

Brooks Historical Society Newsletter

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MISSION STATEMENT

The objective of the Brooks Historical Society and Depot Museum is to educate and stimulate an interest in and knowledge of the history of Brooks, Oregon, and the surrounding areas.

Annual Meeting Nov. 1

Come join us at the Brooks Historical Society annual meeting Saturday, Nov. 1 at 10 am at the Masons Lodge in Brooks, Oregon. The Lodge is located just north of Brooks at 9222 99E, Brooks, Oregon.

The agenda includes:

- Introductions
- Annual reports
- Elections of officers
- Plans for next year

Potluck lunch to follow.

Please bring side dishes and desserts. Brooks Historical will provide the meat dish, soda, coffee and water.

Election of Officers for 2015

The slate of nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee are all current officers and directors up for re-election.

Louis Sowa— President

Bob Brown—Vice-President

Dorene Standish—Treasurer

Texie Lou Hilyer Price—Corresponding Secretary

Vicki Cunningham—Recording Secretary

Leah Ott—Director 2

Continuing Directors are Mary Ray, Marilyn Barner, and Dan Groah.

Our bylaws allow nominations of officers from the floor during the meeting, provided written permission from the nominee has been obtained.



June 20, 2015 -Celebrate French Families of the Brooks Area

For our annual Brooks Celebration day held on the third Saturday in June, the Brooks Historical Society will focus on the French Families of the Brooks area of French Prairie, with an emphasis on three of those families to be determined at our December meeting. Join us at the next regular meeting, Dec. 6 at 10 am at the Depot. The La Flemme family is pictured above.

James and Christina (Finch) Webb 1847

In “Reflections of Oregon Pioneer Families”, Jeannie Sharp Phillips, who edited the book, writes about her Great Great Grandparents.

“When James and Christina (Finch) Webb arrived in Oregon in 1847, they had three small daughters, Mary, Nancy and Margie. Eight more children were born in Oregon.

(They settled near Parkersville and Lake Labish, where the Valentine Miller family lives now on Wabash road. The current Miller Home on Wabash road is pictured below.)



On arrival, they were low on food. They boiled seed wheat for food. They had a ‘sack of gold too heavy for their daughter to lift’, but there was no place to buy provisions.

Little Nancy was picking wild berries while her parents were building their home. She came up the hill screaming with a bear behind, clawing her leg just as her father shot. She had the scar all her life.

James Webb had a blacksmith shop with a huge bellows and andirons he brought across the country. He repaired stages running between Portland and Salem. The blacksmith shop stood over 115 years and was so strong it had to be taken down board by board.

Mary (Webb) married Joseph Groshong, and her sister, Harriet, became my (Jeannie Sharp Phillips) great –grandmother, Mrs. Dan Groshong. The other (Webb) children were Sarah, Franklin, Daniel, George, Anna, Martha, and Margaret.”

Dorothy and Valentine Miller, Sr. bought the property in 1944 from the Shield Family. The Shield Family sons did not want to farm and went into the service. At this time Stephen (Steve) and Martin (Marty) Miller farm the land.

Vending at the Museum During the Tractor Parade



Genealogy Research?

BHS has for sale Catholic Church Record books of the Pacific Northwest, compiled by Harriet Duncan Munnick. It contains information on baptisms, marriages, and burials at St. Louis, Gervais, and Brooks, Oregon. It often gives information on the parents, godparents, and witnesses, including some well-known local historical figures. The book includes the St. Louis Catholic Church Register, volume I (1845-1868) St. Louis Register, Volume II (1869-1893), the Gervais Catholic Church Register (1875-1893) and the Brooks Catholic Church Register (1893-1909). Cost is \$35. Write or call BHS for purchase.

Step Back in Time

During Steam Up, Trolley Club and Fire volunteers look right at home in front of the Depot.



2014 Season Ends for the Museum

During this season, Brooks Historical vended for many events, including 5 days for Steam Up, Brooks Celebration Day, and the Truck Show. The 2014 season saw many visitors to the museum, including the eager youngsters pictured below with Carol Ann Armstrong, engaged in the Passport program during Steam Up.



This year, Brooks Historical participated in and helped organize the first Steam Up Quilt Show, with adults enjoying quilts at various museums around the grounds. Below is a picture of the 1934 quilt made by the North Howell Grange.



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Brooks Historical Society

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BHS Officers and Board

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Board - Position 1- Mary Ray

Position 2- Leah Ott

Position 3- Marilyn Barner

Position 4 - Dan Groah

Meetings

The Brooks Historical Society meets at the Brooks Depot Museum at 10 am 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

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