

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.

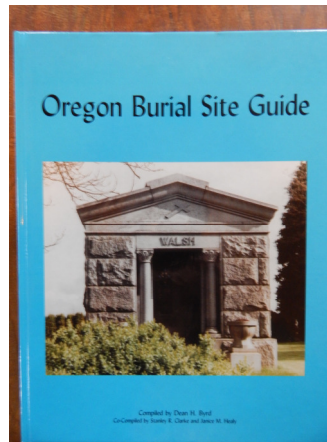
BHS Celebration June 20 10 am to 3 pm

Our Celebration theme, "**French Families Live on Through Their Heirs**" is just too big for just our Depot Museum! We will also use part of the DeZotell building to display family history charts and memorabilia. This will help accommodate the several family groups we have invited. La-Pratte, LaFollette, Belleque, and de Gobin representatives are assured, and several more French families that married into those families as well.

Can you commit to just four hours at Powerland?

We would love to show you the ropes as we begin our open Museum and food vending season in our food tent in front of the Depot. Join our regular crew as we serve breakfast, lunch, water, pop, and snacks to an eager crowd. Vending days (so far) will be June 26-28 at the Branch15 Swap Meet; July 24, 25, 26 first Steam Up weekend and August 1-2 second Steam Up weekend; August 21-22 Pacific Northwest Truck Show; and September 19, Family Day. Call Dorene Standish to volunteer. 503-393-2053. ¹

Genealogy References Available at Museum



A recent donation to the museum reference library is an **Oregon Burial Site Guide** by Dean H. Byrd, 2001 It is available for review during museum hours or by appointment.

Pioneer Cemetery books by Ellen Hollin are available for sale at the museum for \$20 each. These include an update for 1993 through through 2014 by Mary Clement.

Check out our website above for a complete list. Other references include **collections of information** from many sources on local pioneer families, including Linus Brooks, and many others, from Aspinwall to Zielinski. Electronic copies of these are available for a minimal fee.

Did You Know you Could Mortgage a Cow? And a Hop House?

We recently were fortunate to receive on loan Lowell Boyce's old Chattel Mortgage papers, a type of financial paper used by early farmers and business people. "Chattel" refers to any item of personal property, except real estate. Many well known early settlers' names are referenced. Forms were available from local stores, such as E.M Waite Printing Co. and R.E. Moores, Legal Blank Publisher, both of Salem. Here are portions of one of the papers.

Chattel Mortgage: Nov. 23, 1896.

"Know all Men by these Presents, That Mr James B. Barnes and Geo. B. Barnes for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred and Forty eight Dollars to us in hand paid by V. Wattier (*of Parkersville*) the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby bargain, sell, assign and transfer unto the said V. Wattier the following described personal property the same be owned by us and in our possession at that certain farm consisting of one hundred acres and belonging to the Estate of E. Barnes deceased, said farm being located about one mile south from Gervais in Marion County, Oregon to



wit: One bay horse named Brandy nine years old weight about fourteen hundred pounds, One brown horse named Pedro ten years old weight – about four-

teen hundred pounds, One brown horse named Buck seven years old weight about twelve hundred pounds. One red cow with white face named Boss nine years old, One small cream colored cow, one half Jersey named Mabel four years old spring of 1986, One large red cow named Red three years old, One black cow named Brin seven years old.

"Also one double Hop house the same being 24 feet wide by 48 feet long with one store room attached thereto said storeroom being 24 feet wide by 50 feet long both of said buildings being set upon blocks raised about two feet from the ground and both of said buildings being located upon the above described farm.

"The above sale is intended as a mortgage to secure to the said V. Wattier his assigns or legal representatives the payment of one certain promissory note of which the following is a true copy."

(Attached is the promissory note, for \$248 to be paid on order in "Gold Coin of the United States of America, of the present standard value with interest thereon in like Gold Coin at the rate of ten percent per annum from date until paid, for value received.....")

Recorded by Frank Water, Recorder, Norm Bushey, Deputy.

Also Common were Crop Mortgages: June 29, 1894. John McKay to Hoefer and Zorn.

..."Crop of Oats and wheat , there being about 40 acres of Oats and nineteen acres of wheat situated on the Donation Land Claim of Robert

Childers and wife and now owned by Hoefler and Zorn in Township 4 S R 1 West comprising both the fields sown in Oats and wheat joining on the north side of the country road running from Wm. Jergens Lane to Aurora. \$100 payable to Hoefler and Zorn at Champoeg."

The mortgage requires either payment of the \$100 or that "the said John McKay will, at his own expense and trouble, well and carefully tend and care for said crop until it is ready for harvest, and that at proper season, without delay, he will, at his own expense, harvest and thresh said crop and deliver the same in good merchantable condition to said Hoefler and Zorn at their Warehouse one half mile East of Champoeg.." Recorded by John McNary, Clerk. Frank W. Waters, deputy

Million Dollar Bridge



The one-quarter mile bridge that connects the North Howell area and Labish Center on Ram-

bler Drive is sometimes called the "Million Dollar Bridge." The term "million dollar" is said not to refer to the original cost of the structure, but alludes to the dollar amount of produce that crossed the bridge each year. Since the bridge was completed in 1901, a million dollars at the turn of the twentieth century probably could have built several bridges.

Steam Up Quilt Show

The second year of the Steam Up Quilt Show will have many quilts in one place in the Trolley building, with other quilt activities in other museums. (No Quilt Passport this year.) Brooks Historical Society will offer quilted or tied Doll Bed quilts for sale. Quick and easy and fun to sew, these could help the museum develop a new fundraiser.



Sew up a few and donate them to the museum. All doll blanket sizes

from fashion doll (about 15 x 10 inches) to "American Girl" (about 18 x 21 inches) to "Reborn Doll" (about 23 x 28) would be most welcome. To fit with the quilt show theme, they must be quilted or tied quilt patterns .



Willoria on Disk

Do you have any old Willorias, the annual of Gervais High School, in your family or know of friends who might have one? Brooks Historical Society would like to complete their set of scanned Willorias for our museum. The years missing are 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1939 and 1940. They are only needed for scanning, unless you would like to donate. Contact Mary at 503-551-0933.

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Brooks Historical Society

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Business Membership ----- \$35.00
Donation ----- \$_____

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City/State/zip:

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E-mail

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Brooks, OR 97305

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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

Interested in Antique Powerland?

Visit antiquepowerland.com