

# Brooks Historical Society Newsletter

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We gather, preserve and make available material relating to the history of Brooks and neighboring communities having natural, economical and cultural affinity

## **The Brooks Historical Society to honor the Isham Family June 16-2012**

The Ishams came to Oregon via the Oregon Trail. James Jefferson Isham brought his wife Clarissa Wynn along with his first 5 children. They were William Uriah (later of Brooks) James Thomas, John Alvin, Mary Ann (who died and was buried on the trail (age 6) and Martha E. Isham, all born in Cass County Illinois, arriving in Oregon about 1852, making a home in Champoeg. James Jefferson was a simple man, a hard worker and farmed. He sought available land, acquiring a Donation Land Claim in the Wheatland area across from the now known as Wheatland Ferry, 320 acres. There he had a landing on the Willamette River known as "ISHAM Landing". JJ was one of 10 children. As a child James fell into an open fire which scarred his face for life. One photo, the only one known to exist shows his scarred face. At Wheatland three more children were born, Allen Wynn, John William,

and Edwin Thomas, making a total of 8 children.

In 1858 his wife Clarissa died and is buried in St. Paul.

There are many stories of their trip in the history library at the Museum.

### **Annual Dues Reminder**

It's time to renew your membership to BHS. Dues are still only \$12.00 per year.

In 2013 the dues will rise to \$15.00, due to increase in operating expenses. A lot of new items are in our Museum, especially in the Family History Library.

### **Saturday Volunteers**

Under our agreement with Antique Powerland we need to have the Museum open on Saturdays if possible from March until the OPEN season ends in the Fall. Could you volunteer 4 hours on a Saturday? There is so much to see and do.

Please let us know 503-390-6697-

# ISHAM

**HISTORIC FAMILY RECONGNITION**  
**10 AM SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH 2012**

Calling all Ancestors of The Ishams  
The Brooks Historical Society Depot Museum will be hosting an  
open house celebration to recognize the  
Historic Ishams of Brooks and America.

**Back Row Left to Right:**  
Clay, Minnie, Frank, Kate, Martha



**Middle Row Left to Right:**  
Faye, Grandfather William, Grandmother Mary, Al, Clohe

**Front Row Left to Right:**  
Grove Pearl, Earl, Margarete

Come and help us celebrate the history of the families, bring your own family's genealogy and stories to share with other Isham members. Brooks Historical Society has some family history books for sale. Please RSVP to [gdstand@aol.com](mailto:gdstand@aol.com) or 503-393-2053 or 503-390-6697

**Directions** to the depot Museum : From I-5 take exit 263;  
Go West approximately 1/4 mile to Antique Powerland,  
**3995 Brooklake Rd., Brooks, OR 97303**

Refreshments will be served

## Remarkable women's stories featured in previous exhibit

Brooks represented Mary Hammer Ramp, Madam Marie Dorion and Catherine Roussil-Chalifoux-Comartin "Caty". Read more about these women at the Brooks Historical Society Library.

The Willamette Heritage Center, a unification of Mission Mill Museum and Marion County Historical Society, is dedicated to telling stories of the people who have lived and worked in the Willamette Valley. For Information about hours and events, go to: [www.missionmill.org](http://www.missionmill.org)

## Video Oral Histories

BHS has embarked on a continuing video project. Several videos were made years ago.

We bought a high end consumer type camera. It has an external audio stereo input which allows for two input microphones. We use one for the interviewer and one for the interview subject or subjects,

It would have been desirable to have had some production training and some interview training. We felt a compelling need to obtain some oral history while it is still available. So for the time being we have put off editing to concentrate on acquiring as much video as we can,

The good news is at the time of this writing we have done eleven videos, doing about one per week. So far we have concentrated on the Lake Labish and North Howell areas. We have arbitrarily set our area of interest boundaries from Woodburn in the North, Keizer in the South, the Willamette River on the West and Silverton/Mt An-

gel to the East.

We have produced raw (unedited) videos which may be viewed at the museum.

If you have an interest in interviewing, producing, editing, or making the finished DVD's you should attend our monthly meetings on the first Saturday of the month.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2012

- March 24 Truck Meeting and free breakfast for volunteers
- March 24 Car is having a 10<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary Pot Luck noon
- March 30 Gresham Senior Hiking group 15-20 people
- May 10 20 kids in am and 20 kids in pm Head Start.
- May 17 20 kids in am and 20 kids in pm Head Start
- June 3 Slant 6 car meet
- June 9 Tractor Pull
- June 16-17 Brooks Weekend
- June 22-23-24 Branch 15 Swap Meet
- June 23 Orphan car show
- June 23 John Deere Auction
- June 23 Ham Radio weekend
- June 30 Car show with all car clubs in Salem
- July 8 High School Show & Shine Swapmeet
- July 12 Michele Fritzler 12-15 seniors 10am
- July 13-14-15 International Harvester Binderbee
- July 21 Chevelle Club meet at car
- July 28-29 The Great Oregon Steam-Up
- Aug 4-5 The Great Oregon Steam-lip
- Aug 10 Philadelphia Group Tours 40 people
- Aug 25 Truck Show
- Sept 29 Smithsonian Museum Day

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The objective of the Brooks Historical Society and Depot Museum is to be educational, to stimulate an interest in, and a knowledge of, the history of Brooks, Oregon, and the surrounding area.

Adult Member ----- \$12.00  
Student Membership ----- \$ 5.00  
(Elementary and High School )  
Business Membership ----- \$30.00  
Donation ----- \$-----

Name:

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**Checks should be written to**

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## MEETINGS

The Brooks Historical Society meets at the Brooks Depot Museum at 10AM the first Saturday of the month.

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