



Newsletter of the

November 2011

Troutdale Historical Society

BYGONE TIMES

Mark Your Calendars!

November 19

Third Saturday and all three museums are open from 10-2. Free admission to all Multnomah County residents as thank you for passing last year's Oregon Historical Society Tax Levy which benefited the four East County Historical Societies.

November 20

November Program Meeting with Tom Cowling at the CCB Building on 2nd & Buxton in Troutdale at 2.p.m. No Charge, all are invited.

December 3

Christmas Open House at Harlow House 11-4. Come have wassail, cookies and a picture with Santa. The house will be decorated and raffle drawing for quilt will take place.

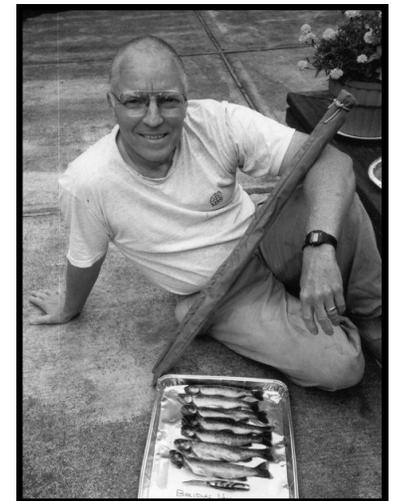
Tom Cowling Continues “Ghost Logging Towns of Bridal Veil Creek” at November 20 Program Meeting

Tom Cowling grew up in Bridal Veil and will talk at the November Program Meeting with the focus on the community of Palmer. Palmer and New Palmer were farther up than Bridal Veil and handled the logs that fed the Bridal Veil mill.

He fished Bridal Veil Creek, enjoyed gorge winters, swam in the Columbia River, rode the school bus to Corbett on the Historic Columbia River Highway and worked in the mill some summers. His family left town in 1960 when the mill was sold at auction.

Bridal Veil now consists of a post office and a cemetery, but Tom recalls when it was a thriving town. (The old church, built in 1940, was demolished on October 27).

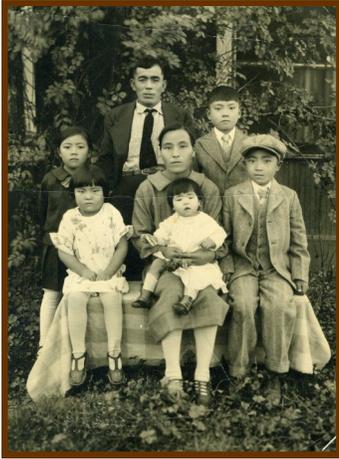
Only a few rusty artifacts can be found at the Palmer town sites now but they were once bustling communities with schools and post offices.



Tom Cowling

Picture of Palmer, showing mill and town, that was taken sometime before the fire of 1902. The town of Palmer will be the subject of Tom Cowling's November Program presentation.

Hata History Touches Troutdale in 1922



We have received a copy of the Hata family history from family historian, Ken Honda, of Fruita, Colo. He thought to share his history with us (which goes into our library) because his grandmother was born in Troutdale.

Writes Honda: "Her family was forced to move to Oregon from Washington because of the alien land laws. I have attached the History of the Hata family. It is not a scholarly document. It was meant to inform family and descendants of the Hata family...It has been a great deal of fun working on this project. I not only have discovered and found my ancestors, but I have also discovered living Hata family I had never before known. This is what made this project rich for me that I was able to share it with them."

Honda's family in the U.S. began with Zentaro Hata who came in 1906 at age 26. He and his brother, Jirokichi, settled on the Yakima (Wash.) plain in 1907, helping to clear sagebrush with horse and plow and planting potatoes. Zentaro married a picture bride, Etsu Omizo, in 1917. She traveled to Seattle in 1918 and the pair and two sons lived in Yakima. In 1921, however, Washington state anti-alien land laws uprooted the Hatas and they came to Troutdale where the laws against Issei farmers were less strict. They lived here only about a year, where their daughter Kazuko was born in 1922, then moved to The Dalles at Crates Point, and ultimately returned to Washington. They were interned during the war, some at Heart Mountain and some working for farmers in Nyssa.



(If you have a family history that would be relevant to Troutdale, we would like to have it in our library.)

Remember to support THS when you are doing your Christmas shopping.

We have many local history books available at the Depot Museum Store. Books written by local authors. Sharon Nesbit, Clarence Mershon, Chuck Rollins, Tom Cowling, George Miller, & Joe Schwab are all for sale. The Depot Store hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 10-2.



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Director's Chair

Two weeks ago I had a really nice visit with Troutdale residents, Bill & Deborah Flynn when they stopped by the Depot. Bill was kind enough to rid the Depot of a spider I was about to FLUSH! He said something about Karma and took the spider outside to scare another human another day. It was almost blue, an ugly color for any living creature and really ugly on a spider. So sorry to report that Bill was nowhere around an hour later, to save the HUGE bee that came to visit the office. My karma is shot now!

We have had a lot of tours through the museums in the past month. There were two groups of Red Hat Ladies, a cub scout troop and the Glendoveer Garden Club. A really big thanks to Adrienne Clausen for guiding these tours.

The Harlow House has been painted and the trim is finished, so please stop by on the 19th for Third Saturday and take a look... and speaking of Third Saturday, a special thanks to Star Williams for stepping in at the last minute to cover the Barn and Harlow House Museums for October Third Saturday. It was greatly appreciated and she had lots of folks stop by.

Of course, November honors our veterans and there are several in our family including my grandson

who is still in the Army in Afghanistan. I had always thought of it as desert and while that is true, it gets cold over there in the winter. One of the things Casey asked for in his Christmas box was hand warmers along with candy canes, cocoa mix, jerky and Spam (yes I said Spam). He had been stationed in Hawaii for many months and it is a favorite on the islands. If anyone wants to send a Christmas card, the address is: Charlie Company, 3BSTB, 25th Infantry Division, FOB Fenty, APO AE 09310. I also have a nephew, Erik Brink, who is a surgeon in the Navy and currently on an air craft carrier out at sea dodging typhoons. His wife Kari and the boys are in Okinawa awaiting his return. Thank you to all who have served our country and those serving now!

Mark your calendars for Christmas Open House at Harlow House on December 3 from 11-4. The Tuesday Ladies always do such an incredible job of decorating for the holidays. Santa will be there for pictures and one can never go wrong with wassail and cookies.

Another BIG thank you goes out to new member LeAnn Stephan for coming into to help out in the office with some really "backed-up" projects that have been put on the back burner.

AND another BIG,

By Terry Huston

BIG, BIG thank you to Greg and Sue Handy for all their work on painting windows, shutters, trim and porch on Harlow House and for Greg building the porch.

Sad news, Gerry Grimm, a THS member and Reynolds Alum, class of 1958 passed away this week. Gerry grew up here in Troutdale. Our thought are with his wife Madeline and family. At press time that was all the information I had, so I will include more next month.

The Farmer's Market will be staying in our parking lot (and inside the Depot if the weather is really bad) until Christmas. We have art and jewelry in the Depot store by some of the market participants. Come support them! They attract business on Saturdays, which in turn helps us with sales in the store. We also have the 2007 Troutdale Centennial Posters by artist Roger Smith on sale for \$10 for the month of November.

All Toys in the museum store are on sale for 50% off! We have books galore for the history buffs on your Christmas list. There is also jewelry and fantastic art by local artists. Shop local and save those shipping fees.

Have a great Thanksgiving and remember those that are suffering so much more this year than last.

Terry

Doris Cereghino Caramella

Doris Cereghino Caramella died this past February at the age of 85.

Doris Elizabeth Cereghino and Ernie Caramella were happily married from 1946 until Ernie's death Sept. 13, 1980. Doris is survived by her sister, Yolanda Nusser; cousins, George Cereghino, Norma Gardella and Dorothy Cereghino; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Doris worked for Pierce Freight Lines and Consolidated Freightways and most recently for Dr. Dan Nusser at Metro Foot Clinic. She loved to travel and was a member of Rebekah Lodge in Portland, the Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church and a life-time member of THS.

Robert John LaGae

Robert (Bob) John LaGae died on July 28, 2011 Bob worked at Hyster Co in Portland until he joined the Portland Police Department in 1967. He was dedicated to the force for 30 years and retired in 1997.

Bob is survived by his wife Doloras; children, Jeff LaGae, Nicole Franco and Monica LaGae Maser; and nine grandchildren. A memorial service was held in August at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church.

Bob had been a member of Troutdale Historical Society since 2004 and attended the Lover's Oak events held by the society.

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I have been getting so many emails from former Troutdale folks, I decided to start printing them

From the email box...

Just wanted to say, how much I appreciated the newsletter, especially since I have moved to Pendleton, but still coming back and forth...and it's always good to hear the local haps! You do a great job.

Cherise Miller ~ Mia Frama Custom Framing

I love reading the newsletter so much! I've lived in Troutdale now about 37 of my 52 years. I grew up more or less off of 257th so the picture from Mr. Fujii (**Bygone Times October 2011**) was wonderful to see and read about.

We had the large Arabian Horse farm owned by Albert Mauck on what was once part of Cherry Park Rd. (between the part to the post office and the high school).

I used to ride my horses and motorcycle up and down that road, with no worries of being run over by cars, and I remember Mr. Fujii going by on his big farm tractor.

I sure miss those days. My mom, JoAnne Newland still lives on the old horse property, now owned by Albert's sons...I moved from there just three years ago and live down off of Halsey. When I was living there we saw coyote, deer, fox and even heard of a cougar.

Juli Link, ~ Troutdale, OR

Hi Terry! Thanks for the info. Sadly, I won't be able to make it. (Referring to a Reynolds Alumni event for all alumni on November 12 at Buffalo Wild Wings in Wood Village at 3 p.m.) One of these days I'll surprise you and show up! Hope this finds you well. Sounds like you're keeping really busy with the historical society. Good job! Life is good here.

If you have been receiving the *Bygone Times* by email and all of a sudden it starts coming by snail mail, it is because your email bounced back to us...Please let the office know if you have changed your email address! If you are not receiving it by email and would rather, please send me an email to:

terry@troutdalehistory.org.

The online version is in color!

Recap of Board of Directors meeting on November 2, 2011

Board Members present: Tom Graves, Scott Cunningham, Paula Goldie, Greg and Sue Handy, Len Otto, Mona Mitchoff, Mary Bryson, Jean Holman, Jean Ice, Helen Wand, David Ripma, and Terry Huston, Director.

It was moved and seconded and the motion passed to designate at least \$10,000 per year for the next five years to be set aside for long term funding. This money will come from the Multnomah County History Tax.

Paula Goldie reported on the progress and the costs involved in the refurbishing of the Depot basement. This area is now used as the library and photo storage area. Once it is redone, which includes purchasing two new rolling book carts, two new book shelves, paint, a new toilet, a new office chair, (toilet and chair both donated by Paula Goldie), window treatments, and linoleum tile for the bathroom floor, it will be renamed in honor of Penny Balch. It was moved, seconded, and the motion passed, to allocate \$2500 for the work and supplies for the library and an additional \$500 for a donor board.

David Ripma informed us that the city has 300 centennial posters left. The historical society will offer a bid and if our bid is accepted, we will sell them in the Depot Store.

Helen Wand gave a short program meeting report. **November's program will feature Tom Cowling speaking about the logging town of Palmer Mill. December's meeting is the Christmas Open House at the Harlow House Museum.**

There was some discussion concerning the repair of the Harlow House chimney and adding a metal cap to it. Greg and Tom are going to undertake finding a brick mason to complete the work.

It was moved, seconded, and the motion passed to spend \$250 on building a railing around the basement stair entry to the Harlow House. At present there is no railing and it is a potential hazard.

Painting a lot. Getting ready to return to Haiti with another medical team in January. Another terrible cholera outbreak is occurring. Talked to Steve Caldwell a few days ago. He and his family are doing well. Take care! Thanks for keeping me in the, "loop"!

Davis Perkins ~ San Rafael, CA The Caldwell boys & Davis (Davey) grew up on Jackson Park Rd. along with all of us Huston, Callister, Wieprecht, Haven and Butler kids.

Stop by the Depot and meet our new office assistant, Sharon Lawson.

She comes to us from the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) through Easter Seals of Oregon. We are thrilled to have her. More about Sharon next month!



Meet Sharon Lawson



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Quilt Raffle Drawing December 3

Raffle tickets are still on sale at the Depot Office for this year's quilt, donated by Leona Balch. Tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10 or 15 for \$20. You can mail a check to the office, stop by the office or call the office to use your credit/debit card. Drawing will be held Dec. 3 at Harlow House Christmas Open House.



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Ice Storm 90 Years Ago

From Sharon Nesbit

It was ninety years ago in November when the "worst storm that has ever visited this section" struck the Columbia River Gorge and Troutdale.

Years ago, we sat down with Ig Wand, father of THS program chairman Helen Wand, to record his memory of that incredible storm. We have all seen the ice storm pictures taken by Mary Bourgeois Wright, with power and telephone lines weighted with ice and descending to the ground.



Wand was 18 and living on Cabbage Hill straight east of Troutdale when the storm began with a heavy rain on Nov. 18, 1921, turning to ice during the night as the temperature crept below freezing. The storm rolled down the Columbia River Gorge dropping layers of ice and what was called "tapioca" snow. Trees were mangled and stripped bare, all communication east of Corbett was cut and a wall of ice and snow choked the gorge. The deepest drift at Horsetail Falls was 32 feet. The Outlook reported that two

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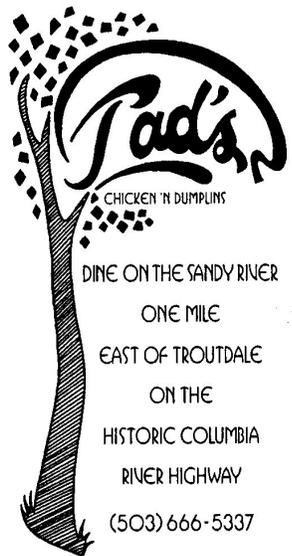
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who came out of the gorge on foot counted 174 cars abandoned between Hood River and Bridal Veil.

The storm lasted two days, but in the gorge where cold temperatures lingered, things were frozen fast. A one-lane road was not cleared through the gorge until February.

(Our record of this storm was illustrated some years ago when the granddaughter of a Union Pacific conductor, Richard Charlton, showed up on a slow and rainy day at the Harlow House. She was in tears because the family was cleaning out her grandfather's house and treasures were going into the Dumpster. She rescued from the garbage a fabulous photo album of 1921 ice storm, pictures that he took with his camera, had printed and carefully identified. It is now ours. Good to know that even a slow day at the Harlow House can save a lot of history.)

Welcome aboard to our newest Newsletter recipient, and a Happy 87th Birthday to Peggy Jean Buck who grew up in Troutdale, down by the airport! Happy Birthday Peggy!



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Inga has just returned from a year-and-a-half in Dodge City working on a huge mural and western art project there.

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