

# St. Boniface Archives Record, 2018

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## December 4, 2018

Attendees: Charlene Pierce, Vangie Ripp, Brian Schachtsick, Jonathan Penrice, Carol Zolkowski, and guests, Carol Roller, and Mary and Don Heuberger.

Carol Roller came to do a little research on the Steinkamp family for a man from Germany, who had been in contact with her. Mary donated two scrapbook albums of the Stayton Garden Club, dating from 1970's to 1995. On a funny note, she mentioned that the Garden Club used to be called "Weeds" for a while!

Carol Zolkowski informed us that 61 people have been found, who were born in the Brown House in Stayton. She brought a list and is always interested to get more information.

Charlene brought some "antique" Christmas wrap from the 1950's and 60's that had been saved by Junetta Freres Pietrok. Charlene also donated a 17" x 23" poster of the Oregon Trail map.

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## November 6, 2018

Attendees: Charlene Pierce, Vangie Ripp, Jonathan Penrice, Brian Schachtsick, Gary and Cheryl Gries, and Mike Burns.

Vangie had put all the photographs from walls, into notebook albums. The room is slowly becoming reorganized.

George Gerspacher had donated a large photo (11" x 17") of the 1946-47 Sublimity basketball team, with names of those pictured. Also donated by George were 3 photos of Joseph Gerspacher and 2 newspaper clippings. One newspaper, "St. Joseph's Blatt" is partially in German, dated June 1972 from St. Benedict, Oregon. The other paper is from the Statesman Journal from December 7, 1982 and was an article on Sister Betty Bender.

Mike Burns brought some photos and a scrapbook that his grandmother had put together in the 1930's. Also donated was a stack of blank post cards.

Charlene brought an envelope full of photographs taken around Sublimity by Junetta [Freres] Pietrok. Also donated was a paperback book, "The Twenties – Fords, Flappers & Fanatics" by George E. Mowry, dated January 1965.

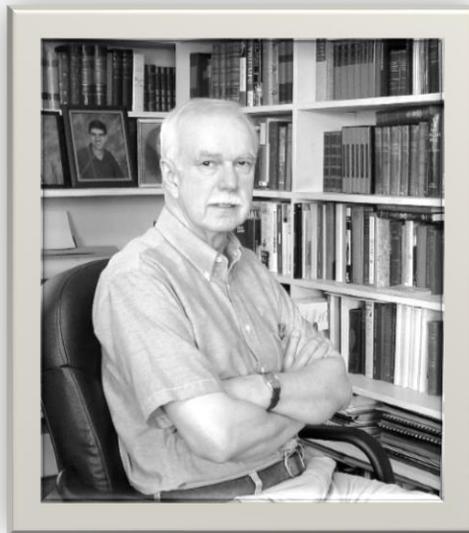
A donation was made by Margaret Hendricks of a black & white (7" x14" ) photo of the National Women's Catholic Order of Foresters, dated August 10-13, 1954. In addition, there is a booklet of the 18th Quadrennial session of the Nat'l Catholic Soc. Of Foresters, August 13-16 in St. Paul, MN. Margaret also left a flip book of 1950-51 yearbook of St. Agnes Court no. 773 Women's Catholic Order of Foresters, Sublimity, OR which had belonged to, I believe, Grace Ditter.

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**(September 4, 2018)**

Attendees: Charlene Pierce, Vangie and Fred Ripp, and Brian Schachtsick

*Due to ongoing construction at the convent building, which instigated having our meeting place taken over with objects from other rooms, we had to meet in the basement of the Rectory.*



We were saddened to hear of the loss of Henry A. Strobel Sr., who passed away at age 82 on August 28, 2018 in Salem. We all extend our condolences to the family and acknowledge the tremendous contributions he made to the archives and museum, not the least being the author of the Sublimity History and Church website. His son, George W. Strobel, continues to maintain the Saint Boniface Church and Archives websites and editing/publishing these minutes to the annual record.)

There was also discussion regarding Miss [Zorn] Zimmerman and her Champoeg connection. And of course, we were brought up to date on Jonathan Penrice's video interview project.

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**October, 2018**

Attendees: Charlene Pierce, Vangie Ripp, Brian Schachtsick

Still not able to use the archive room, we met again in the basement of the rectory, for coffee and cookies.

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**February 6, 2018:**

*Attendees: Charlene Pierce, Jonathan Penrice, Brian Schachtsick, Fred and Vangie Ripp, Gary Gries and his wife, Cheryl [Owen] Gries, and Carol Zolkoske*

Vangie brought in some small metal bells that came from the bell tower. They are connected together and we wondered if they might have been used in the church.

Vangie also brought in a book from Madeline Rose Lear. Madeline had done a thesis, through Harvard, called, "Bodies, Blood, and Her Beloved" Obedience and Devotion in the Spirituality of an American Catholic Sister" "1869 – 1973." This took a look at the life of Sister Johanna Silbernagel. According to Carol Zolkoske, she had TB as a child and would often sleep in a tree because of her illness. It's an interesting note that many people came to Oregon in those early years to escape TB.

We suddenly became aware of the necessity of keeping up with technology because our 2008 interviews that are stored on CD's and DVD's will not play on our computer. I guess we are going to need a dedicated player, but we really need to start considering an upgrade to some of our stored data. We still have some things on VHS and those will need to be transferred to a newer form of data storage.

There was a discussion about "old" Tony Zurfluh. Apparently, there was a mystery about his disappearance. I may not have the story straight, but after his wife's death, he went into depression, leaving home one day in his car, never to be seen or heard from again. And his car was never found. We speculated that this might have been in the 1970's? Maybe someone can fill in information about this mystery?

It might have been Carol who mentioned that Kathlene [Etsel] Manning was born in the Brown House in Stayton. There exists a list of people born in this house, but it's probably not complete. If anyone knows of people who were born in this historic house, please contact either Carol Zolkoske ( Carolz@wvi.com ) or Charlene (at 503-508-0312 or Nwodysey@gmail.com).

Jonathon Penrice and Gary Gries (from Medford) are together, planning to interview and video record the thoughts and lives of some of the older families in the area. This is a project that

Henry Strobel had started back in the 2007 – 2008 era. We'd like to continue this project, so we've gathered some possible candidates to be interviewed for their personal and historical knowledge.

If anyone has knowledge of the “orphan trains” called such for bringing orphaned babies on a train from N.Y. or other places east and sent them out west. There was a baby with the family name of “Starr” on one of these trains who was taken in by the Welter family in the 1880's. Again, this is a story that we would like to know more about. Please contact us and come to our now once-a-month meetings on the first Tuesday, or call, text or email Charlene Pierce (503-508-0312) to make an appointment at your convenience.

On February 13, Charlene kept an appointment to meet with Father Augustine DeNobles O.S.B. at the Abbey in Mount Angel. He had written a book called, “Early Mount Angel.” It was a collection of news items from a German newspaper called, “St. Joseph's Blatt.” It was translated into English and then compiled into this book, published in 2016. We now have a this book in the St. Boniface Archives.

On February 15, we opened the archives for a special meeting with Paul Aniotzbehere and his wife, Pat, who made a long drive down from Port Townsend, Washington.

Paul's great uncle, Paul Parker, was one of two sons from the marriage of John Parker and Amanda Hobson. This is the same family name, for which the town of Sublimity was once called, Hobson's Corner ! Paul Parker and his brother Garth passed away years ago but left behind many documents relating to California and Oregon history. He brought down several bibles from the early 1800's belonging to the Hobson family. Birth, death, marriage dates are recorded in one of them. He also had a photo album of the Hobson family. It's an interesting note that the Aniotzbehere family changed its name in 1933 to “Ansberry,” but Paul has since changed his family name back to “Aniotzbehere.” The culture and history of this name goes back to the Basque people of France and Spain. An indigenous people inhabiting adjacent areas of Spain and France. Their history is therefore interconnected with Spanish and French history and also with the history of many other past and present countries, particularly in Europe and the Americas.

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### **January 2, 2018:**

*Attendees: Charlene Pierce, Jonathan Penrice, Brian Schachtsick, Fred and Vangie Ripp, Scott Ness, Judie Imel, and Allen Dozler*

We had a discussion about Father Augustine DeNoble, O.S.B., who had written a book, “Early Mt. Angel – It's People and Events” published in 2016. It had been translated from an old German newspaper. The compilation was intended to present some of the history of Mount Angel Abbey, but also includes other facts of the lives of the people of the area and many short obituaries. We discussed obtaining a copy of this book for the Archives.

