By
Anne Trussell

A few weeks ago I found an old postcard, vintage 1920's, of Multnomah Stadium. It brought back memories. On September 2, 1957, I was one of 14,500 screaming fans, sitting in Multnomah Stadium, watching Elvis sing in his gold shiny suit. I'd paid \$1.50 for my ticket, a lot in those days for a thirteen year old. Little did I know that I was sitting smack-dab on top of Amos King's tanning vats. (See postcard photo on page 21)

(This is Nahum Amos King being interviewed by Fred Lockley, talking about his father, Amos King .)

"He had a machine that looked like a cider mill, in which he ground up hemlock bark. He built wooden tanks large enough to hold a steer's hide when spread out. He had enough vats to cover an acre of ground. In those days you had to have a good many vats because the hides, to be properly tanned, had to stay in the ooze from the hemlock bark from six months to a year. Nowadays, by chemical and mechanical processes, they tan a hide in twenty-four hours. If you will dig down in the football field of the Multnomah Club, you will find those old tanks as good as ever. When they filled in that place to make a football field, they didn't bother to take the tanning vats away. They just hauled in the earth and buried them."

From: Fred Lockley's *History of the Columbia River Valley From The Dalles to the Sea* Vol.I ;1928 (pgs. 513-514)

King Folk on Ancestry.com

By Char Wirfs

In 2010 after the reunion, the King Family Association decided to place the King family CD online. It was downloaded to Ancestry.com. The site is named King Folk. There were over 9000 names on the data base when it was downloaded. Since that time family members have added information, photographs, and updates and it has grown to include 9,741 people, 456 photos, 196 stories, 5,123 records, and 101 comments. Much of the information has been updated by people viewing the tree online.

The site has also had numerous people contact the King Family Association through the message board provided on the site, which has resulted in several new families being added, as well as new photos, obits, and information from collections found outside the King family Association. People can make comments about those listed in the tree, such as a recent comment made by Diana McDonald who sent a comment about her grandparents, Henry and Ada Plunkett of Kings Valley.

The goal of the King Family Association has been to search out all descendants of Nahum and Sarepta Norton King who arrived in Oregon with their extended family in 1845. To achieve the goal annual reunions are held, a newsletter is published, and genealogical workshops are open during the first half on the reunion day.

The King Family Association has collected family information, obituaries, photographs, letters, news articles and miscellaneous bits of information. These have been in the safe keeping of historian, David Trask. A share policy has been in place for many years and now the King Folk site on Ancestry.com is available to help organize and share the information. If you are already a member of Ancestry.com, you can find King Folk Family Tree using the search engine. If you are not a member of Ancestry.com, you can view the site by accepting an invitation to view it. Please email Charlotte Wirfs, charwirfs@gmail.com and ask her to send you an invitation to view King Folk Family Tree. She will send you a link from Ancestry.com which you can open to view the tree. As a guest you can view it anytime and you will be able to make comments about people listed in the family tree.

To add or update information on your branch of the Nahum King family please contact any of the following people: David Trask, Mimi Stang, Anne Trussell, Patricia Holler, Earl Greig, or Charlotte Wirfs. Contact information for these people is available elsewhere in this newsletter.

SOUTH KOREA & A KING DESCENDANT

By David Trask

My family and I had the fortune of going to South Korea in May 2011 for a business conference. The South Koreans are among the most polite people on the face of the earth. They are also among the most gracious people. Their gratitude extends to Americans, whom they consider their friends and heroes, especially during the Korean Conflict. While we were there, we saw the Korean War Memorial Museum. This was a very touching exhibit of the history of the war. Included was a "Hall of Fame" section, where the Korean people expressed their gratitude for the those foreigners who gave their lives for the freedom South Koreans enjoy today. It was an impressive display of the names engraved on gold plaques organized under the name of the country from which the person was from. For the United States, the country who lost the most soldiers, there were names under each of the 50 states.

We looked at the names under "Oregon." I was unprepared to search for King descendants who might have been listed, but I did know of one name, Delbert Peters, who was fairly closely related to me, being my Dad's first cousin, who died in the war. His name was there. He was born December 4, 1928, and was killed in action on September 29, 1951, at the battle of Charwon, Korea. He was nearly 23 years old when he was killed. His mother was Helen Trask (Peters) Wishart, daughter of Frances King Trask, my great grandmother and who was the daughter of Alfred King, the oldest son of Isaac and Almeda King.

Following is his obituary and a photo of his name engraved on the plaque in the memorial. The museum personnel expressed an amazing respect and gratitude when they saw us take the photo. Nice to know that sacrifices our family members have made over the years are still appreciated by some people. I know that other King family members may have lost their lives in the Korean Conflict, but this was the only name that came to mind while I was there.

Pvt. D.O. Peters Rites Are Set

Body of Pfc. Delbert O. Peters, 23, son of Mrs. Jack Wishart of Visalia, who died of wounds received in the battle of Charwon, Korea, Sept. 29, 1951, has been accompanied to the Hadley Funeral Chapel, Visalia, for final rites.

Graveside rites will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, in the Visalia Cemetery under the auspices of Visalia American Legion Post 18. The Rev. George L. Tolman will officiate and burial will follow under the direction of the Hadley Funeral Chapel.

Native of Oregon

Pfc. Peters was a native of Medford, Ore., and spent most of his life there. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on Dec. 8, 1948, and on Aug. 30, 1950 he left the United States for action in the Korean conflict. He spent most of the time on the front lines.

Pfc. Peters was the first Korean veteran initiated in the American Legion at Medford.

He is survived by his mother and step father, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wishart, Visalia; a brother, Thomas Peters, Visalia; his father, Elmer Peters, Pendleton, Ore.; two grandfathers, George A. Trask and Tom Peters, both of Medford, Ore.; two aunts, Mrs. Sam Jones and Mrs. Dale Flowers, Medford, Ore.; three uncles, Clifford and Alfred Trask and Jack Peters, all of Medford, Ore.; a great aunt, Mrs. Lena Nelson, Ashland, Ore.

The Visalia Times Delta, Visalia, California, Wednesday, January 23, 1952





2011 KING FAMILY REUNION

KINGS VALLEY CEMETERY UPDATE

By Earle Greig

There is good news to report regarding a new road in the Pioneer section of the Kings Valley Cemetery.

Last year some of us attended the annual Cemetery Board meeting and expressed our concern regarding an area where the original road had slid into the Luckiamute River below. This caused the road to be moved east and cross right over the grave of one of Hopestill King Norton's triplets. Incidentally, all three triplets are buried in the Pioneer section.

The Board agreed that the road should not go over a known grave and also recognized that, someday, another earthquake will likely cause more of the cemetery road to slide.

The Pioneer section of the cemetery was originally laid out in four quadrants separated by wide lanes. It was suggested that two of those lanes could be used for a new road that would permit closing the portion of the road that went over the baby's grave. The Board voted to build a new road.

The road was completed last fall. In addition the cemetery group limbed a number of large trees, erected cables to close a portion of the old road, and put up white caution fences at a rather sharp turn in the new road. They did a magnificent job and on behalf of the King Family, I personally extend a great big "thank you" to the Kings Valley Cemetery Board.

Editor's Note: King Family Association donated \$500 to help with this project.



GIFT OF PORTRAITS

Last year at our reunion, Fred Farris, widower of Jackie Farris, brought two portraits that had belonged to Jackie. Fred knew that they were King family members and wanted to present them to the King Family. We gladly accepted them and thank Fred for thinking of us. Below are snapshots of the two portraits. Penciled on the back of the one of the boy with a dog is "Ed King." Char Wirfs searched Jackie's family tree and believes this is Charles Edward King, Jackie's great grandfather. He was called Ed King in the census. He was a grandson of Stephen King & raised in the Charles King home on Harris Road. The delightful picture of the two children has no ID at all. Anyone have any suggestions?



HISTORIAN'S REPORT by David Trask

The main thing to report is that all of the notebooks I have compiled on the various children of Nahum and Sarepta King have been photocopied. This includes the 22 notebooks that contain obituaries and death certificates, as well as about 10 other notebooks that contain misc. King family information. Some 10,000 pages have been photocopied on good quality paper, by one of my employees, using a brand new state of the art photocopier. She did an awesome job at photocopying each page. So we now have an exact copy of my material and it will be kept at a different site than my house. That way, in case one set is destroyed such as in a fire, we have a second set. I have photocopied Nathan King's material, and numerous letters sent over the years by King family members. Some of these contain genealogical information, especially as it was being compiled in the early years. Most of the letters are of interest only, as we have so much more information on record these days.

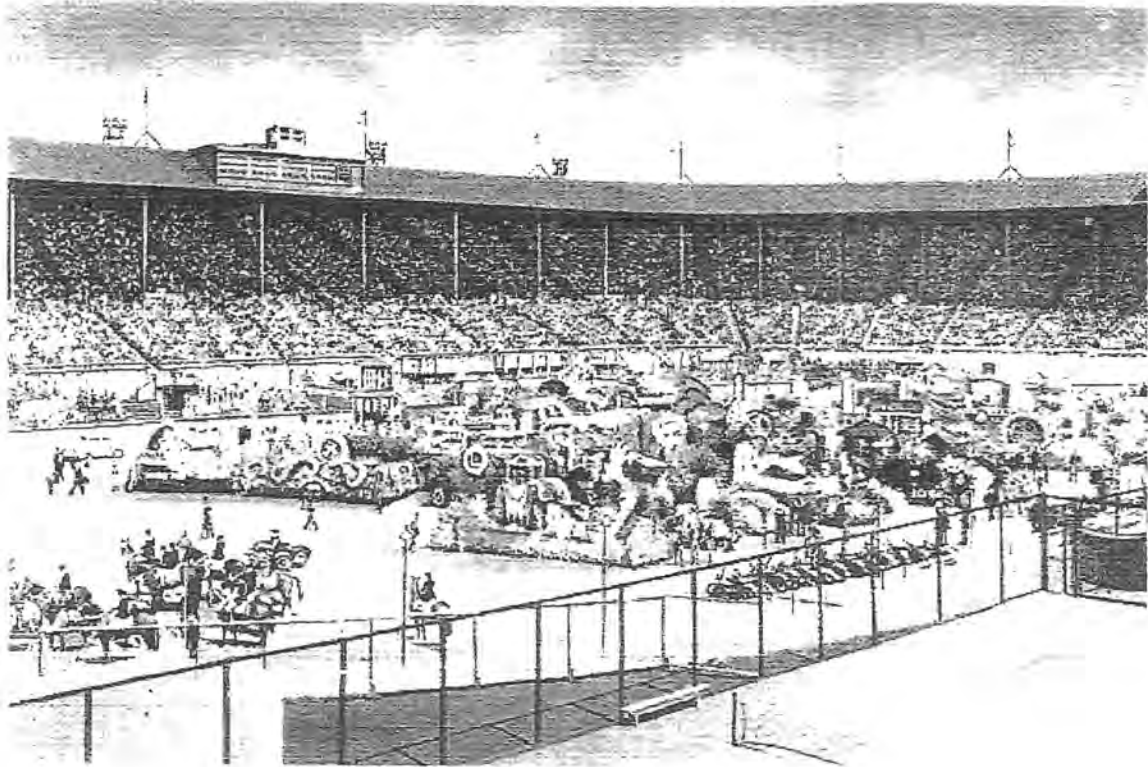
Second, we have produced two discs of several notebooks including the one for the family of Almeda and Andrew Zumwalt, and the three notebooks containing the Norton family. Pat Holler was generous to donate at least eight hours to make the disc for Almeda and Andrew Zumwalt, and George Davidson spent over 30 hours making the disc for Hopestill Norton's branch of the family. We are in the process of evaluating what we have, and hope to continue the project. It has taken a lot of time and effort and we are grateful for everyone's help, especially Pat and George's. A lot of the material will be added to King Folk by Char Wirfs, especially the obituaries. It will add a tremendous amount of information for KF.

A lot of contributions to the project have come from Anne Trussell, especially with her continued research of the Hallecks. Mimi has helped with obtaining many copies of death certificates for family members who died in Oregon. Daniel Frommherz continues to contribute to King Folk and has aided in the history prior to Nahum and Sarepta King. Char coordinates the additions to King Folk. I appreciate copies of obituaries, death certificates, and various other bits of information others send to me as they continue their research. If you run across something new, assume I do not have it, and please send me a copy.

I will continue to keep and maintain the accuracy of the master set of obituaries and death certificates. I obtain many Oregon obituaries from my very valuable contact at the University of Oregon Knight Library. I obtain many death certificates from California and Washington. Both states remain "open" states, meaning one can obtain copies of death certificates, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain more recent ones. Both states, especially California, are requiring one to identify themselves and their relationship to the deceased. Sometimes, the choices limit who qualifies as one who can request a copy of a death certificate. I am afraid I may not be able to obtain some death certificates in the future. The fear of identity theft is one concern of the government. This is unfortunate, as death certificates give us a lot of information.

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Postcard of Multnomah Stadium, vintage 1920's, from Anne Trussell. See her story about Amos' Tannery on page 13.



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