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TODAYS PROGRAM

Today's program is our annual June Pot-luck dinner. If mother nature cooperates with us it will be out under the trees, at 12:00 noon

ODDS AND ENDS

The Library is open every Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 until 3:00 pm, during July and August. Librarians are on hand to help you with your questions. Books may be checked out, for a two week period. They must be returned by September 1.

Remember our number at the OSU thriftshop is 492.

Don't forget to bring in your Flav-R-Pak and Santiam labels. There is a plastic box in the library to store them in.

If you don't already belong to the Benton County Historical Society, why not consider joining? Contact a board member to find out what it is about.

FIECHTER HOUSE EVENTS FINLEY REFUGE

JUNE 21-BRIDES
JULY 19-HOME ENTERTAINMENT
AUGUST 16, HAVEST FESTIVAL

JULY 28-AUGUST 1, VISIT OUR BOOTH AT THE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS--SEE THE FINISHED QUILT AND BUY RAFFLE TICKETS!

AUGUST 9-MEMBERS ONLY OPEN HOUSE AT MUSEUM

SEPTEMBER 11-JOIN US AT ADAIR PARK TO DANCE AND CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAMP ADAIR

OCTOBER-WATCH FOR THE INVITATION TO THE OPEN HOUSE FOR ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS AND FRIENDS

NOVEMBER-REMEMBER TO VOTE!

ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The following is from Damaris Reynolds.

We have the shelf list of the Rogue Valley Genealogy Society at 133 South Central, Medford, OR.

Their hours are:

Monday, Thursday and Saturday 1:00 to 4:30

Wednesday 9:30 to 4:30

If out of town people call Jean MAACK at 503-772-6287, she will try to open the library for them.



LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

To the 24 people that have volunteered to work as librarians on Tuesday afternoons, the Librarian, volunteer coordinator and Editor send our thank-you's. You were discussed at the Board meeting this week, and you are appreciated.

If any others would like to join in, and give of yourself, please contact Sandra Ihrig, coordinator, Wendy James, librarian, or your editor.

SHARING

From Damaris Reynolds; May 16, 1992

I have a book printed in 1864 called "The Last Men of the Revolution". It has a brief account and a picture of each of the men. If any of these names are in your family, get in touch with me: Samuel Downing; Daniel Waldo; Lemuel Cook; Alexander Milliner (or Maroney); William Hutchings; Adam Link; James Barham; John Goodnow; Amaziah Goodwin; Benjamin Miller; Jonas Gates; John Pettingill.

I also have a 1951 clipping from the San Francisco Chronicle with pictures of 12 of the 20 then survivors of the Civil War. Their names are: Wm. Allen Magee; Lansing A. Wilcox; Israel Aaron Broadsword; Joseph Clovese (the only Black survivor); James A Hard; Wm, D. Townsend; Arnold Murray; Joseph Hadin Whitsell; P.R. Crump; John Sallin; Thomas Evan Riddle.



FRANCES RAY CAUSBIE

The following was in the April 23 1992 Corvallis Gazette Times. Frances was our Librarian in 1982 and 1983.

FRANCES RAY CAUSBIE

June 29, 1909 - April 15, 1992.

Frances Ray Causbie, 82 was born in Frankfort, Ky. A long time resident of North Albany, Mrs. Causbie graduated from Oregon State University with a master's degree in education.

She lived in Corvallis from 1965 to 1985, and was a grade-school teacher in Corvallis public schools until her retirement.

Survivors include daughters Catherine Eleish and Sally Lenoir; son, John M. Causbie; sister, Catherine Roberts; 10 grand-children, and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at Mercer Mortuary and Chapel in Phoenix, Ariz.

Contributions can be sent to Arizona Eastern Star Retirement Center, 4602 N. 24th St., Phoenix, AZ.

FROM SANDRA IHRIG

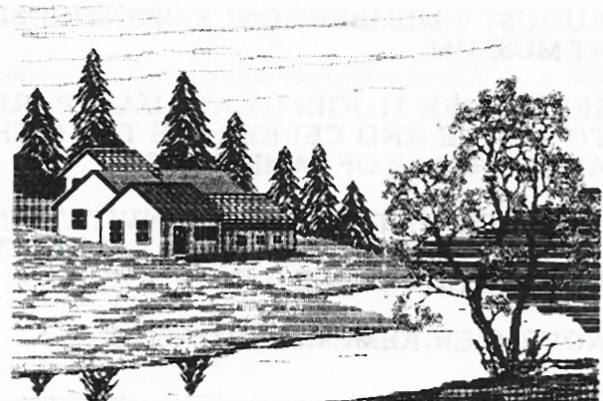
On May 28th my husband and myself went to Forest Grove on a genealogical quest to visit Bill's (aka Howard Wm. Ihrig) Grand-parents grave and find the road that was named after his grandfather. Bill's last memory of being there was 1941. So it had been a few years. I called the local funeral home to get directions to the cemetery to avoid one of Bill's "scenic tours" when he gets us lost.

The John K. Ihrig (Bill's grandfather) old home place was at the end of S.W. Ihrig Road and was the birthplace of Bill's father, Jason George Frost Ihrig. John K. Ihrig arrived at Forest Grove in 1903 via Arlinton, OR, via NB, via IL. Louis George Ihrig (John K. Ihrig's father) came to the United States in 1866 to IL from Germany. John K. Ihrig was a well driller by trade and the original homeplace on Ihrig Road, in Forest Grove was about 20 acres.

Mr husband's father, Jason Ihrig (1905-1979) was born at the Forest Grove home place and at the age of 15 left home to settle in Condon, where he first farmed with horse drawn farm equipment, until in 1951 he moved his, now modern, farming operation to Goldendale, WN.

In my husband's efforts to trace his family roots back to Germany he made contact with Physics Professor, Dr. Holgar Ihrig who lives in Hopferbach, Germany. Dr. Ihrig obtained permission to review the Beerfelden church books which started in 1677. Fortunately our Ihrig family lived about 200 years in the same parish in the village of Falkengesaess, Germany. Dr. Ihrig traced our family tree back to 1658 and found that he and my husband shared common ancestors. You can imagine how happy we were when he sent us copies of all the transcribed church records.

There appears to be a concentrated "nest" of Ihrig families in Germany in the Odenwald area. On a recent bike tour of the Odenwald area in Germany, Dr. Ihrig sent us a picture of an "Ihrig Street" in Germany. We don't know if that Ihrig Street was named after any of our kin but we were delighted to see it anyhow.--- Now we will send Dr. Holgar Ihrig a picture of our "Ihrig Road" in Forest Grove, OR, USA.---The rolling hills and green valleys in the Odenwald area are very much like the Forest Grove area. ---We hope to someday visit the small village of Falkengesaess, Germany where Bill's ancestors came from. Until then we have to be content to look at pictures that our German friends provide for us. A very small world.



Lec and Edna's visit with Harley and Helen HASKINS in Lebanon on May 14, 1992.

Harley was 83 in March and has lived in the Crowfoot District S. E. Lebanon all his life. He was in the sixth grade when he obtained his first job which was to start the fires and be janitor of the Crowfoot Grade School.

His Uncle Leslie **HASKINS** did the Works Project Administration interviews and the cemetery records of Linn County in the 1930's which are in the Oregon State Library in Salem, Oregon. Leslie L. **HASKINS** is also well known for his book Wildflowers of the Pacific Coast. In addition when he died, he left a manuscript on Birds of the Pacific Coast which his grandson, Lewis **PRESNALL**, plans to publish in 1992.

Originally Harley farmed 100 acres and was the first one to grow hybrid corn in the area. Later he went into plumbing and the last construction job he worked on was the Administration Building on the Oregon State University campus. He retired in the early 1970's.

Helen is a descendant of Oregon pioneers, Joab and Anna **BEELER POWELL**, Peter and Nancy **CYRUS POWELL**, and the **WOODRUFF** and **COPPOCK** Families. Elder Joab, as he was called, is the well known pioneer circuit rider of the Mid-Willamette Valley and one of the founders of the Providence Baptist Church in Linn County. When the state legislature was in session in Salem, Elder Joab was a frequent visitor. One time he was asked to act as chaplain and give the opening prayer. The legislators prepared themselves for a long drawn out sermon. Instead, he bowed his grizzled head and in a thundering voice said: "Lord forgive them for they know not what they do." Incidentally this is the same prayer that The Reverend Peter **MARSHALL** gave to the legislature in Washington D. C. in the 1940's.

Helen was 78 in June. She was born and attended grade school in the McDowell Creek area S. E. of Lebanon. She has always been interested in pioneer history and grew up listening to the stories told by her older family members and later of Harley's Uncle Leslie.

All their married life Harley and Helen have worked together as a team. When Harley retired they joined Harry and Elsie **YOUNGBERG** and Ruth **LINES MOTLEY** (one of our charter members and Mary **LINES PEFFER'S** sister) in visiting all the cemeteries in Linn County and copying the inscription from the tombstones except the new cemetery in Lebanon.

When the **YOUNGBERGS** and Mrs. **MOTLEY** stopped due to ill health, the **HASKINS** continued on. Harley and Helen have completed extensive research and copying of the records in the Oregon State Library in Salem and the Linn County Courthouse namely:

1. All of Leslie **HASKINS** Linn County interviews
2. All of Leslie **HASKINS** Linn County Cemetery records of the 1930's
3. All of the Linn County marriage records - 1847 to around 1927
4. All of the Linn County death records - 1903 to around 1940
5. All of the Linn County census records - 1850 to 1880
6. All of the Linn County military census - 1905
7. All of the Linn County cemeteries except the new one in Lebanon.

Through the years they both have been very active in their church, The Assembly of God, charter members and active in the Linn County Historical Society with Harley as vice-president for several years and on the board of directors for years, charter members of the Mid-Valley, Lebanon, and Sweet Home Genealogical Societies, was active in The End of the Trails, and a member of the Oregon Genealogical Society in Eugene.

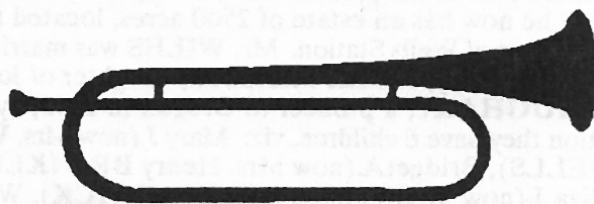
They both love to travel and combined research with travels in states where their ancestors had lived, and both are avid readers of historical books. Helen loves to camp, hunt deer, and still enjoys fishing. Harley answers queries and does research for people from his extensive genealogical collection.

Helen showed the collection of 35 years of diaries that her father had written and said that a cousin had 40 plus years of diaries that her grandfather had written. Between the two there is nearly 100 years of diaries fitted with history.

They have two daughters, eight grandchildren and are expecting their seventeenth great grandchild in July. On July 20, 1992 they will celebrate their fifty-ninth wedding anniversary.

Note: Instead of the third Sunday in June at Providence Church as has been tradition for 75 plus years, this year Joab **POWELL** Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th at River Park in Lebanon.

Anyone wanting more information on Joab **POWELL** should read the book Joab Powell: A Homespun Missionary by Leona **NICHOLS**, Metropolitan Press, Portland, Oregon 1935.



WADSWORTH, Hon. F. M.--is a native of Ohio, born 14 December 1836. When quite young his parents moved to New York State, where our subject resided until 1861. In April of that year he enlisted in Company I, 28th New York Volunteers. He followed the fortunes of his regiment until 9 August 1862, when at the battle of Cedar Mountain he received a wound in the right lung, from the effects of which he has never fully recovered. He then returned to his home at Niagara Falls, from whence in 1865 he, with his family, came to Oregon, locating in Albany, Linn county, where he engaged in business for 12 years. In 1882 Mr. **WADSWORTH** came to Benton county, and in February 1883, was appointed agent of the Siletz Indian Reservation, a position he able fills at the present time.

WASS, Capt. S. L.--was born in Addison, Washington county, Maine, 15 May 1817. At the age of 17 years he went to sea, and for 25 years followed a sea-faring life, the last 10 years being the master of the vessels in which he sailed. In 1866 he quit the sea, when he engaged in the mercantile trade in Boston, Massachusetts, where he resided until 1871, when he came to Portland, Oregon. In 1873 he was appointed Assistant Lighthouse Keeper at Cape Hancock, a position he held until 1875, when he was appointed Keeper of the Light-house at Cape Foulweather, in Benton county, a position he now holds.

WELLS, Charles B.--this well known pioneer of Pleasant Valley is a native of Platte county, Missouri, born 22 July 1841, and with his parents came to Oregon in 1852, at that time locating on the place where our subject now lives. Here, in 1865, his father, Charles **WELLS**, died, at the age of 65 years, leaving a widow and 6 children, the former having reached the advanced age of almost fourscore and ten. Mrs. **WELLS** was born in Barron county, Kentucky, 27 April 1797, and is a lady of more than average intelligence and possessed of a remarkable memory.

WHITNEY, Charles H.--a merchant of Corvallis, is a native of Ohio, born February 15, 1851, where he resided until 1868. He then started west, and in 1873 came to Oregon and engaged in business in Multnomah and Marion counties until 1882, when he came to Corvallis and opened his present large dry goods store.

WILES, John--one of Benton county's largest stock-raisers, was born in Surry county, North Carolina, 18 August 1822. When 8 years of age his parents moved to Henry county, Indiana. In the fall of 1882 our subject started out to do for himself and came west to the Platte Purchase, Andrew county, Missouri, where he lived until May, 1847, when he came with his former friend and neighbor to Benton county, Oregon, and at that time located part of his present farm, to which he has added until he now has an estate of 2500 acres, located three miles west of Wells Station. Mr. **WILES** was married in Benton county, to Miss Martha A., daughter of Joseph T. **HUGHART**, a pioneer to Oregon in 1845; by this union they have 6 children, viz: Mary J. (now Mrs. W. A. **WELLS**), Bridget A. (now Mrs. Henry **BRINKLEY**), Eliza J. (now Mrs. Thomas **KIRKPATRICK**), Walter T., Edward L, and Lucy G.

WILHELM, Adam--was born in Germany, on the Rhine, 10 December 1846. When 2 years of age his parents emigrated to the United States. On arriving in New York they came west to Wisconsin where our subject lived until 1872; he then paid a visit to Oregon, but returned to his home the same year. In 1873 he again came to Oregon and selected Monroe for his future home, and engaged in the general merchandise business which he still continues as head of the firm of Wilhelm & Looney. A view of Mr. **WILHELM**'s property is placed in this history. Our subject has ever had great confidence in the future of the Willamette Valley and kept purchasing land from time to time until he now owns an estate of 930 acres of valuable land together with a large amount of property in the town of Monroe. Hospitable and generous a visit to Mr. **WILHELM**'s place is always one of pleasure to friend or stranger. In 1867 he was married in Wisconsin, and has a family of 8 children, viz: Adam, Mathias, Louisa, Bernard, Louie, Lawrence, Agnes and George.

WILLIAMS, C. H.--this well-known merchant and postmaster of Newport, was born in Columbia county, New York, 15 September 1828, residing in that state until 1858, when he came west and followed farming for 18 years. In 1876 he came to Oregon and direct to Yaquina Bay, where he opened a general merchandise store in connection with which he keeps the post-office, he being appointed Postmaster 1 January 1877.

WINKLE, Wiley--the subject of this sketch, an old pioneer of Benton county, was born in Madison county, Alabama, in the year 1828, and there resided until 1846, when he accompanied his parents to Missouri. In the spring of 1848 his father, mother, six sisters and a brother left for Oregon by way of the plains, arriving in November, and coming direct to Benton county, the first mentioned took up the donation claim on which our subject resides. Here Mr. **WINKLE**, senior, died several years ago. The patrimony has by judicious management on the part of the present occupant been increased to 750 acres all of which is in good state of general cultivation. Mr. **WINKLE** is married, and has three children, viz: Isaac N., John G., and Percy C.

