

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

June 18, 2011

**Help us celebrate the Recognition of Madame
Marie Dorion**

Jane Kirkpatrick guest speaker and famous author, there will also be a book signing. Other historic speakers are planned. Please mark your calendar and join us at our Museum, starts at 10 AM.

MARIE'S DESCENDANTS

When I began my genealogy research I never thought to find real live relatives. It has been a great pleasure to find so many cousins that it is difficult to keep track of them all.

One day I was searching the internet for information about my third-great-grandmother, Madame Marie Ayvoise Dorion Toupin. While looking around I found a wonderful website for the Frazier Farmstead Museum which had her listed on the first step of stairs honoring pioneer names from the Milton-Freewater area. There were no descendants listed for Marie. I contacted the website for the museum and encountered some lovely ladies who took the family names I had and ran with them doing research for more descendants. My thanks go to the ladies of the Farmstead Frazier Museum, Gwen Martin, Diane Biggs and on the Oregon Coast, Sarah Olsen. You can find some of their work at Museum.bmi.net.

Marie's family spread all over the northwest. We have Leavitts and Days (Gobin) on the Tulalip Reservation in western Washington. There is a Gobin in Moses Lake, Washington with his family spread as far as Hawaii. There is a Muller in Dallas, Oregon (several lines connect to me including Gobin.) We have a Parr-Carter in California also multiple lines including Gobin. I have been in contact with the Dorion family who are still in Canada, cousins by marriage. Those of you who have gone through the Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest would possibly remember the names. I have met a Quigley and a Souvenir.

Other family names: Dorion (Rosebud Reservation), Toupin, Pion, Lafantaisie (French Prairie), Lonetain/Longtain, McKay, St. Dennis-Stillman, Raymond (Fort Walla Walla), Crete/Crate, Lloyd, Harris, Gervais (French Prairie), Gay (French Prairie), Smith (Salt Lake City) Laframboise, Messenger, and Staats. This is by no means a complete grouping, just what has been identified so far.

Marie was born in 1760 in St. Louis Territory in what is now Missouri. She died September 5, 1850 in Oregon Territory and was buried under the altar at the Catholic Church of St. Louis, Oregon Territory. She had 3 children by Pierre Dorion, 1 by Louis Joseph Venier, and 2 by Toupin.

Jennifer Gobin-Bailes

Women, History, Education

Submitted by Adele Egan

A recent article on the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon and their celebrating 125 years in Oregon has a good tie-in with March National Woman Month. Reading through the many places they served, one is aware of a close connection to our own local history.

Two Sisters started their Community in Sublimity in 1866, to serve the poor and orphaned. To finance an abandoned building they acquired for their home and school, they cleaned out the debris, then went around the neighborhood helping with household tasks to earn money to purchase furniture. A financial boon was to help harvest hops. Always short of funds, two Sisters would go out on tours begging for donations. This went on until 1900 when the State allowed \$4 per month for the homeless and abandoned children.

The Sisters and the orphans did laundry using a scrub board, baked 25-30 loaves of bread daily. In summer onions were harvested and sold, they went out into the woods for various berries and hazelnuts, per a diary. For years they could not afford butter, sugar or eggs until they finally got chickens and cows.

From 1888-1973 they taught school at Sublimity; from 1907-1923, at the St. Louis School in St. Louis; 1908-1983, Sacred Heart, Gervais; 1988-2002, St. Luke School, Woodburn; 1990-1996, Mt. Angel Seminary, Mt. Angel; 1993-current, St. Paul School, St. Paul; 1995-2010, St. Vincent de Paul, Salem; 1996-2000, St. Paul Parish, Silverton; 2002-current, St. Joseph Shelter, Mt. Angel.

In the 1917 influenza episode all schools were closed and the Sisters went out into the neighborhoods to care for the sick wherever called for. Sometimes a whole family would be laid low so the Sisters took turns caring for them. Many people died. The churches were closed to prevent exposure to the virus, so funerals could not be held; just a simple sermon at the cemetery would be held for the few able to attend.

The Sisters are truly Women to be Honored. How fortunate we were to have had these dedicated souls in our midst to care for and teach the children.

More about Women and Education

By Adele Egan

A lot is being written about women and schooling. In pioneer times it was said a woman was literate if she could sign her name; if she completed the 6th grade, she was considered educated.

My great-grandmothers crossed the plains in the early 1850s. The family always said one great-grandmother was illiterate. Maybe that is why her name is spelled three different ways in various records? Or, could it have been the registering clerks?

The other great-grandmother, Catherine Egan, home-schooled her three boys well enough to get them into Willamette University. The last girl was also homeschooled at first until the nearby Eldridge school was built in 1864. Upon graduation about 1867, she began teaching in grade schools. St. Louis, Eldridge and Mission Bottom all had school houses by 1868. Her older brothers Michael and William taught at these schools in the early days. *****

The Brooks Historical Society is always looking for family remembrances about the earlier times. Please, we encourage you readers to share family anecdotes for our archives and future research. You can borrow from a diary, or jot down what you heard at family gatherings, found in old newspapers, or what you saw and experienced as a youngster.

It is not too difficult. You can e-mail your thoughts or come in and talk with one of us at a monthly meeting or one of the events when the museum is open.

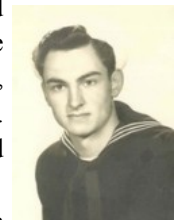
More information about the early local schools can be found in Marion County Historical Society Marion County History Vol. XIII, School Days.

Thomas Hynes

June 3, 1934 - March 18, 2011

Tom Hynes, 76, passed away too soon, surrounded by his family, after a brief illness.

Tom was born on June 3, 1934 to Edward and Lillian (Kowash) Hynes in the Hazelgreen area. He was born on the family farm where he lived his entire life. He was the fifth of five children; survived by sisters, Helen, Caroline, Ilg and Patricia Haslebacher. Preceded in death by brother, Leo; and sister, Gertrude.



He graduated in June 1952 from Mt. Angel Preparatory, then enlisted in the US Navy Sea Bees to travel. He served in Korea, Japan, Indonesia and many other locations through out Asia and the U.S. He was honorably discharged in May 1955 and returned home to the family farm. He married Evelyn Buchheit on October 15, 1955 at St Paul Catholic Church in

Silverton, Oregon.

Together they started their family in the same home he was born and raised. He farmed throughout the Willamette Valley raising pole beans, strawberries, wheat, sugar beet seed and various other crops. He enjoyed working in his shop fabricating truck beds and repairing all sorts of farm equipment. He also enjoyed driving truck, hauling Christmas trees and most recently hauling grass seed straw. Tom's hobbies included restoring tractors, classic cars, attending farm shows and auctions throughout the country. He was an active member for over 20 years of the Antique Powerland, NW Vintage car club, Pacific NW Truck Museum and The Two Cylinder Club. Tom was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church his entire life.



He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; sons, Kelly (Tammy), Kent (Lisa); daughters, Konnie Bay (Richard), Kerrie and Kim; Grandchildren, Seth, Rory, McKenna, Jason, Joe, Taylor, Madi and Thomas; Great-Granddaughter, Ashlynn, numerous nieces, nephews and too many friends to count. He is preceded in death by his youngest son, Kris.

Mike Hawley

Mike Hawley March 27, 1942 - April 4, 2011
 Mike was born and raised in Brooks attending Brooks Elementary School and Gervais High School. Mike preceded in death by his parents Leo and Aminta Hawley. He leaves his wife Lynda, son Sam, sister Juanita Vohland, and brother Leo. He will be missed by all that knew him. Service at Pioneer Cemetery 2PM April 16.

2011 Calendar of events as of 4/11/2011

IF YOU Can help at any of these events call 503-393-2053

Annual High School Show & Shine Car Show	June 4
Slant 6 Club Spring Meet	June 6
Madame Dorion Family Recognition Day Hosted by the Brooks Historical Society	June 18
Oregon Two-Cylinder Club Auction	June 25
Orphan Car Show	June 25
<u>Branch 15 - Early Day Gas Engines & Tractors Association Swap Meet</u>	June 24, 25, and 26
High School Car Show	July 5
Northwest Vintage Car & Motorcycle Museum Swap Meet	July 10
Annual Great Western Binder Bee	July 15, 16 and 17
Brooks Historical Society Annual Silent Auction	July 30
<u>Great Oregon Steam-Up</u>	July 30, 31, and August 6, 7
<u>Pacific Northwest Truck Museum Truck Show</u>	August 27
Smithsonian Museum Day - Free Admission!	September 24
Pumpkin Patch Trolleys	October - TBA
APMA Annual Meeting	November 19

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MEETINGS

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

Directions to the museum at Antique Powerland:
From I-5 - take Exit 263 – go west approx. 1/4 mile to:
Antique Powerland 3995 Brooklake Road,
Brooks, OR 97303