

REFLECTIONS

Summer
2014



Newsletter of ECHO, an East County Historical Organization

ECHO

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Important Dates

**1874 Zimmerman
Heritage Farm
17111 NE Sandy Blvd
Gresham, Oregon**

House Tour
Every Saturday
July & August
12:00 am to 3:00 pm

Volunteer in the Garden
2nd Saturday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Volunteer in the House
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Call for Days

**1890 Heslin House
60 Main Street
Fairview, Oregon**

House Tour
Every Saturday
July & August
12:00 am to 3:00 pm

Volunteer in the Garden
1st Saturday
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Volunteer in the House
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Call for Days

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Tom Dooley 2013-2014 Volunteer of the Year



Tom Dooley, May 2014

Tom Dooley grew up in Fairview, is a long-term member of our society, Heslin House docent, and serves on our board of directors.

In 2008, Tom was a key volunteer in the creation of the Heslin House's "History of Fairview" exhibit by building beautiful display boxes. With Tom's help, the Heslin House was able to open to the public for the first time after 15 years of hard work by many society volunteers.

Today, Tom is one of our most reliable Heslin House docents and he continues to amaze us with his woodworking craftsmanship talents. We have many treasures in our collection, but Tom is one of our most valuable.

We are so lucky to have Tom as part of our organization and we appreciate and thank him for all he does for us!



We are the Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes Historical Society

Now doing business as:

ECHO

an East County Historical Organization

This year has been one of change and growth for our Society!

The board of directors initiated a strategic visioning process with the help of Barb Brunkow, our non-profit consultant. The outcomes of this process include creating a stronger brand and organizational identity that is easily understood and recognizable, and decreases confusion about our mission. A major result of this process is the establishment of a new name, ***ECHO—an East County Historical Organization***. This name better reflects our mission, purpose and location, and we're excited to re-acquaint our friends, members, contributors and volunteers with our new name and the important work we are accomplishing to preserve local history in East Multnomah County.

We've also updated our membership and giving levels, and instituted a Life Member and other new member categories.

Another major change is the restatement of our constitution and creation of by-laws. These documents, approved at the annual members meeting this past May 21st, were updated to better reflect the current operations of the Society, and help us prepare for our future. A key change made was to increase the number of board members to 11, and to set term limits for officers. These necessary changes are just the first of many steps that the board plan is working on to both resolve short-term issues as well as establish long-term sustainability for our organization. Most importantly, these changes will support, position and strengthen our efforts to plan and build our two-story bunkhouse, to be located on the Zimmerman House grounds.

All of these changes, in addition to efforts to increase awareness of our two museums and offer new opportunities for volunteers to serve, are just some of our plans to sustain the Society's future. We're excited with our growing capacity to preserve local history, and we hope you will continue to be involved in and support our work!

ECHO Board of Directors

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Volunteer Coordinator

Open

Zimmerman Garden Lead

Peggy Olin

Cleone Lifetime Member

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Charles and Paula Rees
Norman & Louella Webb
Larry & Alice Leeper

In Memory of

Doris Robbins Haynes
August 21, 1919-June 17, 2014

Doris died on August 21, 2014 at the age of 94. She was born in Graybull, Wyoming to Neil and Clara Scott. Doris' first husband Bob Robbins died in 1972 and she remarried Gerald Haynes, a longtime Rockwood resident and family friend, in 1975. Both Doris and Gerald were members of our society. Doris played the piano at our many Christmas society parties and Gerald would tell us stories of early Rockwood. She is survived by her four children, Scott (Lee) Robbins, Kathy (Doc) Edwards, Nancy Carpenter and Lori Shown, 3 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren - Stefanie, Mike, Shannon, Matt and Zach Robbins.

Alice Marian (Stone) Cornwell
May 14, 1920-July 6, 2014

Alice died on July 6, 2014 in Portland, Oregon at the age of 94. She was born on April 14, 1920 in Fairview, Oregon to Elbert and Eva (Townsend) Stone. Her grandparents, Albert & Minnie Stone, were early pioneers of Fairview. After Alice's first husband, Irval (Red) E. Savage, Jr., died in 1966; She remarried Mabon A. Cornwell in 1968. Alice was a member of our society and first cousin of past society board member and longtime Fairview resident Nancy (Stone) Hoover. Her son Gary R. Savage survives her.

Our condolences go out to Doris and Alice's family and friends.

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Thank you!

Mabel Zimmerman's Travel Journal
1909-1910 Trip to the East Coast of the United States
From Niagara Falls to Boston, MA



Wednesday Oct 20.

Left Niagara about 8:30 this morning and arrived in Albany 4:30. After we had gone to a hotel, went out for a walk but did not get to see much as it was cloudy & soon got dark. O, I almost forgot about an amusing crowd of people who got on the train at Utica & came to Albany. The most conspicuous person in this crowd was an extremely fat woman; Isobel whispered to, Mabel, she's bigger around than a barrel and it really was the truth. And the way she was dressed! It was a cold cloudy day and she wore a white lawn dress, with elbow sleeves, very elaborately trimmed and a long black fur coat & had fairly loaded with plumes & other feathers. Everyone in the car watched her movements. The men immediately began to play cards and soon produced a generous supply of bottles from which they refreshed themselves quite frequently. There was one well dressed, nice-looking young man among them, who resembled Bill Stone very much but he was not better than the other as he went around the car with a bottle sticking out one pocket. They certainly were a great bunch.

Thursday. Oct 21. Albany N.Y.

This morning we went thro the New York State Capital, an immense, handsome building of granite, erected at a cost of \$25,000,000., and magnificently adorned in the interior with sculpturing. It rained hard all afternoon so had to stay at the hotel & decided to go on to Boston next morning. It rained hard all afternoon so had to stay at the hotel & decided to go on to Boston next morning.

Friday Oct 22

Left Albany at 10 a.m. and got to Boston at 3 P.M. had beautiful scenery coming thro' the Berkshire Hills. The autumn foliage is so pretty. Had a hard shower soon after we arrived but cleared for the rest of the day. The first thing one notices about Boston is the irregularity of its streets and the narrow sidewalks and streets that is in the business part of the city, out farther the streets are wider.

Saturday. Oct 23. Boston

Today was a lovely, sunshiny day, much appreciated after the rain. Changed our hotel & got our trunks. It's fun to get them after living in a suitcase for a week or two. Didn't do anything especially as we were all rather tired.

Sunday Oct 24. Boston.

It has been a regular Oregon mist all day today, so dark and gloomy. Went to Church this morning, & evening.

Monday Oct 25.

This morning after breakfast we started out sightseeing. First we walked over several block to Beacon St, said to be the aristocratic street of Boston, down this street to the Commons where we saw the Shaw Memorial (the first colored reg. to enlist for civil war. Served 8 most without pay) erected to Gen. Shaw & his colored regiment. Then went up to the State house and thro it. The original part was built by Charles Bulfinch and is left standing in his honor. Next to the new County Court House, a fine, large building and then to King's Chapel. The first King's Chapel in the colonies was built in 1689, The present building begin built in 1753. Here the colonial governors worshipped, also many famous men as Oliver Wendell Holmes, and the descendants of many of them still occupy the same pews. It is a very quaint interesting church. There is an old burying ground next it where Gov. Winthrop & Mary Chilton & many other early colonists are buried. The city Hall is close by and has a fine monument of Franklin in front of it. Then went by the Custom house to Faneuil Hall, called the "cradle of Liberty." This is a fine painting here of Daniel Webster answering Hayne's speech in the Senate. The picture is 30 by 16 ft & (took 3 yrs to finish it; 130 faces in it) cost \$40,000 & was painted by Healy. We also went past the Old State house but did not go inside.

Tuesday. Oct. 26.

Today we had a guide to show us the historical places of Boston, and O' how tired we all are! Walked from 10 this morning till four in this afternoon. But we saw so many interesting things, first, the Granary burying ground and the graves of Samuel Adams, (James Otis, Peter Faneuil), Paul Revere, the parents of Franklin, and of John Phillips, the first major of Boston. The victims of the Boston Massacre are also buried here. Then past Tremont Temple, the largest Baptist church in the world, then the building that was called Cromwell's Head Inn in Revolutionary times and where Washington & many other famous people dined or boarded. The old sign still hangs over the door and the building is still used as a restaurant. Adjoining still stands the old Corner Book, where poets gathered in social rooms. Next we went to the Olds South meeting house, built 1729, and used by the British during the war as a stable but afterward restored to its sacred use, now contains relics. Then to the Old State House built in 1713, in the Council Chamber, where the King's governors 7 councils used to hold meetings, are many interesting relics; the table on which the treaty of peace was signed in 1788, also the Repeal of the Stamp Act. By this table John Hancock was inaugurated governor 1781, we later saw the clothes he wore at That event. The old printing press belonging to Benj Franklin. Also John Hancock's old secretary, his dining room table and a chair of his wife's. In an adjoining room were many old things from The Hancock house. In this Council Chamber James Otis made his speech against the Writs of Assistance and from a balcony on the front, The Declaration of Independence for the northern colonies was read, July 18, 1776. In a little phial is kept some tea, shaken from Thos. Melville's shoes after the Tea party. There were so many interesting old things that I haven't time to write about after going thro' the Old State, we went to Faneuil again and went upstairs to a large room used by the Honorable & Ancient Regiment, the second oldest company in the world. There continuing on our way we walked thro' Quincy market - 536 ft long by 32, 131 men do business here, and 1900 employees. Our journey saw

the site of house in which Benj. Franklin was; then the old house in which Paul Revere lived at the time of his ride. Thro' "Little Italy" to the Old North Church, the oldest church in Boston, finished in 1723, and from the steeple the lanterns were hung as a signal for Paul Revere to start on his ride. While going thro' this district from one point, the guide showed us 8 public schools; the site of Robert Newman's house, the sexton, who hung the lanterns, pas Copps Hill Burying ground 1729, a British battery stationed here. Then were shown the site of where the song "America" was written by Dr. Samuel Smith 1832. Next on the program we took a car and went to Charleston to the Navy yard where we went aboard the famous old ship, constitution, build in Boston and fought in The War of 1812 to such good purpose and never suffered a defeat. There is a large dry dock here 750 ft long, by 90 ft. Were shown all over the battleship "Missouri" by one of the sailors, very interesting. Also saw 5 submarines, funny little black ships, which go under The water to a depth 25 or 30 feet. After finishing the Navy yard we managed to drag our weary feet up to the Bunker Hill monument, situated on Breeds Hill, where the battle was fought June 17, 1775. It is the only monument in the world commemorating a defeat, it is 221 ft high & 30 fee square at the base & has 294 stairs. The corner stone laid by Lafayette in 1825, finished in 1843 when Daniel Webster spoke the oration. After this strenuous day's sightseeing, we came back to Boston, riding in elevated, subway & surface cars, and made for a restaurant as fast as we could as we were nearly famished, at any rate I speak for myself.

Wednesday Oct 27.

Today we were too tired to do much, in The afternoon we walked out in the Back Bay region & saw the new, large Christian Scientist Church, formerly presided over by Mrs.Eddy. It seats 5012 and is very handsomely finished. This evening we went to the meeting and the church was almost packed.

Thursday. Oct 28.

Today we took the car to Cambridge; which is across the Charles river. Walked thro' the grounds of Harvard and then to The college museum to see The famous glass flowers made by Leopold & Rudolf Blasaka of Dresden, the art of modelling in colored glass is known only to the latter, The father being dead now. The collection is presented to Harvard with new additions by Mrs & Miss Ware. The flowers are indeed wonderful, so perfect and natural. It is simply inconceivable how they are made. This evening a friend, Lauelle McAllen from Boston Tech called – pleasant visit. Cambridge is a very old-fashioned place, with big houses & yards, a thing one doesn't see in Boston.

Friday, Oct 29.

This morning we spent down in the stores, in the afternoon Catherine Woodward from A.P.S. called and we had a lovely time.

Saturday. Oct 30 Boston

Today was a beautiful day. We went to Cambridge again and went through The Peabody Museum of Archaeology & the Semitic museum, both very interesting and looked at the glass flowers again. Then we walked past Longfellow's home, where his daughter still lives. O yes! We saw the old elm under which Washington took command of the American troops, March 5, 1775. This evening we heard the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and it was fine.

Sunday. Oct 31. Boston

Usual Sunday program, church three times.

Monday. Nov. 1.

This morning walked down town, went to the P.O and got some mail – a red letter don't you know. In the afternoon we had a pleasant call from Miss Verbeck. This eve we went to a Halloween social at the M.E. Church and had a jolly time.

Tuesday Nov. 2. Boston

We haven't been so busy this week, are taking things more quietly & get rested after our strenuous week. Went down to visit Kathrine Woodward this afternoon but she was sick in bed and could not see us. Were disappointed as it was out last chance to see her before leaving Boston.

Wednesday Nov 3. Boston

Today it has just poured, we were foolish enough to go down town this morning and of course got wet. Have decided that it rains in the East as well as in Oregon.

Thursday. Oct 4. Boston

This was our last day in Boston and we had to pack our trunks for next morning. Took a walk out toward the Back Bay ferns and passed The New Opera House, just completed at a cost of \$1,500,000. And the New Art Museum, which is not yet open to the public. We are greatly disappointed as this hew building is said to contain one of the finest art collections in the world. Went thro' the Harvard Medical College campus. They have fine buildings built in the shape of a square with a small campus in the center. This evening we attended a piano recital.

Friday Oct 5. We left Boston this morning by boat for Portland Maine.

Mabel's Diary Next Reflections
Back to Boston then on to New Orleans

A Focus on Artifacts

We were assigning an identifying number to advertising artifacts at the Zimmerman House a few weeks ago. We ran across a Budget Book published by bank, yet Isobel Zimmerman had used it as a log to track house maintenance, repairs and purchases. This log starts in 1935 and ends in 1944 – and it answers some key questions!

We've seen two dates on when the garage was built – in the 1920s or in the 1940s. We know the bunkhouse was demolished and the garage built in its place. This log confirms the garage was built in the 1940s because it has entries for the bunkhouse in 1937.

Sample entries:

1935 Oct. bran ½ sack .45

1935 Oct. wheat 100 lbs 1.65

1936 May sitting room, carpet laid by Lypman (sic) Wolfe Co. – carpet, pad, laying \$75.00

1936 May milking barn floor lumber \$180.79

1937 Oct. Bunk House roof - Andy shingled - \$10.00 to Andy

Wish List!

We are an all-volunteer organization and desperately need your help.

- Host/hostess for tour day, the third Saturday of the month – no knowledge/experience required!
- Yard work
- Minor building maintenance
- Member/volunteer recruitment
- Sort and organize the artifacts

We have many other opportunities - please contact Twila Mysinger at twmysinger@frwhs.org or 503-695-2597 if you could lend a hand. Two hours a month is all we need!



Zimmerman Heritage Farm Wins Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs Award



Twila Mysinger (2nd from left) accepts the award. Also pictured L-R - OSFGC Portland District Co-Directors Lauri Baker, Nancy Ebsen & President Peggy Olin

Sally Thompson, Chair of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., presented the 2014 Milton (Claire) Belsher Historic Preservation Award to the 1874 Zimmerman Heritage Farm at OSFGC's annual meeting on June 24, 2014.

This award was created in 1977 in response to the National Garden Club's goal of recognizing projects that celebrate a District's heritage, and to continue the spirit of patriotism highlighted during the US Bicentennial Celebration. In 1977, a traveling trophy was donated by Mrs. Milton (Claire) Belsher, Historic Preservation Chairman, to be awarded by the District.

Co-Directors of the Federation's Portland District submitted the Book of Evidence documenting the Zimmerman Heritage Farm's nomination. The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs has 91 member garden clubs and a total of 2,936 members.

For more information about OSFGC, contact OSFGC State President Peggy Olin, 503-666-4083



Condition of the Zimmerman grounds and house when the society took possession in 1995



Condition of the Zimmerman grounds and house today.

Happy 140th 1874 Zimmerman House

*Zimmerman and Heslin House Museums
Open Every Saturday July & August
Noon to 3:00*



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