

St. Boniface Archives Record, 2014

Community Archives & Museum, Sublimity, Oregon

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Dec 17, 2014, by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce

Today's meeting and subsequent December meeting has been canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 6th, 2015.

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Nov 25, 2014, by Charlene Pierce

Attendees: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce, Carol Zolkoske, Ted Shepard

Ted Shepard brought in a box of books to be lent or purchased. Mr. Shepard also donated an old photograph (reprint of an old negative) of the Silver Creek Falls area which, at the time of the photo, was called "Argenti." By the 1880's there was a small town established in the area of South Falls named Argenti, a Latin derivative meaning "silver". The Argenti post office was established in 1884 and was closed in 1904.

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Nov 18, 2014, by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Carol Zolkoske, Don Porter, Dick and Mary Heater and Charlene Pierce

A finely hand-crafted bowl made out of a Lebanon cedar tree cut down on July 22, 2014 was donated by Larry Beyer of Mt. Angel. Larry's mother (Fessler) and Larry's Great-Grandfather Stephan Fessler was a Great Uncle of Fr. Joseph Fessler who built the (present) third St. Boniface Church. The bowl previously stood near the St. Boniface Rectory. Larry was thanked for this contribution.

Additional recognition went to Greg Laux for working on the Committee's computer issues and to Vangie Ripp who continues to organize a sizable quantity of physical paper articles and photos.

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Oct. 28, 2014, by Henry Strobel

Attending: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Francis Hendricks, Vangie and Fred Ripp.

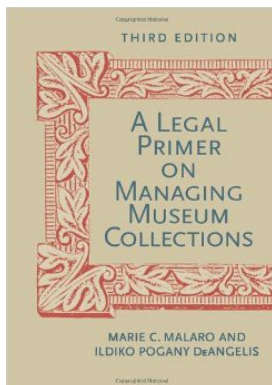
Henry gave a thorough presentation on the subjects ***The Archives Record*** and especially **Accession Policies**, as outlined in last week's *Record*.

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Oct. 21, 2014, by Henry Strobel

Attending: Henry Strobel, Don Porter, Carol Zolkoske, Francis Hendricks, Mary and Dick Heater

Henry Strobel contributed copies of Daniel B. Reibel, *Registration Methods for the Small Museum*, 4th Ed., AltaMira Press, and



A Legal Primer on Managing Museum Collections, Third Edition Paperback – May 8, 2012 by Marie C. Malaro (Author), Ildiko DeAngelis (Author)
Hailed when it was first published in 1985 as the bible of U.S. collections management, *A Legal Primer on Managing Museum Collections* offers the only comprehensive discussion of the legal questions faced by museums regarding collections. This revised and expanded third edition addresses the many legal developments—including a comprehensive discussion of stolen art and the international movement of cultural property, recent developments in copyright, and the effects of burgeoning electronic uses—that have occurred during the past twenty-five years. An authoritative, go-to book for any museum professional, *Legal Primer* offers detailed explanations of the law, suggestions for preventing legal problems, and numerous case studies of lawsuits involving museum collections.

I have an update on the office computer, which has been dead for over a month. I have contacted the technician and discovered the mystery of the USB cables. Repair is now expected in 1-2 weeks. No need for Monsieur Poirot.

The following has been added to the Procedures Manual to better define this weekly newsletter:

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The Archives Record, (all issues from 2006) is published on our web site. It contains:

1. The **minutes** of the last business meeting, including old and new business, and/or
2. the current **news** containing overlooked or upcoming items or editor's notes. It may include additional items as suggested or submitted to the web editor by others.

3. Collectively, it holds **the history of the organization**. If we look back to the beginning of a museum, we may find that there was not a clear and complete collection(s) plan. Sometimes museums start in a burst of enthusiasm. Ours did and we grew fast. Sometimes we may need to go back and complete or adjust our plans. We have an unincorporated group of volunteers, who meet for one morning a week - and seem to prefer an informal style - last year they voted to drop all organizational titles!

I think that was a mistake, but not too late to correct. Oddly enough, it works pretty well, since we all know each other. Our staff are keen local history experts, tops in hospitality and assistance to our many guests. I am not much involved in the operation of the museum itself, but help by providing this wide ranging web site, the envy of many communities.

I am optimistic for the museum. It is popular and thriving in a fine building, providing a high quality service well beyond Sublimity. If I had concerns they would be about the future and how to recruit future unpaid staff. **We welcome new volunteers**. Just come to a Tuesday morning meeting.

Accession Policies. The example below has been adapted from *Accession Policies for the Willamette Heritage Center*, courtesy of Kylie Pine, Curator and Collections Manager, Willamette Heritage Center, willametteheritage.org/ It is not meant as a recipe for us but an example to illustrate how museums differ while including common elements, not all of which are *accessioned*.

Definition of Collections - types

Permanent: Unique 3-dimensional objects, photographs, archives and special collections material of

historic significance. These materials are **accessioned** and maintained to the highest standard of care in the collection.

Institutional Archives: Records, materials for running the museum. Web copies, *Archives Record*, etc. (not accessioned)

Library and Reference Materials: Books, journals, etc. (not accessioned, coded L in the catalog.

Education/Exhibit: Duplicates, reproductions, or copied material, photos on the wall. (not accessioned, may be coded E in the catalog.

Acquisitions: Objects added to the collections by gifts, bequests, purchases,, exchanges, or any transaction which passes title to the museum.

Records of **not accessioned** collections material. Donors are advised that these materials may not necessarily be permanently kept in the museum.

Accessions

Authority: the Museum Advisory Committee (or archivists) accepts into a permanent collection.

Criteria:

1. The material is consistent with the goals and policies on the museum.
2. The museum can properly care for it.
3. The history and provenance are satisfactory.
4. The donor intends the material as an unrestricted gift.
5. There are no moral, copyright, or patent limitations on it.
6. The material presents no hazards.
7. Acceptance of it will not result in major future expenses to the museum.
8. It is not human remains or unethically or illegally acquired.

Temporary Custody (Until accessioned, if applicable)

Deed of Gift q.v. Permanent signed numbered forms.

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Oct.14, 2014, by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Carol Zolkoske, Francis Hendricks.

The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and the *Métis* of Oregon by Carol Zolkoske

Carol, Vangie and Fred Ripp attended the Oregon Catholic Historical Society fall event held in St. Paul, Oregon on October 11, 2014. There was a presentation by Shawna Gandy of the Oregon Historical Society about the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur who came from Belgium to St. Paul and Oregon City in 1844. Ms. Gandy wrote her masters thesis on these Sisters in 2004. Their mission was to educate the female Métis. Métis were the offspring of the of Scottish and French Canadian fur trappers and the native women. These girls were taught by the Sisters to cook, sew, housekeep, do needlework and develop other social skills. The thinking was that they would become more likely to be selected by the white men as wives and would also secure the Catholic faith in these marriages. The sisters were in the area about ten years and then moved on to the San Francisco area.

In the St. Paul area there are many families who can trace this fascinating history. This was the very beginning of Catholic history in Oregon starting about the time that the wagon trains with

non-Catholics began arriving from the east. [Visit the OCHS Web site](#)

Vangie reported that there was a nice turn-out of visitors to the Archives & Museum on Sunday, the day of the St. Boniface Chicken Dinner across the street. About 24 people are listed in our guest book, but there were certainly others who did not sign in. They came from Shaw, Silverton and Scio, Oregon and Camus, Washington, as well as from local Stayton and Sublimity.

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Oct. 7, 2014, by Charlene Pierce and Henry Strobel

Attending: Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Mary and Dick Heater, Carol Zolkoske, and guests, Steve Callis of Woodburn and Ed and Debb Frenier.

Let's start with a **flashback** on organizational titles. A little different this time, here's an old email.

"Hi, Marc,

Actually none of us has an official title. We just step in and do what we can and where. Any leadership I might seem to exercise was probably suggested by my presence on the AHC, and as volunteer "webmaster," which does provide a published record. We have really fine people here who like and encourage each other and respect what we are doing, each according to his lights.

Informally we think principally of Evangeline Ripp as archivist, Carol Zolkoske as secretary, and Don Porter as historian, but there are many others, and there are no boundaries.

Henry

On Sat, 28 Feb 2009 15:10:59 -0800

"Covert, Marcus" <mcovert@up.edu> wrote:

> Hi Henry: I'm doing a newsletter story on the upcoming OCHS event at St.
> Boniface and was wondering what your official title is there at the
> museum & archives? You do seem to wear a lot of hats :)
> Thanks,
> Marc Covert "

So in Feb 2009 the board still had no official titles. But we then lost no time in assigning them. That came in time for the 2009 OCHS Spring Event, when I stated:

"St. Boniface Archives & Museum is an ongoing but informal organization We do not really have official titles, each sharing in what needs to be done according to his own abilities. But it is useful and fair to recognize those current members who regularly do more, and whom we could hardly do without. Giving them a title of sorts doesn't mean that's all they do! Here's a short list of the "regulars":

Evangeline Ripp, Archivist and Librarian; Carol Zolkoske, Docent and Secretary; Donald Porter, Historian and Ambassador, Charlene Pierce, Computer Services and Genealogist; Henry Strobel, Coordinator and Web Editor.

Rita Young, Francis Hendricks, Tony Beitel, Joe Spenner, Fred Ripp, Fred Schwindt, Regular Committee Members

To Vera Boedigheimer, town historian, inspiration, raconteur and friend, we dedicate these Archives today."

This was officially adjusted and confirmed on

October 13, 2009 - 9:00AM to 11:30 by Evangeline Ripp, Attendance: Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Rita Young, Don Porter, Fred & Vangie Ripp, George Susbauer.

Main Business – Election of Officers of St. Boniface Archives & Museum. The following were elected unanimously by acclamation of a quorum of the committee members in attendance.

President- Archivist, Evangeline Ripp
Secretary, Carol Zolkoske
Treasurer, Francis Hendricks
Historian, Donald Porter
Information Technologist, Charlene Pierce
Coordinator, Henry Strobel
Committee Members: Rita Young, Fred Ripp, Joseph Spenner, Fred Schwindt, Tony Beitel

At the **November 12, 2013** meeting a surprise vote removed all these titles! But to this day the same staff members continue to do the same jobs as before. We are grateful. For more, see ["Who are we?"](#)

State of the Archives & Museum. Henry again remonstrated with us about our accession accounting, which had got a little off track following a good start in 2006. Suffice it to say we are correcting any irregularities.

I am optimistic. We have a popular, stable organization in a fine building, providing a quality service to an area well beyond St. Boniface. If I had concerns they would be about the future. How do we recruit additional staff? **We do say “welcome”** to volunteers who would like to do filing, computer entry, show visitors around, etc in a congenial setting a few hours a week. Just come to a Tuesday morning meeting and say “Hi.”

To some extent our work is done. Much of our history and heritage is already writ, within our archives. And we have a world class web site, [sublimityhistory.net](#), the envy of many other communities. Let's continue to polish our jewels. You have the story straight.

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There is a new article on our web site about [Shaw, Oregon](#)
There is a new article on our web site about [Mt. Pleasant Community Church](#)

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Carol Zolkoske reported that last Sunday Tom Tate came to the Brown house in Stayton for a concert attended by about 20 people. Tom told a story about being born in the Brown house when it was a hospital, 81 years earlier. The Brown house was originally built in 1903. Tom also plays for DaVinci's Ristorante & Wine Bar in Salem.

The volunteers spent some time discussing a photo of an outdoor banquet with Governor Oswald West (Democrat, 1911-1915). Seated with him were presumably farmers and shop keepers from Sublimity who had sponsored work for convicts. Also in the photo, was a priest.

Dick Heater was asking about the big white Freres house in Fern Ridge. How long had Freres lived there? The house currently still standing, was built in 1900 by Peter C. Freres (originally from Saarberg, Prussia) and his wife, Emma Snakenberg (from Sigourney, Iowa). Peter's son, Wendell Peter Freres and his wife, Georgina Gehlen, moved into that same house in 1943 and lived there until 1965. Wendell and Georgine's daughter, Junetta was in High School when they moved in. She married Vincent Pietrok in 1946.

The St. Boniface Chicken Dinner is on Sunday October 12 and Vangie has graciously volunteered to open the archives for interested guests.

Sept 30, 2014, by Charlene Pierce and Henry Strobel

Attending: Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Val and Bob Sawrel

There was a discussion on how to attract more volunteers to the museum and archives. Maybe a recruiting letter?

Last week, Vangie had received a phone call from Elaine Schab-Bragg and Russell M. Bragg of Washington. They happened to be in town and were looking for information on the Burkhard family. Many thanks to Vangie for taking the time in her day for this spur of the moment visit !

It was nice to see Bob and Val Sawrel come to the museum again, as not many of us were able to make last week's meeting.

Annoying that the computer is still broken. Charlene or Henry can try to fix it, but would be more optimistic if they knew what had been done to it. The room is normally locked of course. Where is Hercule Poirot when we need him?

Henry read the *Archives Record* for Sept 24 and led the discussion on the Volga Germans. Did you know that Vangie is also a descendant of Volga Germans?

Henry noted that there were minor clarifying revisions to our [Procedures Manual](#). He asked that staff members study it and comment if appropriate.

He has also ordered *A Legal Primer on Managing Museum Collections, Third Edition* by Malaro, Marie C., DeAngelis, Ildiko for the museum library. The standard reference, 540 pages.

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Sept 23, 2014 by Henry Strobel

Attending: Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, Mary and Dick Heater

Guests were Val and Bob Sawrel of Stayton. Their first visit, but they promise to be back. I outdid myself as "docent."

Mary looked over the census records and is considering sorting and refiling them. I provided fresh envelopes for the purpose. **[Update 1:** Mary, I was just now exploring census information on the web and to my surprise found that now one can type in (almost) any name and get a sharp photo of the original census document. **[Update 2: Sorry, I spoke too soon.** The site I had provided here worked for a week or so but has stopped.]

The archives computer totally refused to start. I had never seen a problem just like this. Someone had been working on it, from the placement of the USB cables.

[Center for Volga German Studies at Concordia University in Portland](#) is a newish web site that has a Sublimity page with two photos and two maps as on our web site. It states "Sources: coming soon."

Interesting in that we speak of "Germans from Russia," they of the "Volga Germans," referring to the lower Volga River valley and the Crimea. The Volga is the longest river in Europe. (Remember the song "Volga Boatmen" ?) [Sung here by Paul Robeson](#)

Their web site notes these Sublimity families:

Burghardt, Etzel, Hafner, and Lambrecht from [Pfeifer](#)

Schaab / Schab from [Semenovka](#)

Toepfer from [Fischer](#)

as associated with St. Boniface Catholic Church and Cemetery in Sublimity.

Look around this nicely made site. You will find most of what you need to know of Catholic Pfeifer or Semenovka or Lutheran Fisher. Mostly we would be interested in *Pfeifer*, Kansas, or *Pfeiffer*, Russia.

The whole story of the Volga Germans is much larger, a story of widespread back and forth migrations. North and South America. Kansas, Dakota, and Oregon. Simply search the term and you will reap a vast number of fascinating sites with varying viewpoints. As usual you could do worse than start with Wikipedia, [Germans from Russia](#). Did you know that Lawrence Welk was a Volga German?

Francis provided cucumbers from his garden, now in my kitchen. Thanks, Francis!

Today I received this:

Hi Henry,

. . . Attached is our current acquisitions policy and associated forms. I'd be happy to talk further with you about this subject, too, should you like. . .

Kylie Pine
Curator and Collections Manager
Willamette Heritage Center
<http://www.willametteheritage.org/>

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Sept 16, 2014 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Charlene Pierce, Mary and Dick Heater

Henry looked through our census records and is asking for a volunteer to sort and refile them.

Terry Hendricks brought in a wedge of the recently removed *Cedar of Lebanon* tree that had been standing between the Church and the Rectory.

The Oregon Catholic Historical Society fall event and annual meeting will be Saturday, October 11, 2014 in St. Paul, Oregon at the school cafeteria, 20327 Christie St., St. Paul.

Six Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur arrived in Oregon in July of 1844 and established two female seminary schools, one in St. Paul, and one in Oregon City. There will a comparison of the schools and information about the Sisters, the students, and the impact the schools had on Oregon.

The presentation is free, but you need to register (by Sept. 25th) since seating is limited. The optional lunch is \$15. Questions? Email: ochs.blanchet@gmail.com

The Sisters, all born in Belgium:

Meloni LeJeune, age 31, Josephine Gobert, age 36, Sharese Cabareau, age 37, Seophine Verreux, age 50, Caroline Neujean, age 35 and Elizabeth Colard, age 32

The Students, all born in Oregon Territory, were:

Esther Belique, age 10, Angelique Plamondon, age 9, Mariam Laurant, age 10, Catherine Laurant, age 9, Lizette Wagner, age 9, Marie Presse, age 9, Melecie Albot, age 10, Victore Masta, age 9, Genevieve Joseph, age 9, Margaret Gagnon, age 9, Adeline Liare, age 8, Margaret Liare, age 6, Luce Perault, age 7, Monique Maloin, age 9, Catherine Monique, age 9, Catherine Brisbois, age 4 and Helene St Andre, age 10

[Source: 1850 U.S. Census, Marion County, Oregon, pages 102 and 103]

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September 9, 2014 by Henry Strobel for Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Duane Bradley

Duane Bradley brought in a large box of family and historical photographs.

Henry brought in another copy of Reibel's *Registration Methods for the Small Museum*, recommending it as our best overall reference.

We discussed Henry's new editorial method of using “**Flashbacks**” to revisit past moments or topics from earlier *Archives Records*. Introduced last week, it looks to be a winner.

Another Flashback

September 19, 2006 – 10:00AM to 11:30 By: Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Vera Boedigheimer, Vangie Ripp, and Carol Zolkoske

Carol presented three different versions of a gift agreement document for the Board to select. Gary Zolkoske designed them. The group selected one and copies will be made so that when someone donates to the archives it can be properly documented. Vangie has been very busy cataloging into the computer the many items that have already been donated. Vera donated a number of copies of early censuses, one as early as 1850 from Sublimity. Others are from 1890 in Stayton.

OCTOBER 25, 2006

At our last meeting the interesting question of parish boundaries came up. Francis Hendricks presented a statement of ours by the archdiocese (1994) as follows:

Beginning at the SE corner of the parish which is the intersecting lines of Township 11S and Range 8E (at North Cinder Peak). Proceed west along Township US to Range 2E. Proceed north to the section line south of the line dividing Township 8S and Township 9S. Proceed west on the section line and Fern Ridge Road to Highway 22, continue northwest on Highway 22 and Aumsville Highway to Bishop Road, north on Bishop Road and its projection to Beaver Creek, east on Beaver Creek to Sherman Road, north on Sherman Road and the section line extending it to State Street, east on State Street and Doerfler Road to Victor Point Road, east from Victor Point Road on the line dividing Township 7S and Township 8S. Proceed east to and along the Marion/Clackamas County Boundary lines to the Wasco County line. Proceed south along the Marion County Boundary line with Wasco and Jefferson Counties to the intersecting lines of Township 11S and Range 8E (at North Cinder Peak) to the point of beginning.

I was amazed to note that this includes an irregular area over 50 miles wide, including much of Marion and Linn counties, from near Salem to Mt. Jefferson! Researching this matter of parish boundaries I found, not surprisingly, that many Catholics are parish “shoppers.” According to current Canon law (1983) it seems a Catholic is automatically a member of the parish in which he lives. However, he can attend any parish he wishes, and register as a member there with the pastor’s permission, in which case that pastor accepts responsibility for his spiritual care.

Editor’s Second Thoughts on Flashbacks: Lots of potential but brief and limited in context. I

suggest you choose the readings. Click on a year and browse through it:

[2014](#) [2013](#) [2012](#) [2011](#) [2010](#) [2009](#) [2008](#) [2007](#) [2006](#)

Proposed Agenda for Next Meeting. Sept. 16, 2014

Read **Archives Record** of Sep. 9, 2014, Review [Procedures Manual](#), First look at new catalog.



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September 2, 2014 by Charlene Pierce and Henry Strobel

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Charlene Pierce, Carol Zolkoske

Just over a year ago, there was a discussion here about James Drury, who was born in New York, later moving to Salem, Oregon, lived on a ranch there, then became a Hollywood star in The **Virginian** TV series. Local folks here remember he was Grand Marshall on his Appaloosa for the 25th Annual Bean Festival Parade in Stayton Sunday August 6, 1964. So we sort of wondered if he was

related to Drurys in the Stayton area. Well today I found out. I went to the Oregon State Fair and asked him. "No," he said, although he remembers the Stayton parade well. He was raised in south Salem. At 80, a strong, brilliant speaker, he knows acting and the cowboy business. Nice man. Henry reported on Mr. Drury's fascinating hour long State Fair program. This was followed by a less fascinating discussion of archival bookkeeping.

Flashback

However, I've just been reading through some of the early *Archives Records*, beginning in **February, 2006**. I think we might find such reminiscing refreshing, recalling what great guys we were, and what fun we had. Most of us stalwarts are still here. Maybe this will even inspire more new members. If this catches on I might dig through more issues. (Incidentally, it was Ray Heuberger who early on suggested a newsletter to me – the rest, as they say, is history.)

The adventure for me actually started a couple of years earlier, with Vera Boedigheimer and Evangeline Ripp planning the historical program for the 125th Anniversary of Saint Boniface church in 2004. Vera was a real live wire, and I spent many stimulating evenings in her kitchen, a crazy crash course in Sublimity history.

Here's Vangie, the welcoming face of the family, who knows or gets to know all our guests, and is the archivist for our entire collection. Always there for us for eight years.

Now for the first anecdote:

In **May, 2006** as a result of our St. Boniface website I had interesting emails from a church in Chile. The architect was, I think, the man who designed the Eiffel tower. [Alexandre Gustave Eiffel](#) (What a guy!) The high altar was mistakenly removed post Vatican II. The church is now a historical monument, and they want to replace the altar. They have picked our altar in Sublimity as a model. Jim Liesch and I have provided photos to them.



"The church was declared a National Monument in 1977. It is located in Guayacán, in the Bay of la Herradura. It belonged to the Urmeneta family, who lived in the town of Guayacán in the 19th Century. Its entirely metal structure was erected in 1889 by a Belgian company. Until the latter part of the 19th Century this church was the urban center of the population who worked in the copper industry, belonging

to the Urmeneta Errázuriz family. This foundry no longer exists and its church, now a chapel, is evidence of this type of metal architecture of the time. The church was built by Alejandro Eiffel and bought in Belgium in 1888. Both the interior and exterior are covered with sheets of zinc metal."

"Thanks for the shipment of the photographs of excellent quality. Your Church is very beautiful. They offer a very pretty altarpiece to us in the U.S.A., the cost is USD \$ 35.000.00. Say so that we are able economic aid to be able to buy it, we are a poor town and we did not count with that money. Sincerely in Jesus and Maria, R. Taborga."

(Sorry we were not able to help much. The above is condensed. I just checked the email log. There were about two dozen, most in Spanish, and one contact with a pastor in Pennsylvania.)



The Eiffel church. Thanks to www.elobservatodo.cl



The old altar

Ralph Lulay was a pioneer who in **June, 2006** built us a handsome horizontal display case, still used.

More next week. **Note:** I will mark such meanderings as **Flashbacks** when they occur.

[Oregon Catholic Historical Society](#)
Fall Event and Annual Meeting
Saturday, October 11, 2014

Henry had announced a discussion of the [Suggested Procedures Manual](#) for Sept. 9. That has been deferred because of schedule conflicts, sorry.

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August 26, 2014 Charlene Pierce and Henry Strobel

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce, Francis Hendricks, Mary and Dick Heater, Duane Bradley

Duane Bradley brought in a family photo album to show, which included two fine photographs of the Silver Creek Sawmill and the B and Z Sawmill.

Things are looking good! Our organization remains congenial and provides a valuable public service.

Our archivists are doing great work on the computer records, especially Charlene's accession list based on the LibreOffice Calc spreadsheet. Henry has correspondingly made some updates to his [Suggested Procedures Manual](#) Please review this, thanks.

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August 19 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce, Francis Hendricks, Mary and Dick Heater, Carol Zolkoske and guests Ron Ingham, from California and his brother, Steve Ingham

Henry demonstrated the new **Grandparents' Gallery** on our web site. He also had thoroughly checked all our internet links. One of the links, to OMA (the Oregon Museums Assoc.) was not working. Apparently we had not renewed our membership and so were disconnected. This prompted a discussion in which we concluded that we probably should let the lapse stand for now. Be that as it may, the webmaster needs to be aware of such changes.

Thanks to Travis Bauldree for a copy of *Family, Days of Past, The Tinsley Personal Journal of Leroy Tinsley*, Travis' great grandfather on his maternal side. Very personal and genuine.

Thanks, Francis, for the fresh cucumber bounty from your garden !!

[Editor: About the Grandparents' Gallery. The test was successful for this large and fast feature, but we don't have the quality material ready to display in it. So for now I have blanked it out to avoid a needless distraction.]

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August 12, 2014 (I seem to have got ahead of myself on the previous date. **This** is the "minutes" for August 12. Henry)

Attending: Vangie, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Charlene Pierce, Ray Heuberger, Henry Strobel, Mary and Dick Heater, and Carol Zolkoske. Rebecca Schindler, Travis Bauldree

The article in the July 16 *Stayton Mail* re the "Black Bear postcard" was mentioned. I had not seen it but have added it in a note to the photo on the web. [Photo Note](#)

We reveled in more of Travis Bauldree's life stories. As good as it gets!

I installed the Avast free antivirus program in the computer and did a short scan, which revealed no problems. Thanks again to Greg and Charlene.

There's a **surprise** on [our web site](#) The very last item there is called **Grandparents' Gallery**, about

1500 photos from family histories. It needs work, especially labels, but browse it, relax, and reminisce. . (It's an incomplete experiment – I simply put some of the family history files in a folder and made an image gallery out of it. Any ideas for using this technique?)

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August 12, 2014 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Ted Shepard, Mary and Dick Heater, and Carol Zolkoske

Charlene's technical report! – Aug 9 Good news.

Greg has loaded the driver for the wi-fi on the computer in the archives. and there is 93% signal strength !!

He says that the computer needs some software cleaner and about 50 windows updates, also some kind of malware scanner. Greg said he will be in again sometime next week to work on those issues. But in the meantime, we have internet via wi-fi !!

Also, I will not be at the next meeting on Aug. 12.....

~Charlene

Editor's note: **Thank you, Charlene and Greg.** Yes, good news, and just what we have expected. A windows computer, never mind how new or good, still needs the wifi to be set up correctly with the router, virus and malware protection and removal, and installation of our particular peripherals and software on the new computer.

Editor's note: Computers are never perfect because people are never perfect. Speaking for myself, I recently happened to send up a slightly older version of our web site. It's now back to normal, I think :-) I'll be happy to have the wifi working so we can demonstrate and use all the great new web features.

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August 5, 2014 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, George Susbauer, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Ted Shepard, Mary and Dick Heater, Carol Zolkoske and Marilyn Morrison.

Carol Zolkoske brought in some flyers of the Brown house. Ted Shepard came by briefly to donate 3 copies of old Sublimity postcards. A DVD of the falling of the St. Boniface cedar of Lebanon tree taken by Betty Young was brought in by Terry Hendricks. Henry copied the DVD.

Vangie explained that there was a good turnout at the St. Boniface church picnic on Sunday, Aug. 5th and that several people crossed the street to visit the Archives and Museum. She showed us a full color page from the *Stayton Mail* of July 16, 2014 which featured photographs of the annual Silver Falls Event, including her own St. Boniface Archives display! Thanks so much, Vangie!

Marilyn Morrison has been working on Heuberger and Albus family genealogy and led the discussion.

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July 29, 2014 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Joe Spenner, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Travis Bauldree, Mary and Dick Heater, Carol Zolkoske, Dolores Morris, Linda Spenner.

We were especially gratified to have an old friend, Travis Bauldree of Sublimity as a welcome guest, and hope he makes a habit of it! As a wise and experienced woodsman he has no peer, and excels as

both an arboriculturist and story teller. There was a lively and enjoyable discussion with tales of hunting and lumbering and working in mills.

Board member Joe Spenner donated a tin basket full of small items and Linda Spenner donated a box of framed pictures, old newspapers and misc. items. including a nice pillow cover with embroidery and tatted edging.

Editor's note: Our archivists, Evangeline (Vangie) Ripp and Charlene Pierce, have been toiling at inventorying and organizing everything in our collection. Of course we have always had a list but the computer organization is being improved. You can read a general discussion of such considerations at [Suggested Procedures for a Community Archives & Museum](#)

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July 22, 2014 by Charlene Pierce

Attending:: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Sue Hafner Sutton, Charlene Pietrok Pierce, Mary and Dick Heater, and Eunice and Larry Beyer (Eunice is Vangie's sister).

Larry Beyer's family was among the first to move into the Mount Angel area. His mother's name was Fessler, like that of the pastor who built St. Boniface church in Sublimity, Oregon.

Henry brought in this photo, ca. 1903, from the rebuilding of St. Meinrad Abbey in southern Indiana. It burned in 1887 and was rebuilt 1889-1907. Notice the two oxen, the “tractors” of the time, in the left rear. Henry's father, front row third, was about 17 when the picture was taken.



Photo courtesy St. Meinrad Achabbey

Henry also noted a Dutch web site <http://vanhaandel.com/> for the international Van Haandel (sic) family which has links to our Sublimity website and a nice photo of the “Family of Arnold vanHandel

and his wife Anna Mary van Ermen at their 50th wedding anniversary in 1911. He emigrated from the Netherlands to Green Bay Wisconsin USA and the family moved later to Sublimity Oregon."

Many thanks to Vangie and Fred Ripp for representing the St. Boniface Archives last weekend at the 5th annual Historic Silver Falls Days! Carol Zolkoske also helped Saturday morning.

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July 15, 2014 No meeting

July 8, 2014, by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie Ripp, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Charlene Pierce, Dick and Mary Heater, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske and Ted Shepard.

Henry Strobel's special guests were his brother-in-laws, Greg Carter from Garden Grove, California, Rick Carter of Grand Rapids, Michigan and son Tim Carter of Santa Barbara, California. Also George Strobel, Henry's son, visiting from Florida. The Carter's are from Susan Carter Strobel's side of the family.

Henry gave a presentation on the history of Mt. Angel Abbey, as related to Sublimity, Oregon, St. Meinrad Abbey in Indiana, the Louis Schwab family and the land acquisition of 1882, the thousands of descendants of the Schwabs born in the Carthusian monastery at Astheim, Germany. For many additional historical details see the several documents under the heading ***Mt. Angel and the Sublimity Connection*** on www.sublimityhistory.net He also presented the Museum with a copy of the 82 page *Schwab Family History* by Louis B. Schwab, including chapter 7 on Mt. Angel.

We have updated the list of **Board Members for 2014** on the "Who are we?" document <http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/staff.pdf> This is approximate and somewhat arbitrary, based on participation or contributions during 2014. If we've missed you, or you'd simply like to be on the list, even if you can't attend meetings, please let us know, and we'll put you on! Thanks.

Oregon Heritage News Recommends

The Society of American Archivists (SAA) and the Oregon State Historical Records Advisory Board will present an archives overview workshop from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Oct. 24 in the Madison Room at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland. Librarians, museum staff, administrators, archivists, and volunteers in small repositories with historical records and without archives training will all benefit from this workshop. For further information, and to register, visit the SAA website: <http://saa.archivists.org/events/archives-overview-1532/534/>

Reminder, there will be NO MEETING on June 15 NEXT WEEK.

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June 24, 2014 by Henry Strobel for Charlene Pierce

Attending: Evangeline and Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Mary and Dick Heater

A productive and wide ranging discussion of topics mentioned in last week's notes was held.

Since that last meeting Henry inserted an unrelated note under the heading THE MT. ANGEL – SUBLIMITY CONNECTION on our web site. (Revised July 5, 2014)

"A personal note from Henry Strobel - I too was taught by Benedictines, first the sisters in grade

school, then the monks at St. Meinrad Abbey. When I think about Mt. Angel I naturally think of St. Meinrad too. Both abbeys were founded from Switzerland - **St. Meinrad in Indiana from Einsiedeln in 1854**, and **Mt. Angel in Oregon from Engelberg in 1882**. I grew up in Indiana and ended up in Oregon. Both abbeys suffered early disastrous fires. My father was born at St. Meinrad, (see this scene, <http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/stmeinrad.jpg> taken at his birthplace, As a youth he labored in the reconstruction of the sandstone abbey church.

Another set of **parallels** involves **St. Boniface**, whose name adorns our organization, and **St. Boniface** church in Fulda, Indiana, near St. Meinrad, attended by my father, who later married my mother at **St. Boniface** church in Lafayette, Indiana. When we moved to Oregon in 1985 we chose **St. Boniface** church in Sublimity. There my son George married Amy of the Schwab family that was connected [with the beginning of Mt. Angel](#). For me these coincidences resonate."

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June 17, 2014 by Henry Strobel for Charlene Pierce

Attending: Don Porter, Evangeline Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel

Topics discussed: New web site features (Threshing on the Porter farm 1893 demonstrated).

[Updated and expanded Steinkamp family history](#) book from Katherine Steinkamp Busch.

Computer wi-fi problem needs attention.

Henry's report of discussion with Alois Ebner of forthcoming Ebner history.

Editor's note: Here's a fine addition to our web site. First hand human history at its best.

[Autobiography of My Childhood \(1926\)](#)

[The Annual Hog Killing \(1955\)](#)

[Social Life \(n.d.\)](#)

These three short pieces are by Mathilda Siegmund Jones, born in 1880 on the family farm east of Stayton. She was the great aunt of Walter A. Siegmund, who has compiled them on his web site. (Thanks to Mr. Siegmund!) Her home life was typical enough for that time and place, but her telling of it was surely not! An outstanding lady, school teacher, and writer. You will enjoy reading these.

She also wrote the best local history of Stayton ever, I think. See [The History of Stayton by Mathilda Siegmund-Jones \(1955\)](#)

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June 10, 2014 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Mary and Dick Heater, Charlene Pierce

Carol Zolkoske's son will dispose of our old computer through a charity.

Carol brought in a thank you card signed by the 2nd grade children from St. Mary's School and their teacher Debbi Murray. She also reminded us of the upcoming Brown House Garden Tour on Sunday, June 22 from noon to 5pm. Tickets are \$10 each when purchased in advance from Stayton House Antiques and Curiosities, Quilt N' Stitch, Santiam Senior Center, Bird and Hat Bed and Breakfast, or online at staytonevents.com. On the day of the tour, tickets can only be purchased at the Brown House for \$15.

Many thanks to Katherine Steinkamp Busch for donating a 3-ring binder on the genealogy of the Steinkamp family!

Editor's note: Thanks to Don Porter we have a large heirloom photograph on our web site. See the [1893 Threshing crew on the Porter farm near Aumsville](#)

Click on the photo to magnify it. Then move around on it using the four arrow keys.

Left to right, H. C. and Roy Porter on far wagon, possibly Sherm Wilcox on one wagon, Sam Darby with apron, Jim Andrews' wife, Ann Rucker, Ivy Porter, Ada Porter and Glenn, Ella (Mrs. Sid) Porter, Silas Read on engine, Wm. H. Porter on engine, J. H. Porter, Henry Von Behren, Frank Porter on water wagon, C. K. Read on separator, Floyd Porter on near bundle wagon.

Editor's note: While on the subject of magnifying things in the computer, consider this. I just clicked here on the [Schiebel Family Tree](#). It asked for the password (no secret- it had simply been set up that way). I then typed the word sublimity. The pdf opened, and I could conveniently peruse this large document more conveniently from afar than if it were in my hand. Try it here. (The "hyperlinks" in this page make it more than a passive piece of paper.)

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June 3, 2014 by Henry Strobel

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske

Editor's note: Just working and talking, not a business meeting. Charlene was unable to attend but thanks for all you do, Charlene, especially on the computer outside meetings !

In the afternoon our guests were the second graders from St. Mary's school in Stayton. Carol Zolkoske was their guide. Sorry I missed that. Carol is always a treat for the kids.

When I don't get around to "improvising" history for our web site I sometimes add noteworthy articles for your reading pleasure. This week it's

[St. Boniface, Apostle Among Pagans by Dr. Brennan Pursell, Crisis Magazine 2012. A good new readable life of Boniface!](#) Short, not a book.

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May 27, 2014 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, Charlene Pierce, Carol Zolkoske

Vangie Ripp scanned and printed one of Leonard Hendricks' scrapbooks, dated 1948. She also donated an anniversary ceramic plate from St. Louis Catholic Church 1847 -1997 (located between St. Paul, Oregon and Gervais, Oregon).

Carol Zolkoske volunteered to catalog our family scrapbooks. These are difficult, most being amateur productions, some deficient in labeling and preservation, but still of interest to our visitors, and containing clippings and photos perhaps available nowhere else.

Charlene and Vangie continue upgrading our book catalog.

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May 20, 2014 by Henry Strobel

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Charlene Pierce

Much the same as last week. But today is different. Memorial Day takes me back to my Father in

WWI. [Obituary of an Indiana hero, Henry Strobel Sr, Tell City News, January 1974](#)

Hints From your webmaster: [Tips on using your computer browser more easily](#)

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May 13, 2014 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Charlene Pierce, Mary and Dick Heater

Mostly, we talked over coffee and donuts and watched Vangie and Charlene busily taking inventory of museum books, checking them against the "What's in the Archives" list. No problem here, just checking.

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May 6, 2014 by Charlene Pierce

Attendees: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, Charlene Pierce

The first half was consumed getting the new computer settled in, the second half discussing administrative practices and "What's in the Archives?" on the web site. Charlene had developed a new approach derived from her spread sheet. You can already see a test version on our web.

Editor's note: To see it, go to www.sublimityhistory.net (our web site) and scroll down just past the photo of our photogenic archivist. Click on "**Examples of What's in the (physical) Archives**" by Charlene Pierce, 2014."

This is a good start, but please tell Charlene or me if you'd like to suggest additional items of interest or importance for inclusion. This shorter list replaces the previous one. It has less duplication, and focuses on **what** we have rather than **who** donated it.

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April 29, 2014 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Charlene Pierce, Francis Hendricks

Our old computer was shut down and replaced by a new one purchased for us by Henry Strobel. (See last week.) Thanks to Charlene for installing it.

On May 3 Henry, Vangie, and Carol attended the OCHS presentation by Br. Cyril Drnjevic OSB re the 125 years of the seminary at Mt. Angel Abbey, Oregon. Br. Cyril is the resident historian and a teacher. He was in the Peace Corps from 1981 to 1984. He has been a monk at Mt. Angel since 1985. He has a BA in Economics; and Master's degrees in History, Theology, and Divinity. As usual, a brilliant and enjoyable presentation. See also: *Mount Angel Seminary celebrates 125th Anniversary*

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April 22, 2014 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Charlene Pierce, Sue Sutton, Francis Hendricks, Dick and Mary Heater, and guests Sister Rebecca Pirkel OSB from Mt. Angel, and her sister, Barbara Brenden of

Stayton.

Sue Sutton gave us 7 copies of photos of the Lulay and Van Handel families.

Henry will attend the OCHS Spring Event, Saturday May 3, at Mt. Angel in honor of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the seminary. Paying walk-ins are welcome. Register at 9:00 am. Br. Cyril Drnjevic OSB is the program presenter.

Henry has a new office computer ready to install at our convenience. This is a freshly refurbished Dell Optiplex 755 with Windows 7. (No, he won't try to force Linux on us.) He has transferred our current Archives data to it, along with the latest LibreOffice. This is a good opportunity to lose superfluous, dated programs, WordPerfect, etc. It is also timely in that XP is now obsolete, and Internet Explorer has been declared dangerous by the government.

This move needs to be done carefully, coordinated with Charlene, and with the WIFI maintainer.

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April 15, 2014 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Don Porter, Charlene Pierce, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel

A sparse meeting, with two excused. Still the time was not wasted. Henry and Charlene worked on their respective computer projects.

It was noted that the office computer needs replacing soon. The power switch is defective. The XP OS should be upgraded to Windows 7. More RAM and disk capacity is advisable. It is simply too slow. Perhaps a benefactor will read this?

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April 8, 2014 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, and guests, Clarence and Alice Weissenfels

Clarence and Alice Weissenfels brought in 5 original family photographs, which we scanned for our records. Wonderful discussion followed.

It was a social and work meeting – no business, no minutes, just right.

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April 1, 2014 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Charlene Pierce, Don Porter, Carol Zolkoske, Henry Strobel, and guest Kathy Hartmann Weddle, guest Cheryl Owen Gries.

The museum received a wooden sign and metal bracket from the closed St. Christopher chapel in Detroit, Oregon, which had been a "mission" of St. Boniface church. This along with two Missals from 1965, a box of religious education pamphlets from 1964, a hardbound book of organ accompaniment, etc.

Kathleen Hartmann Weddle came in to donate memorabilia of the former St. Boniface High School. There were also **twenty-one books** of well chosen newspaper clippings from the 1950's, a box of yearbooks and "Saints" letterman's patches. The newspaper clippings proved to be especially interesting. Most of these scrapbooks had been assembled by Kathy's mother, Ida Hartmann. Thanks,

Kathy.

Cheryl Owen Gries came to the museum, bringing us nine original photographs. Cheryl's mother, Doris, is a sister to our late Rita Young.

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March 25, 2004 by Henry Strobel for Charlene Pierce

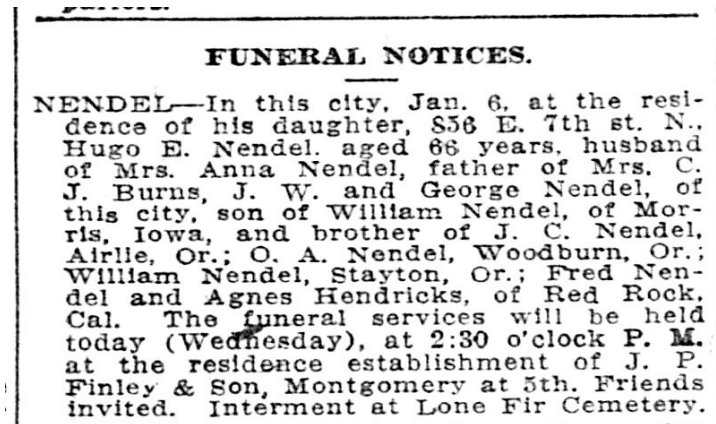
Attending: Vangie & Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, Dr. Raymond Heuberger, Randy and Jackie Blood, Wayne Stedronsky, Don Porter

Vangie discussed with Wayne historical places and events depicted on our "placemat."

Henry led a discussion of the techniques of panoramic photography. To see how this is done with an antique camera as in the 1918 Stayton Guard panoramic photo you might want to look here

<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/pan/shooting.html>

He also discussed the use of *Historic Oregon Newspapers* <http://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/> to find, for example, an obituary of Hugo E. Nendel, Portland, OR, father of William Nendel of Stayton, OR in the *Morning Oregonian*. (Portland, Or.) January 07, 1914.



Randy and Jackie Blood had just moved into town and stopped by to say hello. Welcome!

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March 18, 2014 by Henry Strobel for Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie & Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel

Good meeting. I presented a personal perspective statement that appears at <http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/archivesrecord2014a.pdf> This denotes our unique two pronged approach, the walk-in Archives & Museum staffed by our committee, and a vast web site www.sublimityhistory.net - a one man passion of yours truly.

Speaking of which, the web site is undergoing substantial streamlining and improvement. Better organization and easier navigation of this diverse content. For example, we can blow up the large maps and "walk" all over them. (They're on about the second page of the site.) If you can't find something, it's still there – perhaps "reorganized" to a different place. Nothing has been removed; I hope I haven't lost anything.

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March 11, 2014 by Henry Strobel for Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie & Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Ray Heuberger

We discussed three photos that Henry Strobel Jr had found on the web. They are now on our web site under MISCELLANEOUS. The best is "a black bear of Stayton." We tried to relate it to another black bear instance reported in the Stayton Mail/Statesman Journal from about 1977, but it appears to be of a quite different hunting party. The other two are of a postcard, the stagecoach arrives at Prang's store, Sublimity. " . . This is the stage I came up to my school on, and where I got off. . . "

I have added a handy map, as you see here <http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/bigmap.png> You can magnify it greatly and move every which way with your mouse, following DLCs, roads, rivers, settlers, property owners, etc all in great detail, and more conveniently than on the paper map.

Another feature was added to easier navigate this now huge web site, which looks like this.

Simply scroll down, clicking on what you like, or "jump" to these sections.
[Stayton](#) [Miscellaneous](#) [Military](#) [Hotel](#) [Settlers](#) [SSMO](#) [OCHS](#) [College](#) [Reference](#) [Cemeteries](#) [Family](#)

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March 4, 2014 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Ralph Fisher, Vangie & Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Dick and Mary Heater, Mary Carskadon, and Judie Imel.



Our Mill Creek Violets are back!

[Notice: The Oregon Museums Association (OMA) is offering two stipends: one for its [annual meeting](#), April 6-8; and one for the [Oregon Heritage Conference](#) set for April 23-25. Application deadline for the OMA meeting stipend is March 19; the deadline to apply for the Heritage Conference stipend is March 31. Email oregonmuseums@gmail.com with questions.]

[Editor: Ralph Fisher, Sublimity grass seed farmer and historian from up on the Waldo Hills Road and I were just talking about **Harriet Daraleen Philips Wade**, whom he knew quite well, and whose research he and many of us have used frequently. Having just now happened to see her obituary (next) yes, I'm looking up her sister :-)

Jan. 19, 1931 - April 6, 2012 KEIZER H. Daraleen Wade died Friday, April 6th, 2012 following a lengthy illness. She is survived by her children Barbara and Dwight Rowe of Amity, Patty and Paul Dela of Keizer, and David Wade of Estacada; her grandchildren Katie and Luke Werner, Jenny Rowe, Ryan and Frances Dela, Logan Dela, and Forrest Wade; and her sister **Irene Strobel**. **An ice cream social** will be held Saturday, April 14th, 2012 at Avamere Court at Keizer, Residential Living, 5210 River Rd. N., Building 1, Keizer, OR 97303 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

As promised, Ralph brought in a huge genealogical chart of his and related Downing, Porter, Fisher, etc. early Sublimity families. Also a large volume of Daraleen's for which he is completing a tribute.]

- Special to the Archives Record by Charlene Pierce -

Ralph Fisher brought us a giant plotter-printed genealogical chart listing descendants of Nebuzaradon and Elizabeth Easley Coffey. He died in 1876 and she in 1880; both are buried in Aumsville. Also a map of land plots of northern Sublimity, showing all the property owner's names ca.1840.

Ralph also brought a large album of the Downing family which had been put together by Daraleen Phillips Wade (grand-daughter of Everett Downing and Nettie Read). It also contains family history of the Porter and Read families.

The Downing family has a long history in Oregon, arriving by wagon train. John Downing, born in Pennsylvania in 1827, was 20 years old when he set out across the plains in 1847. After arriving in Oregon he took up a donation land claim just north of Sublimity, upon which he lived until his death on September 16, 1887. He was married to the young girl he met on the plains, Temperance E. Hunt, at her father's home in the Waldo hills of Marion County on April 12, 1849. She died leaving 6 children.

John Downing's sister, Harriet, also came to Oregon and married Thomas King. Together they had 7 children, some of whom married into the Humphreys and Philippi families.

After Mrs. Downing's death, on September 16, 1876, John Downing married Miss Jennie Carpenter, October 11, 1877. Another son was born: Everett D. C., on December 5, 1878.

Everett Downing is Ralph Fisher's great-grandfather. Everett married Nettie Read (who was related to the Porter families) and they had three children: Earl, Clarice and Alice. Clarice married Eric Fisher and they had three children. One of those children, Lawrence, is Ralph's father. Everett Downing ran the Stayton Chair Factory and in 1923, in a terrible accident, his left arm was torn from the shoulder and his right arm was badly broken, later to be amputated at the elbow. He died in October of 1940.

Judie Imel of Silverton also brought in an album to share with us. Judie's parents are Raymond Buhr and Elsie Phillips (they had been associated with the Knights of Columbus). The family is related to the Weissenfels. Judie was looking for more information on Rev. A. Reidhaar who had spent some time at Saint Boniface Church. The first Mass in Lebanon (about 1903) was offered by this missionary priest from China, who was at that time in Sublimity. (Lebanon was then was a mission of St. Boniface Church in Sublimity.)

Mary Carskadon of Sublimity came in with an obituary card for her husband, John (11-17-1935 to 1-14-2014). Mary and John have been great friends and supporters of the Archives & Museum.

Sue Sutton of Lyons, mailed us a current photo, Feb. 2014, of Lyle and Inez [Starr] Banning. She also sent a copy from an old *Statesman Journal* of the mill crew at the Crabtree Lumber Company on the Little North Fork of the Santiam River. The photo is undated, but the company was in operation from

1928 to 1931. Members of the mill crew included Glen Rogers, Jack Teeters, John Baxter, Vern Gaddell, Tim Kirsch, Paul Kirsch, Ira Kirsch, Duncan McLaine, Fred Berger, John Gries, Al Archer, Jack Peyree, Paul Ross, John Moe, and R. Hughes.

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February 25, 2014 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Francis Hendricks, Henry Strobel, Charlene Pierce, George Susbauer

Charlene and Henry discussed a new family history article for the web site sublimityhistory.net which already looks like this

 **The P.C. Freres Farm at Fern Ridge**, by Junetta Freres Pietrok and Charlene Pietrok Pierce Dec. 2005. Charlene is an active board member of the St. Boniface Community Archives & Museum. She is also connected to several other notable local families as Freres, Etzel, Forrette, Silbernagel, Gehlen, Parrish. The area of Fern Ridge, about 7.5 miles N.E. of Stayton had originally been settled by Jacob Siegmund. It even had its own registered Post Office within his house, later occupied by the Heater family.

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February 18, 2014 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie & Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Dick and Mary Heater, and guest, Sue Hafner Sutton from Lyons.

Henry read the minutes from the previous week and there was a discussion about the Parish Planning Questionnaire. Henry, Vangie, and Charlene plan to attend a council meeting Thursday, February 20.

Sue Sutton brought a Silbernagel family album for viewing and Charlene Pietrok Pierce brought a Freres family album.

Francis has been bringing bags of cracked filberts and walnuts from his farm, to the delight of bakers and snackers!

The *Oregon Heritage News* notice this morning was about the *The Oregon Century Farm & Century Ranch Program*. I enjoyed reading about it here <http://oregonfb.org/centuryfarm/>. Of course we have several century farms in our area.

The following article was written by our recorder, Charlene Pierce (with input from Vangie, Francis, and Carol). A nicely positioned summary that includes various archival activities that preceded the St. Boniface Archives. Thank you, Charlene!

[Editor: I have tried to distinguish “archives” as material from “Archives” as institution.]

Background to the St. Boniface Archives at St. Boniface Church, Sublimity, Oregon

The archives of Saint Boniface Church was being formed over the years, long before the St. Boniface Archives. Father Dernbach had an old “cooler” in the rectory basement where he kept some historical items. A few parishioners eagerly looked at the things he saved. The St. Boniface Archives came about after years of such small steps.

Back in 1951, Father Mark Schmid, O.S.B, wrote the book, “Sublimity – The Story of an Oregon Countryside,” published by the Library Bookstore, St. Benedict, Oregon. This was the first major historical publication about the parish and the community.

Father Neugebauer was appointed pastor on October 1, 1955, succeeding Father Scherbring. St. Boniface Church had its first Parish Directory published by Father Robert S. Neugebauer in 1969 and its historical information was collected for preservation by Leonard Hendricks, born Oct. 26, 1923. Leonard is the older brother of Francis Hendricks.

St. Boniface Catholic Church celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 1979 and to commemorate it, Ray Heuberger put together a picture book of parish families called, "Let Us Remember." Father Arthur Dernbach (1997 – 2001), along with Tom Basl organized and revised the gathering and methods of storage of what was to become the St. Boniface Archives.

In 2002, Father Pat Donoghue asked Vera Boedigheimer and Evangeline Ripp to gather historical information for the upcoming 125th Anniversary of St. Boniface Parish in 2004. Henry Strobel started the St. Boniface internet in 2002.

The first meeting that formed the present St. Boniface Archives was held in the rectory dining room February 27, 2006.

There was of course Vera Boedigheimer who dedicated her life to Sublimity History and refused to die until she saw her dream of an Archives fulfilled. After that, and to the present day, the meetings have been held in the former convent building, across the street from St. Boniface Church.

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February 11, 2014 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Charlene Pierce, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Mary and Dick Heater, Joe Spenner

Ted Shepard of Aumsville donated a couple of photographs. One is of the Whiteaker Post Office, circa 1956 which had been run by George Hunt (Marion's father). This was from the Bill Beith collection. See <http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/whiteaker.pdf> As a side note, the Hunt and Downing families were related. The second photograph was of the C.F. Hall (aka the Forester Hall) (1907 - 1964). The picture was taken in 1964.

Joe Spenner gave Vangie some items for the museum: An album of cassette tapes titled Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. There are 3 cassette tapes from that series and a few miscellaneous other tapes. Joe also donated a St. Boniface Church calendar from January 1940, which coincidentally, is the same year that Joe graduated from high school!

[Editor's note: An excellent meeting, thanks to all. The main discussion was on the *Archives Record* itself, and secondarily on the importance of good email communications. Here is how our procedures manual defines the contents of the *Archives Record*:

1. The **minutes** of the last business meeting, including old and new business, and/or
2. the current **news** containing overlooked or upcoming items or editor's notes. It may include additional items as suggested or submitted to the web editor by others.

But remember that the *Record* goes out to the world, so content deemed superfluous or inappropriate by the editor may be excluded.]

Which reminds me, recently our good friend Lana Schindler sent me this photograph:



Five Generations of Women

Pictured: Hazel (Carothers) Smith (center); her daughter Lana (Smith) Schindler (left); grand daughter, Carla (Schindler) Elms, (on Hazel's right); great- grand daughter Kaylin (Elms) Larson (far right) and great-great-granddaughter, Brooke Larson (front). Hazel and Kilian Smith lived in the Jesse Settlemeier house from 1952- 1972 in Woodburn, Oregon with their 7 children. Hazel currently resides in Woodburn. Kilian passed away in 1963, and Martha Susee, their third daughter, in 1978. Survivors include: Yvonne Thomas of Corvallis; Lana Schindler of Sublimity; Ruth DeSantis of Woodburn; Rita Hartwig of Portland; Nina Haugen of Woodburn and Glen Smith of Gervais.

Carla Elms of Bend, is the fourth youngest of 5 daughters of Richard and Lana Schindler. Kaylin Larson is Carla's oldest of three daughters and resides in LaPine Oregon along with her husband Brad and with their daughter Brooke. Kaylin is Hazel's second oldest grand child and Lana and Richard's first. They have 10 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild at present Hazel has 28 grandchildren including Brooke as her first great-great-grand child. Hazel still resides in Woodburn and loves to have her family visit often. Carla was raised in Sublimity along with her four other sisters Teresa Broadus-Albany, Veronica Munro, Mt. Vernon Washington, Rebecca Schindler Sublimity, and Clara Propsom Racine Wisconsin. Brooke will be a year old this February.

Clara and Andy Propsom had their second child born Elsa Marion December 19th 2013. The whole family celebrated Christmas 2013 at the Sublimity residence this past Christmas.

There is a better photo in the physical Archives. Normally, submissions will be limited in size to keep the download time small. Or they may be moved elsewhere on the web site. Thank you, Lana.

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February 4, 2014 by Henry Strobel

Attending: Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Henry Strobel, Dick and Mary Heater, Don Porter

There was a reading of the minutes, a reading and discussion of the web article *Two Visitors and Some Steinkamps*, and a brief review of old business, referring here to projects/donations previously announced in the *Archives Record* but dropped.

I have just added **three audio recordings** to our web site under MISCELLANEOUS:

Virginia Green explores Sublimity in the studio with Sam Brentano, Carrie Adams Corcoran, Carol Zolkoske, and Henry Strobel, KMUZ FM, 2013 , (one hour)

<http://kmuz.org/marion-county-20-572013/>

100th Anniversary of St Boniface Church, Sublimity, Oregon, Archbishop Cornelius M. Power's address, 1979 <http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/mp3100thBishopPower.mp3>

Tim Bielenberg of the Annual Dinner and Carol Zolkoske and Henry Strobel of the St. Boniface Archives interviewed on the air by "Radio Ray" Pietz of KGAL Albany, Oregon, 2006
<http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/mp3KGALOct%202006.mp3>

Editor's Announcement of policy change for the *St. Boniface Archives Record*, effective now.

Dear friends and members:

When I browse the back issues of the *Record* I am pleased and even amazed by our story, and by the valuable historical documentation that it conveys.

I recommend that you read again the first year of the *Record* as a good example:

<http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/archivesrecord2006.pdf>

Progress was fast and inspired in those early, energetic, days.

Today maybe not so much. Can we do better? Your editor will endeavor to deliver a shorter, simpler, report of the *attendance, minutes, accessions, and news* (and with less of his under-appreciated advice.) I think it should remain a weekly for now. Thanks to recorder Charlene Pierce!

The *Archives Record* is outstanding among small organizations like ours, having run weekly for some eight years while keeping its quality. The time will come soon enough for this editor to take his pause. But there will be no pause for our web site, www.sublimityhistory.net as an ongoing internationally accessible repository of our local history, my gift to the community, supplementary to the physical Archives & Museum in Sublimity, Oregon.

Understand that the web presentation is different, a far ranging but select magazine for reading, looking, and learning. Its object is the history of the community, rather than the families. It will never include the vast content of photos and documents in the physical archives. Looking through these is a humbling experience, especially for one who did not grow up with them. We may never have the volunteers or knowledge to catalog them completely, but isn't it good that we keep what we have?

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January 28, 2014 by Henry Strobel

Attending: Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Carol Zolkoske, Henry Strobel

Our recorder, Charlene Pierce, will be away for this and the next two weeks.

[Editor's note: Yesterday Susan and I had a delightful visit from two artist Sisters. I felt I had to write this up and promptly did so the next morning (today). To praise their artistry, yes, but more, their lifelong charity in teaching and caring. And then I remembered – this may be history, but I'm of the same era. I tend to forget that. Well, you may enjoy this disorderly article as much as I. There's also a nod to the Steinkamp family of Sublimity with a part of Catherine Steinkamp Busch's document. Have I got you guessing? <http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/steinkamp.pdf>]

[Editor's note: Plan ahead. Registration is open for the **2014 Pacific Northwest History Conference**. The event will take place April 3 – 5 at the Red Lion Hotel Vancouver, at the Quay in Vancouver, Washington. The deadline for student scholarship applications is February 21; and the conference and workshop registration deadline is March 30.

Conference highlights include special tours of Fort Vancouver National Historic Site and Confluence Project Vancouver Land Bridge and a welcome reception at the Clark County Historical Museum April 3. For registration, hotel and program information, visit <http://www.washingtonhistory.org/> For questions

contact Shanna Stevenson via [email](#) or by calling (360) 586-0171.]

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January 21, 2014 by Henry Strobel

Attending: Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Carol Zolkoske, Henry Strobel

(This meeting did not merit a report.)

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January 14, 2014 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Richard Van Cauteren, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Charlene Pierce, Henry Strobel, Ray Heuberger, Carol Zolkoske and guest, Hedy Andersch, with her young grandson, Luke Schmidkofer.

Henry read last week's minutes and discussed some of the recent emails he has received in appreciation of our web site. He says:

[editor: Perhaps I may be excused for quoting from some of those emails, which illustrate the reach and popularity of this site. Here are a couple of examples

From Kylie Pine, Collections Manager, Willamette Heritage Center, Salem, Oregon

Hi Henry,

I've really been enjoying getting the bulletins you put out about the work you all are doing at the archives. The Willamette Heritage Center publishes a local history journal twice a year. We just put out another call for papers. I've attached the call to this email. I wanted to let you know about it and see if you or any of your board members might have any interest in submitting an article if not for this upcoming issue, maybe for a future issue. . . Anyway, thanks for all that you are doing for heritage preservation out in Sublimity!

From Msgr Greg Moys, President, Oregon Catholic Historical Society, St. Paul Oregon, 175th Anniv.

Dear Henry,

You and your group have done an amazing job of gathering and publishing local Catholic history. I read your articles in my free time between 1 and 2 in the morning. . . Keep up the good work.]

Francis Hendricks brought in an article from the American Agri-Women's [AAW] organization regarding the annual convention that took place in Niagara Falls, NY. Each year AAW gives a "Leaven" Award to women nominated by their affiliate and chosen by the award committee. The award winner for 2013 was Fran Hendricks! The article has a picture of the past AAW President presenting the award to Fran, along with husband, Francis and Marion/Clackamas President, Kim Zuber. Congratulations, Fran!

Our old friend Elizabeth Beitel DeAngelis sent Henry two fine photos of graduating classes of St. Boniface High School from 1940. The great thing is that, by consulting with family (her Aunt Betty, Uncle Tony, Uncle Florence, and Aunt Virginia, she was able to put names on most of the students. A few had to be left blank or marked questionable, and Henry has published them as is, pending refinements by the Rippes and Hendrickses, mostly already added.

See <http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/st-boniface-high.pdf>

Hedy Andersch and her young grandson, Luke Schmidkofer visited the Archives, searching for more information about her family name, Rauch, in connection with the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon. Her mother was Barbara Rauch, born in Vienna, Austria. Hedy had a copy of the book, *These Valiant*

Women, but was having trouble with her research. She was also curious about the Servite sisters from Austria, who originally administered the Marian Home. Glad Vangie and Carol were able to help solve some of the mystery!

Dr. Ray Heuberger brought in a box of carved wooden figures he had ordered from a community of Sisters in Rwanda, Africa, called the Poor Clares of the Kamonyi monastery. Their only means of support has been through these hardwood carvings (which are artistic in the extreme). The nuns continue to fight to heal the community from the dramatic war and genocide of 1994.

Henry Strobel and Charlene Pierce attended the annual meeting of the Santiam Historical Society in Stayton this evening.

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January 7, 2014 by Charlene Pierce

Attending: Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Charlene Pierce, Francis Hendricks, Carol Zolkoske, Henry Strobel, and guest, Steve Ingham of Salem, Ray Heuberger

Francis Hendricks brought in a packet of photos and many copies of photos of primarily the Bender, Pietrok, and Kufner families. A particularly fine example is now posted under THE JORDAN COMMUNITY heading on our web site as **The John Bender Family of Jordan, A fine photograph!** *Left to right: Sylvester, John, Aloysius, Josephine, Theresa, and August.*

<http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/benders-jordan.jpg>

Fred Ripp will check with Velma Lulay Russell, et al. to identify those in a **"Photo of Confirmation class of 1937 in front of St. Boniface church.** (The Archbishop (back) is Edward D. Howard and the priest (right) is Joseph Scherbring.) <http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/confirm-1937.jpg>

Fred and Vangie Ripp attended the 175th Anniversary of the first Catholic Mass in Oregon at St. Paul Catholic Church in St. Paul, Oregon. They were among hundreds in attendance for the event and brought back a commemorative plate that was signed by Portland Archbishop Alexander K. Sample, "God Bless the St. Boniface Church." The Rippes also brought back commemorative booklets of the event. The fine set of mass vestments worn had been borrowed from the St. Boniface Archives & Museum. They had been made for the St. Boniface Centennial celebration in 1979. The event was also covered in the Salem *Statesman Journal* of January 6, 2014.

Steve Ingham came to the Archives searching for baptismal records of Maria Renzing or Rensing, born in December of 1888. The record was found.

Henry discussed some of the more interesting recent emails received at the web site. There was also general discussion about the closing of the Santiam Historical Society Museum in Stayton, Oregon.

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[Editor: New Year's Day, Jan 1, 2014. With the holidays interruption, let us greet each other **Happy New Year !** And pause to read this new story on our web site. It's not what you might think! It's **A New Year's Memory** by Mary Owen from *Our Town Monthly*, January 2014. This is history to touch your heart. Click on and zoom in to magnify this pdf.

<http://www.henrystrobel.com/saintboniface/new-year-memory.pdf>]