

St. Boniface Archives Record, 2017

Community Archives & Museum, Sublimity, Oregon

Published weekly by Charlene Pierce, recorder, Henry Strobel Sr. and George Strobel, editors, on sublimityhistory.net. Meetings are held the first **Tuesday of each month at 10:00am** in the old convent building opposite the church. Visitors are welcome from **9:00am to noon**. Call 503 769-5381 for information or appointment. The content is **minutes** of the last meeting, and/or **news** or editor's notes. May include items submitted by readers, at the editor's discretion. Thanks.

December 5, 2017:

Attendees: Charlene Pierce, Jonathan Penrice, Brian Schachtsick, Fred and Vangie Ripp, and Gary Gries from Roseburg. Larry McAllester of Salem also stayed briefly, specifically to view the Hartmann oil painting of a log truck in our museum.

There was a discussion regarding Henry Mutschler (or Mutchler). He was a blacksmith. Henry's father was in Minnesota and as owner of a saloon, had been shot and killed there.

Rosa Schindler was from Germany, and then Ohio before coming to Sublimity. She married Joseph Zimmerman. They had 8 children. Joseph died while carrying a scythe and was struck by lightning in a storm.

We reminisced about the trees that had been planted around the convent. We were speculating that they might have been planted in the 1960's or late 1950's, for Father Neugabauer.

We all gave input as to people who we would like to have video interviews, for the personal history they possess.

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November 7, 2017:

Attendees: Charlene Pierce, Jonathan Penrice, Brian Schachtsick, Fred and Vangie Ripp, and Judie Imel, who came looking for ancestral information on the Buhr family. Suzanne McKenzie of Molalla and Katherine Fisher Patterson came together and were searching baptism information on Theodore Englebert Fischer.

There was also discussion about the Hassler farm and we found a paper or bulletin dated September 25, 1947, called, "The Northwest Illustrated Farmer." An article in it was titled, "Old Farm – New Farm" regarding Al Hassler's farm, which by that time had already been settled 54 years previous by Al's father, who had come from Minnesota.

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October 3, 2017:

Attendees: Charlene Pierce, Brian Schachtsick, Fred and Vangie Ripp, Jonathan Penrice, Ted Shepard and Ed and Karlene Santibenez

The was a historical discussion about Ditter's store. John Adam Ditter bought the Sublimity building in 1888 from Yankee Parker. John re-opened the building in 1890, which he owned and operated as a drug store, until turning it over to his nephew, John "Jack" Ditter.

From a newspaper article dated August of 2000, Yvonne Ditter had retired from the store five years previous, after working there for 47 years with her husband, Delbert Ditter. The Ditters had sold the store twice earlier, but each time had to take the store back. But in August of 2000, the building was bought and demolished by Guy Barth and his wife Dixie. It's now the beautiful modern brick building on the corner, known as "Ditter Square."

On October 14th, St. Boniface had it's annual Chicken Dinner. Brian Schachtsick was kind enough to sit in the Archives to greet anyone who might stop by, after the meal. Besides Brian and Charlene (part of the time), our guests were: Sharon [Lambrecht] Gross, Doneva Steinkamp, Doug and Pam Fery, Paul and Rachel [Morin] Lundgren, and Ted and Joann Stuckart. We hope to see you all again soon!

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September 5, 2017

Attendees: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Charlene Pietrok Pierce, Brian Schachtsick, Karlene and Eddie Santibenez, and Ted Shepard

There were a great many interesting discussions, but most notably, Ted talked about Turner Historical Society, also known as "Yesterday in Turner." The society has spent half a year looking up names to determine families whose roots reached back at least 50 years. Santiam Historical Society President Diana Maul and Aumsville Historical Society President Ted Shepard were both on hand earlier, in April of this year to support the endeavor.

It should be noted that we at St. Boniface Archives have actually accomplished the same thing, but without the "fanfare." We are not just an archives for the church, but also a museum of the community. We also have been acquiring photos and genealogical information on the families who were here since the earliest days.

On September 6, there was also a special opening of the museum for a group of women from the P.E.O. Sisterhood (Philanthropic Educational Organization). Vangie Ripp, Carol Zolkoske and Charlene Pierce were on hand to welcome eleven women from this organization, from the local area.

A reminder, the St. Boniface Archives and Community Museum are now open on the 1st Tuesday of each month from 9:00am until noon. We are also open on any other day, except holidays, by special appointment, by contacting Charlene Pierce at 503-508-0312.

We are also in great need of more volunteers, so if you have a little time on your hands, by all means, come to the red brick convent, just across the street from St. Boniface Church, located at, 371 SE Main Street, Sublimity, Oregon 97385. This is free to the public, so come for coffee, cookies and gab, and learn about Sublimity's history and maybe even your own family genealogy!

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August 2, 2017

Attendees: Charlene Pietrok Pierce, Fred and Vangie Ripp, Brian Schachtsick, and Karlene and Eddie Santibenez

George Gerspacher donated a copy of an article, "The Passing of the Plow" (July 18, 2017). Fred and Vangie talked about their trip to South and North Dakota to see friends and relatives. There was a discussion about meeting times and we agreed to open the archives and museum only once a month, on Tuesday, from 9 am. to 12, noon. And any other time can be arranged by appointment by calling or texting Charlene Pietrok Pierce at 503-508-0312.

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July 18, 2017

Attendees: Charlene Pietrok Pierce, Brian Schachtsick, and guests, Max and Joyce Ross of Bend, OR and Darlene Briner of Ukiah, CA

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July 13, 2017

Attendees: Fred and Vangie Ripp

Last week, Carol Zolkoske gave a talk at the Stayton Library about the "History of Stayton in Pictures". There was a full house!

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June 20, 2017

Attendees: Fred and Vangie Ripp, Charlene Pietrok Pirece, and Brian Schachtsick

We had a discussion about a photo of the Cascade Riders Band. We were able to identify Larry Hendricks, Ronnie Bentz, Mary Jo Hendricks, Rose Hendricks and Al Etzel (aka. "Salty"). However we need a little help with last names for Bobby ____, "Hoppy" ____, Bob ____, and Dusty ____. Does anyone know the last names of these people? We also discussed the ship "graveyard" on the Columbia River. Fred and Vangie Ripp also donated a mitre box and Ward's master quality Plow Plane from the 1930's. Three tiles were also donated from the old Ed Hassler place (where the new addition of homes are now being built.)

June 6, 2017

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

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May 16, 2017

Attendees: Vangie Ripp and Brian Schachtsick

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May 2, 2017

Attendees: Fred and Vangie Ripp, Brian Schachtsick, Charlene Pierce, Carol Zolkoske, and Terry Hendricks

Carol reported a good turnout of students, about 40 second-graders, from St. Mary's School attending a visit to the Brown House in Stayton on April 25th. Charlene brought in some donated family items

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April 18, 2017

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

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April 4, 2017

Attendees: Fred and Vangie Ripp, Charlene Pierce, Brian Schachtsick, Carol Zolkoske, Norman Rauscher, Judi Wiessenfels

Norman donated a black St. Boniface baseball cap and some papers giving explanation and photos about the St. Boniface basketball team of 1952.

Charlene brought in a few burial service booklets from the Knights of Columbus (one for Lawrence Freres and one for Paul B. Pietrok)

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March 21, 2017

Attendees: Fred and Vangie Ripp, Brian Schachtsick, Carol Zolkoske, Susan Sheets, Bob Jepson

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March 7, 2017

Attendees: Fred and Vangie Ripp, Brian Schachtsick, Dick VanCauteran

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March 4, 2017

Attendees: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Charlene Pierce, Brian Schachtsick, Carol Zolkoske, Norm Rauscher, and guests, Judi Imel, and Alice Weissenfels

Judi and Alice donated:

A black High School sweater from 1953, a directory of St. Boniface Alumni of 1969 and another one for 1955

A St. Boniface High School Memories Yearbook for 1953 & a Dedication booklet 1953 – 1954
a small booklet of autographs labeled, "Memories"

A photograph from 2003 of a (reunion ?) or gathering of people.

In a box, of donated items, is also:

A diary of a wagon train to Oregon written by Louis Stout Family (written by Ray L. Stout in 1969), 35 typed pages and a Last Will & Testament of Benjamin Irving dated 1737 (filed March 27, 1922).

A packet, or envelope of photos & school report cards

26 publications of "The Umpqua Trapper," the Douglas County (Oregon) Historical Society

Ray Gordon Irving Birth certificate, (unofficial) and some miscellaneous papers & newspaper clips

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February 9, 2017

Attendees: Vangie and Fred Ripp, Charlene Pierce, Norman Rauscher, Brian Schachtsick, Carol Zolkoske, Gary and Cheryl Gries and Gary's sister, Donna Lou [Gries] Frost and her husband, Greg Frost

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Vangie received 2 postcards from Barbara Beaulieu of San Rafael, CA. The two postcards are dedication souvenirs of St. Boniface High School in 1945. They were in her brother's papers (he is Father Martin Senko, who was assigned to St. Boniface early in his priesthood).

January 14, 2017

Attendees: Vangie Ripp, Carol Zolkoske, Special meeting with Madeline Lear and Alexander Jaffe

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