

# *St. Boniface Archives Record, 2008*

St. Boniface in Sublimity, Oregon

**ST. BONIFACE ARCHIVES RECORD** is published on [www.saintboniface.net](http://www.saintboniface.net) Go there and click on "Archives Record." It is updated weekly by Henry Strobel, editor, Charlene Pietrok Pierce, and Carol Zolkoske.

Meetings are **Tuesday Morning at 10:00 in the Archives Room** in the Convent Building opposite the Church in Sublimity. No appointment is needed. We welcome guests or volunteers! Share your history and ours. Thanks!

## **DECEMBER, 2008 - Concluding the year:**

What with the Christmas holidays and the terrible ice storm weather that affected many of us, meetings and minutes are rather sparse this month.

We acquired a new copier-scanner-printer for our archival work and to conveniently make photo and document copies for visitors. This was purchased with donation money from visitors.

Further plans were firmed up for the Oregon Catholic Historical Society's "Spring Event" which we will host here in April.

The *Oregonian* newspaper in Portland will be doing some articles next month on Oregon places with unusual names. Their writer Lisa Daniels called me for a phone interview about Sublimity, our web page, history, etc. Watch for the article.

The next meeting of the Archives committee will be January 6, 2009



MINUTES for December 2, 2008 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Rita Young, Joe Spenner, Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Tony Beitel, Vangie Ripp, Don Porter. Guest: Sister Ruth Etzel

Sister Ruth Etzel SSMO of Beaverton, Oregon stopped by for a visit. She toured the Archives & Museum and the old convent and talked about her five years there. Her room was at the top of the stairs to the left on the North side. All eleven rooms were then occupied.

The group talked about where the St. Boniface High School sports trophies should be placed when they are brought over from the Parish Hall. Henry, Don and Francis will look into the matter. Either Francis or Vangie will look into bringing the VanHandel girls' quilt over from the Parish Hall.

Henry reminded everyone that one of the Archive committee's main goals is to record and video tape people in our area, not necessarily parish members but those with a lot of local history to share. On the list is committee member Don Porter, Ralph Lulay, and Marcel Vandriesche. Also we might want to record or preserve recordings of local groups such as the traditional Etzel family band and others.

Rita and Vangie are assembling a booklet of photographs and biographical data on sisters and clergy who are from and/or worked in this area.

Rita will try to contact Paul Kerber who is out of the area to see if he can identify any of the hundreds of photographs that were in the possession of Mildred Kerber Wulf, which Lucille

Glander donated from the from the Wulf estate.

Henry told the group that he has talked to Kim Zuber about arranging lunch to the Catholic Oregon Historical Society guests that will gather at St. Boniface on April 15 for their annual Spring Event.

The group discussed the fact that a better copier is needed.

**MINUTES for November 18, 2008** by Charlene Pierce

In attendance: Vangie Ripp, Don Porter, Joe Spenner, Tony Beitel, Fred Schwindt and Henry Strobel, Charlene Pierce, Carol Zolkoske, Francis Hendricks and two guests from St. Vincent's Archives in Salem: Michael and Loretta Tryon.

Michael and Loretta wanted to look at a display case and take measurements to build something similar for their archives. They are working on a database or spreadsheet for their church bulletins dated 1945 to 1995. Also death records.

Joe Spenner donated a mahogany wood sliding film holder containing an old glass negative of a child in a carriage. His father had been a prolific photographer.

Henry Strobel reported an email received from Sister Charlene Herinckx SSMO of Beaverton about the Oregon Catholic Historical Society's interest in holding their annual Spring Event at the Sublimity Archives & Museum on Saturday, April 25, 2009. He has been in contact with her by email and phone. Attendance might be 30 to 60 or more depending on "advertising." The membership of the OCHS will be contacted through their Newsletter.

Some suggestions were brought up regarding this:

- A tour of the church, cemetery(s), campus, Archives & Museum records, photos, DVDs, artefacts, etc.
- Contact the newspaper, maybe TV station.
- Have a roster of speakers/presentations.
- Preferably lunch in the church dining room catered by women of the church, expenses to be covered by part of the advance registration fees, typically about \$18.

Carol offered another list of suggested questions that might be used for obtaining an oral history. (These are used by the Silverton Historical Society.)

Joe Spenner has arranged for volunteers to clear some trees at the Hobson-Whitney Cemetery, but we need to coordinate this with the owner or authority first.

**November 13, 2008** Henry Strobel attended the Archdiocesan Historical Commission meeting in Portland. There was favorable comment on our article in the OCHS Newsletter. Other discussion was on notifying parishes that have upcoming anniversaries of the value of these occasions to help in establishes and furthering local archives.

**Minutes for November 4, 2008** by Charlene Pierce

Attendance: Evangeline Ripp, Fred Schwindt, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Tony Beitel, Henry Strobel, Charlene Pierce, Rita Young, and Doris Owen.

Tony brought a 3x4 ft map of the local area, township 8, range 1, perhaps ca. 1930.

Henry recorded a video oral history of the local Spenner family. Don Porter and others interviewed Joe Spenner.

Henry contacted Mary Beth Herkert, president of both the Archdiocesan Historical Commission and the Oregon State Archives about the "Oregon 150th."

**Minutes for October 21, 2008** 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Rita Young, Joe Spenner, Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Tony Beitel, Vangie Ripp, Don Porter

Henry made black and white print approximately 16"x18" of the Turner Tabernacle built in 1891. It is a copy of a picture made around the turn of the century. The picture is now on a CD. Henry also made detailed enlargements of the hundred or so people in front of the building. Great human interest in this gathering - variety in beards and bonnets, a distracted young boy clutching his kitten, a couple of dark visaged blacks and Indians. Don Porter is getting help in trying to identify some of them. We are interested in establishing, if possible, some connections to Sublimity, but it seems the Tabernacle group were somewhat later and of a different religious connection than the United Brethren of Sublimity. The building is noted for using wood pegs rather than nails in its construction.

In 1993, Clare Buhler at Pepperdine University wrote:

"The Tabernacle, which in fact wound up being 110 by 160 feet in dimension, remains in use to this day with a few changes. The round stained glass window that once adorned the front of the building was shot out by vandals and eventually replaced by a wooden design. The same fate befell the two stainless steel balls that were painted to represent globes and placed atop the front towers. Because of vandalism they were removed sometime in the 1950s. Up until the 1940s, to cut the noise, fresh sawdust was spread on the wooden floor in the spring and removed in the fall. Today the floor is carpeted. The Columbus Day storm of 1962 sheered off and destroyed one of the two towers on the front of the building. Rather than replacing the tower with the insurance money, it was decided to install some restrooms in the tabernacle instead. The Tabernacle eventually received electric lights, a sound system, and some gas heaters."

Carol suggested we look into making a video of the local Etzel family band that played at the Regis Auction this year. It's been made up for many decades members of the Etzel family plus other local residents of the Sublimity area. We talked about the many bands that the area has produced over the years. Some just played at house parties and others made extra money playing at dances etc. All, like the current band, played in the country-western style. The committee will try to get a few items together as photographs and music in Sublimity. Don said he would talk to Larry Etzel to possibly arrange a taping.

Carol said that she had made a complete copy of the Hartmann family history. It will be in its own album along with the other family trees in the Archives.

Rita said that she looked at the pictures from the Kerber Family and was able to identify quite a few. She said she would contact Anna Wolf to help with the Wolf pictures.

Francis donated some Indian artifacts collected in the Sublimity Area. A gaming ball was included with pestles, a bowl, etc.

We discussed how to participate in the 150th anniversary of Oregon. We would like to share what we have and try to make sure we are adequately listed as an area historical resource..

Fred Ripp donated his father's membership certificates in the Stayton Co-Operative Telephone in 1926. Also copies of ownership certificate shares in the Sublimity Foresters Hall 1907-1980.



**Minutes for October 14, 2008** 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Rita Young, Joe Spenner, Fred Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Tony Beitel, Vangie Ripp, Don Porter

The Archives and Museum was open during the annual St. Boniface dinner on October 12. Around 65 people signed the guest book but there may have been as many as 200 who visited. It was reported that the place mats were a big success. Carol brought the unused ones back for distribution or sale to guests at the Archives.

Mrs. Glander donated two large boxes of photographs of the Kerber and Wolf families. Mrs. Glander was the executor of Mildred Kerber Wolf's estate. The Kerbers were related to the Wolfs. Rita took some of the pictures home in hopes of identifying them as very few had names on them. Attempts will also be made to contact members of these families to help with identification and if they are interested give them copies of the photographs.

Kathy Hartmann Weddle brought in a copy of the Romanus Hartmann family tree. The tree starts with Thomas and Marie Hartmann in Germany. This book is about their son Romanus who was born in Bavaria in 1832 and his wife Monica Schwab 1837 and their descendants.



**Minutes for October 7, 2008** 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Rita Young, Joe Spenner, Fred Ripp, Charlene, Francis Hendricks, Tony Beitel, Vangie Ripp

The revised place mats for the St. Boniface BBQ dinner are at the printers.

Plans for the dinner include Vangie and Rita opening the Archives to the public at 10AM, with the others following.

Vangie is busy labeling the newly donated display items and checking their records.

Henry showed an e-mail from Karlene Santibanez with information about the museum in Mill City. We planned to visit the Museum. Henry added links to the Archives web page for this and the Aumsville and Stayton locations.

Tony Beitel donated a set of very old indulgence beads that belonged to Theresa Schulte Pape. (One was to pray on them for 300 days "Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament have mercy on us".)



**SEPTEMBER 30** Joe Spenner and Tony Beitel brought in some items of interest. The committee was interviewed by and had a "show and tell" for over an hour with Denise Ruttan of

the Stayton Mail newspaper. Her fine article and group photo appeared in the paper October 1.

**Minutes for September 30, 2008** 9:00AM to 11:30 by: Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Rita Young, Joe Spenner, Fred Ripp, Charlene Pierce, Jim Pierce, Francis Hendricks, Tony Beitel

Joe Spenner donated a book called "When Leaves and Men Fall" by Francis Dairy, former writer for the Stayton Mail. His personal story of the time he spent in the Vietnam War.

Henry provided copies of the Fall Oregon Catholic Historical Society Newsletter including an article that he wrote about the Archives and Museum in Sublimity at the request of the Archdiocesan Historical Commission.

**SEPTEMBER 23** Working meeting. Joe Spenner brought in several antique artifacts, including a wooden staved paint "can" from the pre tin can days

**Minutes for September 16, 2008** 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Carol Zolkoske, Rita Young, Joe Spenner, Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Charlene, Don Porter, Darlene

Henry reviewed the excellent interview that was done last week with Rita and Doris. He will have the DVDs at the next meeting.

Don is preparing to do an interview with Marcel Van Driesche. "Van" at one time the Stayton High School coach. He was Mayor of Stayton for many years as well. His family also ran the Star Theater in Stayton for many years.

Carol said that she would contact Ralph Lulay for an interview. Also Joe Spenner.

Joe asked Terry about boxes that might be in the attic of the Rectory. Terry said there is nothing in the rectory attic.

Henry asked about an update on the proposed security system in the building. Terry has got one bid. Terry also moved some boxes to the upstairs storage room and noted that there were no more boxes in the rectory.

Henry said the article he wrote about St. Boniface Archives will be in the Oregon Catholic Historical Society Newsletter - Fall 2008 edition. As soon as he receives his copy in the mail he will put it on our web site.

Carol reported the work on updating the information on the old cemetery is coming along nicely and should be finished in time for the Parish Dinner October 12.

Darlene who has been working on the Schott and Schmitt family history gave us her information.

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**September 10, 2008** You will see that another name has been added to our masthead. Charlene Pierce has been providing more detailed meeting notes than are normally found in bland "minutes." We are including them here as useful and interesting news of what goes on. Thank you, Charlene!

**Minutes for September 9, 2008**

In attendance: Charlene Pierce, Vangie and Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Joe Spenner, Henry Strobel, Tony Beitel, Rita Young and her sister, Doris Owen and Carol Zolkoske.

Tony Beitel brought in another photo album, this 4th one now, is filled with obituaries collected by Mildred.

Joe Spenner brought in a growing vine of hops and a ball of cotton string from Ditters' Store, ca 1930.  
"Waste not, want not."

Don brought in genealogy information on the Lambrecht and Duckart families and a newspaper clipping on the Hellberg family.

Bob Pendleton has donated some family history of the Smith and Doerfler families. Charlene brought in a 6-generation pedigree chart for the descendants of John Smith.

Vangie said that Sister Fidelis at Beaverton says that they have more books available (if anyone wants to come pick them up). She said we could have these books, "These Valiant Women," to loan out.

We called Francis Shinkle at the Stayton Historical Society to ask if there might be information about babies born in the 1930's at the George and Mary (Passon) Zimmerman house, currently Tony Beitel's house. Francis said that Dr. Beauchamp had been her parents' doctor. She invited someone to come to check on this, but she didn't immediately know anything about this. The Santiam Historical Museum in Stayton is currently open only on Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Tony Beitel said that the Zimmerman's charged expectant mothers \$3.50 per day for the use of their home for deliveries. Tony also recalled that Dr. Beauchamp would charge \$10 to go out to the Zimmerman house to deliver a baby. Charlene will check into the possibility of running an ad in the "Our Town" paper to try to discover if there is anyone who might know of someone who had been born at the Zimmerman house.

Henry set up his video camera and Carol interviewed Rita Young and her sister, Doris Owen.

Carol says that the State of Oregon is collecting interviews of older citizens in preparation for a celebration in 2009. Perhaps we can contribute? People need to go into Salem for this. The article appeared in the Statesman Journal. Carol will try to remember to bring a copy to the museum. Don said that the Capitol Press at one time was also going to write up citizen histories.

Charlene and Fred will meet early next Tuesday with a metal detector, to try to locate metal tags in the St. Boniface Cemetery. Carol has been working on the cemetery records both at home and at the cemetery.

Charlene Pierce

**Minutes for August 26, 2008** 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske & Charlene Pietrok Pierce  
Attendance: Henry Strobel, Don Porter, Carol Zolkoske, Rita Young, Joe Spenner, Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Charlene Pietrok Pierce, Joe Loerzel, Darlene Bristol, Vera Boedigheimer, Francis Hendricks, Tony Beitel..

Plans were made to interview Rita young and Doris Owens at the next meeting. They are sisters who are a part of the Kintz and Susbauer families and others. Don Porter will conduct the interview.

Joe Loerzel of Dallas, Oregon visited again to collect more information about the Hassler family.

Darlene Bristol of Silverton, Oregon made her first visit to the Archives. She is looking for information about the Schott family.

Henry said that Elizabeth DeAngelis has an excellent Beitel family tree website (linked from our Archives page).

Note: The next is reported in more detail than usual here, but will serve to indicate what "actually" goes on at these meetings!

Marilyn Morrison brought 6 copies of family photos to donate to the archives. 1)Edith and Agnes Heuberger as young girls 2)Fred Albus in a hop field. 3)Edith Heuberger 4)August and Anna Albus 5)Lorraine Albus and her boyfriend, John Brown at O.S.U. in 1942 and 6)Theodore and Mary Highberger, 1893. She didn't know why there was a change in the spelling. Marilyn explained that her mother, Lorraine Albus, had attended First grade with Rita Young.

Joe Loerzel donated copies of two obituaries. One was for Joseph and his son, Charles Hassler. They had both died on the same day. The other obituary was for Mrs. Joseph Hassler. Joe Loerzel was also looking for information about Barbara Loerzel, who had married Joseph Hassler.

We learned that the convent had been broken into and vandalized last Thursday, August 21, 2008. The archive room was O.K., but some damage occurred downstairs. There was broken glass and evidence that small fires had been set in the basement which sounded an alarm. Two local boys had been seen by grave diggers and the boys had later been caught. This prompted a discussion regarding security. [Editor: The building has an excellent fire alarm system, but a better security system will be installed.]

Francis Hendricks brought in a Civil War rifle, a muzzle loader with bayonet, originally belonging to Philip Ditter, who was Francis' Great-Grandfather. The year, 1863 was engraved on the rifle, along with, "Providence, R.I. Tool Co. Francis thinks this is a 58 caliber..

Tony Beitel brought in another photo album for us to look at. [Charlene stayed late into the afternoon to scan in many of the pages from it.] Tony had more great stories to tell. In 1942 he had the job of taking lots of movie stars for tours of Camp Roberts in California between San Francisco and Los Angeles. He had to wear all white clothing, a white suit, shirt, pants, and shoes so that he would not have to salute officers. He laughed about having to change twice a day to be sure his clothes were always clean.

Tony continued with more fascinating accounts too extensive to report here. At 99 years old, he showed us that he still has his driver's license, good until 2013!

Carol said that Bob Pendleton of Stayton, Oregon has information about the Smith and Doerfler families to give us. Vera Boedigheimer promised a photo of Martin Smith and his wife.

There was a discussion about having meetings at a time that does not conflict with people coming to the museum to talk or search for information.

### **Minutes for August 19, 2008 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske**

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Don Porter, Carol Zolkoske, Rita Young, Joe Spenner, Francis Hendricks, Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Charlene Pietrok Pierce,

Henry talked about the importance of continuing the oral history program. We already have sessions with Tony Beitel, Fred Schwindt, Vera Boedigheimer, Jenny Riesterer, and Joe Spenner. Plans are to have Rita Young and her sister Doris Owens interviewed together. Also Charlene Pierce interviewed her parents Vincent and Junetta Pietrok.

The committee discussed the open house which was at the same time as the Parrish Picnic August 17. The Archives was open from 10AM to 3PM. A very enthusiastic and nice crowd stopped by. Among them were Benitia Ebner and her daughter Becki Cook from California. Also Ollie Ebner and Mary Gerspacher Williams, Tony Gerspacher and his wife Feodora..

This last week Don opened the Archives for a visit by John Leverman from Salem and Ray Hottinger from Renton Washington and his brother Gene Hottinger from Akron, Colorado.

Carol reported that the updating and expanding information on the "old" cemetery is going well. Some of the information needed is maiden names. In the "let us remember" book 1979, written by Ray Heuberger, there is a great deal of this information but more is needed. Vangie was able to fill in information about the Wolfs, Ripps, Odenthals and others. Charlene is working on the Freres, Gehlens, Smiths, Pietroks and others. Carol also preparing an application to the State to list the "old" St. Boniface cemetery on the Oregon Pioneer Cemetery list. To be on the list the oldest recorded burial must be before February 1909, ours is 1880.

Henry read from email correspondence he had had with Elizabeth Beitel DeAngelis of Corvallis, Oregon.

We discussed how to handle the question of interesting but unverifiable or questionable oral history input - prudently and conservatively, but not throwing the baby out with the bath water, and flagging it as such if recorded.

Carol and Francis talked about old family trunks and several people said that they have one. For the lack of storage space, it is not practical for the museum to accept and store more than a couple of these, but they might be displayed temporarily.

**Minutes for August 12, 2008** 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Don Porter, Carol Zolkoske, Rita Young, Joe Spenner, Vera Boedigheimer, Tony Beitel, Francis Hendricks, Vangie Ripp.

We were happy to see Vera back after a long absence from health issues.

A planning and work meeting. Preparing for our open house next Sunday. Also added to the documents on the archives web page a *Tour of Marion County Institutions, 1938, by Angeline Hassler.*

Henry communicated with the pastor and financial council about support and accounting for the Archives & Museum. Except for space and utilities, we have been largely self-supporting.

**Meeting: August 5, 2008** Attendance: Rita Young, Joe Spenner, Charlene Pietrok Pierce, Don Porter, Fred Schwindt, Henry Strobel, and Carol Zolkoske, Tony Beitel.

**We went back into history** by invitation to a meeting and tour at Tony Beitel's family farmhouse. He showed us through the separate original small house and then through his home filled with memories and memorabilia. Example: his mother's so readable **diary** of her 1936 trip to visit the family in Austria, which you can now read on our Archives web page. Thank you, Tony!

**Meeting: JULY 29, 2008 Minutes** by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Francis Hendricks, Rita Young, Joe Spenner, Charlene Pietrok Pierce, Don Porter, Fred Schwindt, Henry Strobel, and Carol Zolkoske.

Several members assisted a visitor in researching her family history. (We often have drop-ins.) We discussed meeting organisation. While some are usually present from 9am to noon some will not arrive until the published time of 10am and may leave early. The "official" meeting



begins at 10 and the “minutes” normally refer to that.

Rita Young presented a beautifully, alphabetically arranged set of archival binders of memorial cards and related clippings for our bookshelves. Also some fascinating newspaper clippings about Sublimity, one a full page photo layout from the Oakland (California) Tribune of about 25 years ago. Henry Strobel did minor updates to the History of Sublimity on the web.

Thanks to Charlene Pietrok Pierce for labeling all the reference binders on the bookshelf. This makes access much easier for staff as well as visitors.

Carol Zolkoske has made good progress on the project to map and catalog the St. Boniface cemetery. All the names of those in the old cemetery are now on 3x3 index cards. Each grave now has it's own card, now over 600. The next step will be to go to the cemetery and verify information on the cards. The names will be put in alphabetical order according to family names with the grave numbers. The goal is to get the primary work finished in time for Parish picnic. For the Parish dinner in October, plans call for finding more information, such as missing birth dates, maiden names, and names of parents whose babies are buried there. Still later short family histories will be included. This cemetery was in use from the 1880's to about the 1970's. Carol has requested information about inclusion in the State's program for Historic Cemeteries, [www.hcd.state.or.us](http://www.hcd.state.or.us).

Upcoming items: There will be an open house of the Archives & Museum concurrent with the St. Boniface picnic in the adjacent park on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. We will have a printed copy of What's in the Archives available for public reference. Of course it is on the web page too. Thanks to Evangeline Ripp for this large undertaking.

We have also been asked to again provide a version of our popular “place map” for the St. Boniface dinner in October. As the Archives Committee receives no funds and Henry paid for the printing last year, it was agreed to bring up the matter of cost to the council..

The **meeting next Tuesday, August 5**, will be at the family farm home of Tony Beitel. Tony is 99 and in perfect health. As Tony did, we have slated several more people for oral history interviews, including Charlene Pietrock Pierce's mother, sisters Rita Young and Doris Owen, Don Porter, Joe Spenner, and several others.

**Meeting: JULY 22, 2008.** This was a typical work and social meeting. Minutes were not taken.

Attendance: Vera Boedigheimer, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Evangeline Ripp, Charlene Pietrok Pierce, Don Porter, Tony Beitel, Fred Ripp, Henry Strobel, and Carol Zolkoske.

**Meeting: JULY 15, 2008.** This was a memorable meeting, held at the home of our dear friend and founding member, Vera Boedigheimer. Vera has been ill, but we all enjoyed her crackling as ever conversation and coffee and doughnuts on her large back porch overlooking the acres of her back yard. Thank you, Vera!

Attendance: Vera Boedigheimer, Francis Hendricks, Joe Spenner, Evangeline Ripp, Charlene Pietrok Pierce, Don Porter, Tony Beitel, Fred Ripp, Henry Strobel, and Carol Zolkoske.

Joe Spenner donated a couple of museum items made of horn; a powder horn for a muzzle-loading rifle and a horn for calling the hounds. Vera shared a photo of her Hassler family.

Henry contributed the DVD *Informal Conversations with Joe Spenner, Fred Schwindt, Tony Beitel, Francis Hendricks, and Carol Zolkoske*, taken at the two previous meetings. Also some local history publications by the late Stayton historian, Ernst Lau.

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**Meeting: JULY 8, 2008.** This again was a working, not formal meeting. Another “oral history” installment was videotaped, while others worked on filing.

**Meetings: JUNE 17, 24, JULY 1. 2008.** These were mostly working, not formal meetings. Vangie has been updating *What's in the Archives* in the computer. Charlene has been working with her to check inventory locations. It has been updated again on the web.

Rita has been organizing Mass cards, obituaries and newspaper clippings alphabetically, putting them into clear plastic sleeves and binders. She brought in Brian Schachtsick's two large albums of same, which will be on temporary loan.

Much of the time was used in recording additional video oral history with Tony Beitel, and, on July 1, with Fred Schwindt, who led us through his through his family's trek from Germany to Russia to Argentina to Jordan and Sublimity, Oregon, his own experience growing up in a family of thirteen and serving in the US Navy during WWII.

Henry delivered several items donated to the museum by Ray Heuberger - a fine castle type spinning wheel, made in 1848, that he had acquired in the Jordan area near the Mt. Pleasant pioneer Church. Also some Civil War battlefield relics and an a period tin of axle grease (near full!) as used on Joe Breitenstein's covered wagon, which Ray had restored for the local American bicentennial celebration in 1976.

**Attendance:** Henry Strobel, Vangie Ripp, Francis Hendricks, Carol Zolkoske, Charlene Pietrok Pierce, Rita Young, Joe Spenner, Don Porter, Fred Schwindt, Tony Beitel.

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**JUNE 18, 2008** Henry noted:

The **Oregon Catholic Historical Society** has vacancies on its board of directors. If you are or know of a likely candidate please contact Linda Duman, 503 394-3853.

The **Portland Archdiocesan Historical Commission** also has vacancies. If you are or know of a likely candidate please contact me, books@henrystrobel.com, or the secretary, Brenda Howard, howardrb33@gmail.com

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**JUNE 9, 2008 Minutes** for May 27, 2008 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Vangie Ripp, Fred Ripp, Don Porter, Carol Zolkoske, Charlene Pietrok Pierce, Beth VanVeen, Junetta Freres Pietrok, Rita Young

**Digest of Carol's interview with guest Junetta:**

Junetta spoke of her family connection to the Freres family. Her father was Wendell; his parents were Peter and Angela. They came to this area from the eastern part of Iowa in 1893. A day after their marriage when they first came to this area they stayed with the John Highberger family in Aumsville. John owned the seed mill there. Within three months after arrival they bought 160 acres on Fern Ridge. The family was raised there. Two boys, Ted and Wendell, and two girls, Helen Freres Etzel and Louise Freres

Parrish.

Peter was one of the seventeen members of the first telephone company in the Fern Ridge area, founded in 1905. In 1908 Peter was on the Board of Directors for School District No. 12, Marion County. Peter's sister and her husband whose name was Trotter owned a general merchandise store in Stayton for many years. It was located on the corner of 3rd Ave. and Ida. There is a plaque on the present building that refers to Trotters' Store. Another member of the Freres family was Nick, who was Peter's brother. Nick's son was named Louie.

During the depression and into the 1940s Freres lumber camp was located up the Little North Fork River. Ted and his Brother Wendell were partners in the mill until 1941. Junetta and her parents lived at the camp until she was 4 years old. Although her memories of that time are very limited she remembers hearing stories from her parents. The cabins were very small and all the same, a kitchen living room combination and one small bedroom. There was a wood cook stove for cooking and heating. No electricity and only outhouses. Some of the families who lived at the camp were Ben and Katie Spenner Toepfer, Katie and Leo Wagner, John and Theresa Toepfer Zolkoske, and Chuck and Wilma Apple. Wilma was also the cook for the men who lived in the bunkhouse. They were either unmarried or did not bring their wives. Junetta's mother's name was Georgina Gehlen. We hope to hear about the Gehlen's at a later date. The Freres are having a family reunion June 14 at the Best Western in Seaside.

### **Henry's Note:**

Beth A. VanVeen of Stayton is a history student at Willamette University and a frequent visitor to our Archives. Thanks to her I have placed her 2008 thesis, *Sublimity: Shared Visions in a Rural Community* on the St. Boniface Archives web page. This presents Sublimity from a different, more academic and analytic view than we have seen. This is the latest new publication available through St. Boniface Archives.

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**May 27, 2008, Minutes** for May 20, 2008 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Joe Spenner, Henry Strobel, Vangie Ripp, Don Porter, Carol Zolkoske, Francis Hendricks, Charlene Pietrok Pierce, Tony Beitel, Fred Ripp.

Tony Beitel came to the meeting with Joe Spenner. He entertained us with great stories of his life and the time he spent in World War II, 1942-1945. Tony turned 99 on May 9 so his stories are considerable. Henry took a video of Tony's visit and has had it put on a DVD so there will be a permanent record of his visit.

Here are some of the many things he talked about:

To's parents were born in Austria but his family moved to Nebraska. Later they moved to South Salem, where his father bought 350 acres, and where Tony was born. He then went back to Nebraska for four years. In 1914 his father moved his family to the Sublimity area and bought 160 acres of what was known as the Barkmeyer place. They raised cows, sheep and hogs.

When Tony started school at Sublimity he attended St. Boniface. At that time it was the big two story school building, which stood just west of our present Archives building. There was no electricity there, just oil lamps. There was a hand pump outside for water and two outhouses in back, one for the girls and one for the boys. When Tony started school he only spoke German and Austrian and very little English. He learned all his English at school.

Tony was in the European Company and landed with thousands of others on a beach in 1942. He felt lucky to have survived that invasion.

After battle Tony was walking the battlefield when he saw something that looked like green

shirts in a large haystack. He and his buddy walked over and Tony who spoke German ordered them to come out. German soldiers threw down their guns and came out. His buddy said they should have shot them but Tony said no. They walked the Germans into camp. When the Germans asked what would happen to them Tony told them the only thing that would happen was that they would be given civilian cloths and released as all the prisoner of war camps were full.

Tony told of another episode that happened toward the end of the war. At Christmas time, he and a buddy were in a German town and as they walked passed a house where they heard the most beautiful young girls' voices singing Christmas hymns in German. Tony was decidedly moved by this and so they went inside to listen more closely. In the crowd they saw German soldiers. His buddy said maybe they should shoot them. Tony said to his fellow soldiers "if you shoot them I will shoot you".

Again towards the end of the war he came across Russian soldiers in Austria. They looked very tired and had little supplies left. But what they did have was a wagon pulled by an old horse. In the wagon was a big wooden barrel. Into the barrel they put all the food scraps they could find. They were making vodka. Tony had some and said it was not too bad.

Tony also talked about his families and his neighbor's life in Sublimity. Here are some samples: In 1918 the flu epidemic came to Sublimity. His Dad (Alois) went from neighbor's farm to neighbor's farm doing the chores for those who couldn't. Then he came back and did his own.

He remembers picking hops at the Frank and Charles Hottinger place. Although Tony had a farm and did some farming his main way of making a living was shearing sheep. He was a broker for the Kay Woolen Mill, which means he would find wool for the Mill to buy. He also sheared sheep and he and brother Gus and later Fred Boedigheimer sheared seven thousand pounds of wool a year. He also sold wool to the Paris Woolen Mill in Stayton.

Tony's dad bought the first model T in Stayton in 1914 -15 from Pete Dietrick who sold cars from his building on 3rd Ave. and Florence. For many years it was also known as the Santiam Hardware store. The car cost \$300.

Tony said deer were hunted with hounds back then.

At St. Boniface before the bell tower was built, the bells were outside in the weather. There were hitching posts all over Sublimity and many near the Church; people came to church on hacks.

Tony's wife's name was Mildred Rauscher. His parents were Alois and Cecelia his brothers and sisters John, Gus, Marie, Florence, Agnes SSMO and Betty. (See p. 92, *Let Us Remember*.)

We all thoroughly enjoyed visiting with Tony and listening to his stories.

Copies of the DVD, *Tony Beitel's Story*, are in the oral history file in the archives. This excellent interview follows just a few weeks after the wonderful *Vera Boedigheimer's Story* DVD. See April 9 below.

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**MAY 13, 2008 Minutes, 9-12:00** by Evangeline Ripp in the absence of Carol Zolkoske.

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Vangie Ripp, Don Porter, Francis Hendricks, Rita Young, Fred Ripp, Charlene Pietrok Pierce and Junetta Freres Pietrok, her mother.

Don Porter presented further material on the Porter family history compiled from sources at the Oregon State Archives and the Marion County Historical Society (where he also volunteers). This included a *Portrait and Bibliographical Record* of the Porter family and their Century farm dating from the Donation Land Grant of 1848. Also relevant Porter excerpts from

Steeves, Sarah Hunt, *Book of Remembrance of Marion County, Oregon, Pioneers 1840-1860* (Berncliff Press, Portland, 1927)—including especially James Layton Collins, Octavius Pringle, Henry Smith, and other 1845 through 1847 emigrants.

Also *A History of the Silverton Country*, which includes a wonderful diary of the Porter migration to Oregon.

Francis Hendricks presented his recent correspondence and research on in answer to a descendant of the Sublimity Beckers living in Arizona. This is being filed. An emailed response is quoted here:

Subj: Ernest Becker  
Francis:

I wish to thank you for taking your time to write. I remember my Great Aunt Rose. My great Uncle Joe had passed away, I believe prior to my birth? My Great Aunts Tilly and Janet were wonderful people. I do have a copy of *Let Us Remember*. Sublimity remains closet to my heart more than anywhere in the World. I remember well my Great Uncle Phil Steffes, his wife Ida, and Raymond.

As per my Aunt Isabel Riesterer-Reed, my Great Grandfather Ernest Becker, was shot in the leg at Shiloh during the Civil War. It was on or about 6 April 1863; one Union soldier stated that there were so many bullets flying in the air that the noise mimicked a giant bee hive in flight. I do recall the picture taken of my Great Grandfather seated on a tree stump minus one leg surrounded my his children. I have an album, of assorted pictures of family and friends taken in and around Sublimity. It is my wish to bring them to Sublimity and if you permit me, show them to your committee.

Best Regards,  
T. McCann Tucson, Arizona

We discussed having an open house in August to coincide with a St. Boniface rummage sale on the premisses. Also worked on conservative filing of recent photographic accessions.

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May 11, 2008 Minutes for May 6, 2008 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Vangie Ripp, Don Porter, Carol Zolkoske, Francis Hendricks, Rita Young, Charlene Pietrok Pierce, Fred Ripp

Marlene Hartmann McCoy donated many fine old photographs of the Van Handel's. A fine collection. Also a number of St. Boniface Grade School pictures. Fortunately many of these pictures have names on the back.

Charlene Pietrock Pierce attended the meeting and brought her very large book about the history of the Pietrock Family. She is an experienced long time genealogist researcher plans to return next week with her family books on the Frere's, Gehlen's, Smith's, Doerfler's and others.

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**APRIL 22, 2008 MINUTES** 9-12 noon by Evangeline Ripp for Carol Zolkoske (absent).

Present: Henry Strobel, Vera Boedigheimer, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Rita Young, Vangie and Fred Ripp.

Don Porter brought in two interesting books. He presented the archives a thick *William Porter Jr. Family History, 1740-1804*. He also passed around the *Oregon Historical Quarterly, Spring 1992, Volume 93 No. 1*, published by the Oregon Historical Society, Portland, Oregon. Issn 0030-4727. We should get a copy for the article on the Hobson family of early Sublimity.

Sr. Fidelis Kreutzer SSMO sent us a new copy of *These Valiant Women*, the history of her religious order by Wilfrid P. Schoenberg SJ. She was Superior General of the order at the time she wrote the Forward, and is now Archivist. Fr. Schoenberg termed her "irrepressible" in the Acknowledgments. She enclosed a letter telling how this book came about.

Henry showed the DVD video of Vera Boedigheimer's oral history. We had the usual round table discussion of most everything.

Rita is compiling a collection of photos from the St. Boniface 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 1979.

Henry reinstalled the graphics editor in the computer, which Francis and Fred to a more accessible, central location.

Don and Francis moved the antique card files to a more suitable location.

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**APRIL 15, 2008 MINUTES** 9-12 noon by Evangeline Ripp for Carol Zolkoske (absent).

Present: Henry Strobel, Vera Boedigheimer, Francis Hendricks, Don Porter, Rita Young, Vangie and Fred Ripp.

Vera brought a copy of the *1878 Atlas of Marion and Linn Counties. Also Excerpts from Oregon History*. As always she regaled us with local anecdotes in her inimitable style.

Don brought a letter informing the parents of Herbert Lulay of his death on December of 1942 in Brisbane, Australia, along with various photos of the funeral service. Henry scanned all this into the computer files and made paper copies for filing. (He took this occasion to discuss needed improvements to our computer peripherals and software.)

We discussed recent trips to the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon at Beaverton and the Marion County Historical Society in Salem.

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**APRIL 9, 2008 We are doing catchup today** after a couple of special events and our secretary was under the weather. Let me summarize:

! April 1 we had our regular meeting.

! April 2 Vera Boedigheimer gave me a wonderful one hour videotaped oral history, which I have put on DVD.

! April 5 we attended the Spring Event of the Oregon Catholic Historical Society at the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon complex at Beaverton. This was very special, an historical presentation on the history of the order officially founded in Sublimity in 1887. There was also a campus bus tour. Most of the founding sisters were from the Jordan/Sublimity area. You will see a couple of new pictures in the photo album on the St. Boniface Archives web page.

One is of Sr. Ruth Etzel vigorously ringing the angelus bell. (I also have a video!) This bell was given to the sisters by Bruno and Maria Boedigheimer, whose daughter was Sr. Cecelia, one of the founders, and whose granddaughter is our own Vera Boedigheimer.

The other picture is of Sr. M. Fidelis, the archivist at Beaverton, who gave us a tour, and has been otherwise helpful.

! April 8 we had a special private tour and class on archival techniques graciously presented by Amy Vandergrift, Executive Director of the curator of the Marion County Historical Society and Museum at the Mission Mill in Salem. Thanks!

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**MARCH 24, 2008 Minutes** for March 18, 2008 9-11:30 by Vangie Ripp for Carol Zolkoske  
Attendance: Don Porter, Henry Strobel, Rita Young, Francis Hendricks, Evangeline Ripp.

Discussion: Don Porter's volunteer work at the Marion County Historical Society archives, also procedures for various projects.

Henry suggested a low cost method for finishing our oak floor.

Don has been sorting and protectively filing our collection of servicemen's WWII letters.

Rita has been filing old memorial cards. These provide date information for family researchers.

Henry received a note of thanks from Sr. M. Fidelis SSMO at Beaverton for the typeset copies of *And So it Happened and Not by Chance*, books one and two, by Sr. Pulcheria Sparkman.

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**MARCH 17, 2008 Minutes** for March 11, 2008 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Vangie Ripp, Don Porter, Carol Zolkoske, Francis Hendricks

Final preparations were made to attend the Oregon Catholic Historical Society's Spring Event on Saturday April 5 at the Sisters of St. Mary's of Oregon (SSMO). Henry has collected the money and will see to it that the six who signed up are registered. Henry and Carol will drive. The day will have a particular interest to people in the Jordan, Stayton, and Sublimity area. The

Don said he will spend time during the week sorting thru and organizing the papers from the Knights of Columbus, especially the many letters from servicemen and women to Mae Neitling and Ed Bell during World War II. Excerpts had been published in the *Servicemen's Bulletin*.

**MARCH 10, 2008 Minutes** for March 5, 2008 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske. Attendance: Henry Strobel, Vangie Ripp, Don Porter, Carol Zolkoske, Vera Boedigheimer, Ralph Lulay

During the open house, Delbert Ditter donated six very old Stations of the Cross, which we think were in the very first Catholic church in Sublimity, a small vacant building on the east corner of Center and Maple streets in 1879.

Vangie Ripp wrote a letter to the office of Archbishop Vlazney asking if he would like to visit the Archives Room at St. Boniface on his way to Mill City to bless the newly restored St. Catherine of Siena Church on March 29.

Henry said he would collect the fees and registrations of those planning to attend the Oregon Catholic Historical Society Spring Event at the Sister's of St. Mary's of Oregon. The cost is \$18 for adults and \$10 for students. At least seven of us are going, including Linda Duman of Scio who is coordinating the registration. An historical presentation, tour, and lunch are included. The date is April 5, starting at 10AM.

Ties to the Sister's of St. Mary's run deep in our area, as they had their beginnings in Jordan, then Sublimity and finally ended their search for a permanent home in Beaverton.

The group also discussed the best ways to collect, map and present records of St. Boniface churchyard cemetery.

Vera contributed a copy of the last will and testament of Father Albright (1883). It contains the names of the families who brought his remains to Jordan, Oregon from Rush Lake, Minnesota (1884). Many of the descendents of these families still live in this area. She also contributed a story about the Trappist Monks in Jordan, Oregon, which appeared in the Scio Times in 1974.



**MARCH 3, 2008**

**Henry's Note:** I corresponded recently with Sr. M. Fidelis SSMO, Archivist at the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon, Beaverton, Oregon. She has kindly sent us an additional copy of Sister Pulcheria Sparkman's ***And So It Happened, and Not by Chance***. This is a wonderful story and history of the order founded here in Sublimity in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, with many local family connections. Of course some of us were familiar with this from the copy donated by Vera Boedigheimer, but we were happily surprised by the copy of Book 2, its continuation through about 1965. There are in all about 320 typewritten pages in this unpublished manuscript. Thank you, Sisters! I have, with some considerable effort, typeset these books for more convenient reference in the St. Boniface Archives. Here is my cover letter:

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March 18, 2008

Sister Mary Fidelis SSMO  
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Dear Sister Mary Fidelis,

Many thanks for providing us copies of Sr. Pulcheria's books. Vera Boedigheimer of our parish, our "town historian," and granddaughter of Bruno Boedigheimer, who gave the sisters the bell as told on page 51 of Book One, has had a copy for perhaps forty-five years. We were all familiar with that, but had no idea there was more. So thanks for the copy of Book Two!

This is such wonderfully recounted history, from an honest and spiritual point of view. Of course it served as a foundation for Fr. Schoenbergs's *These Valiant Women*, which has more or less superseded it as a history of your order. (I am still a member of the Archdiocesan Historical Commission, and have been involved with the Bishop Leipzig awards program.)

We have an active archives group here in Sublimity with a natural interest in the Sisters of St. Mary. In fact many here are relatives of the first sisters.

As you can see from the enclosed, I went to no little trouble to put these books into an accessible, presentable form. Of course the Sisters of St. Mary retain the copyright, but you might consider some possible ways this history could be better used - perhaps in conjunction with St. Boniface Archives and Museum, who have such an interest in it.

As I said before, some of us, my wife and I and several members of our archives committee, will be coming to the OCHS Spring Event on April 5. I do hope we will meet you then.

Kind regards,  
Henry Strobel

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**MINUTES for February 26, 2008** 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Vangie Ripp, Don Porter, Carol Zolkoske, Joe Spenner, Vera Boedigheimer, Fred Ripp, Rita Young.

We reviewed the Archives open house that was held on Sunday February 24 from 8:00AM to 12:00 Noon. About 35 people signed the guest book, although many long time parishioners came that did not sign the guest book. The group did talk to many young people who were both interested in church history but also Sublimity history. One woman in particular said she went to the Lutheran Church but wanted to learn more about Sublimity history. Fred Schwindt stopped by to donate the Schwindt's family history.

The Knight's of Columbus has donated many items from their long history in Sublimity. Included were letters written to Ed Bell and Mae Neitling during World War II. Excerpts from these letters were used by Mae and Ed in their publication "The Serviceman's Bulletin. This newsletter was sent to all local members of the military free of charge. They talked about events at home plus what the brave young men and women away from home for the first time in their lives were doing to help win the War. Copies of the "Serviceman's Bulletin" are hard to come by and the Archives is happy for the few copies that have been made available. The Archives would welcome donations of these bulletins.

Vera brought in an 8x12 framed picture of the Baptismal record of John Zimmerman dated April 1892. Vera came into this item in a very unusual way. A woman who lives around Medford was either at a garage sale or an antique store. She saw this framed Baptismal record and purchased it. Somehow she located Vera's name, wrote to her asking if she would be interested. Vera wrote back saying of course. The lady sent the picture framed in glass to her. The Archive group thinks that local descendents of this John Zimmerman are the Sandbergs. Vera sent a thank you and has donated it to the Archives.

Don reported the trophies from St. Boniface High School have been given to the Archives.

Joe Spenner gave us a collection of hundreds of photographs from the Spenner-VanHandel family.

Some time was spent identifying and annotating these old photos where practical.

Vangie, Don, Rita and Carol will have a work party at the Archives on Friday starting at 9:00 AM.

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**February 25, 2008 Minutes** for February 19, 2008 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Vangie Ripp, Don Porter, Carol Zolkoske, Rita Young, Vera Boedigheimer

The group discussed attending the Sisters of St. Mary's of Oregon presentation. This is the Spring Event of the Oregon Catholic Historical Society. The date is April 5, 2008. Linda Duman is taking registrations from here. Several of us will attend. Registrations, \$18, are due March 15.

Vangie and Don have been copying records from the church archives. Carol and Rita will be working on the St. Boniface cemetery map.

Carol made printed cards to be put out at the breakfast on Sunday inviting people to our open house on Sunday, Feb 24. Don showed a book about the Etzel Family, which will be on display at the open house.

Vera donated a copy of a map of Marion and Linn Counties from 1878. Also a book compiled by Daraleen Phillips Wade containing abstracts of the Stayton Mail 1896 through 1908.

Vera also donated a Marion County Directory 1926-1927. Plans are set for the open house on Sunday. Don will open at 8:00 AM. Other members of the Archives Committee will assist.

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**Henry's note:** In the meantime we received a treasure from the local Knights of Columbus council, arranged by Grand Knight Kent Purdy. A highlight was a fine portrait of Fr. Anthony Lainck, pastor of St. Boniface for 32 years, and after whom the council was named. There are many other records and display items, not least of which were apparently hundreds of letters written back by Sublimity men serving overseas in WWII, which will be filed for access by the interested families.

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**FEBRUARY 17, 2008 Minutes** for February 12, 2008 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Vangie Ripp, Don Porter, Carol Zolkoske, Rita Young

The group sent a thank you card to Sublimity Builders Supply for the donation of builder's board used to hang the pictures.

Don showed an excellent picture of Fern Ridge School from around 1920, which he will copy for the

Archives.

Carol and Rita volunteered to gather information about the old part of St. Boniface Cemetery. Carol will arrange to meet with Kim about getting copies of the records of the cemetery. Vangie may look into a computer program designed for cemeteries.

We will open the Archives during the St. Boniface Breakfast February 24 from about 8:30 to 12:00 noon. Don Porter will open, followed by Vangie Ripp, Carol Zolkoske and Rita Young. Carol will make posters plus small handouts to be given out at the breakfast, like this:

<p style="text-align:center"><b><u>OPEN HOUSE</u></b> <b>Saint Boniface Archives</b></p> <p><b>When? Sunday February 24 - 8:00 AM to 12 Noon</b></p> <p><b>Where? Sublimity -Sisters of St. Mary's Convent located across the street from St. Boniface church.</b></p> <p><b>Free and open to the public. Wheelchair accessible</b></p> <p><b>Come and see dozens of pictures of old Sublimity, Parishioners plus Parish artifacts and many other</b></p>
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**FEBRUARY 11, 2008 Minutes** for February 5, 2008 9:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Vangie Ripp, Don Porter, Dr. Ray Heuberger, Carol Zolkoske, Beth VanVeen, Fred Ripp, Vera Boedigheimer, Rita Young.

Ray donated pictures from a tour taken in 2000 by a group of Parishioners led by Father Dernbach on a tour of local churches.

Don sent information to the Burghart's about their local family especially about the cemetery.

Don donated past copies of "Historic Marion" from the Marion County Historic Society from 2002 to 2004. Also a picture that he got from Roy Fender. It was taken at the Darley Plantation in 1949. It shows a large group of cub scouts in the bean patch. In the picture is Kenneth Ware, Jackie Ditter, Denny Frank, Gail Elmer, Thumper Julian, Ray Markham, Roy Fender and Paul Freres.

A new smoke detector has been installed in the Archives.

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**FEBRUARY 4, 2008 Minutes** for January 29, 2008 10:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske  
Attendance: Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Vangie Ripp, Don Porter, Ray Heuberger, Carol Zolkoske

Ray donated some items from the La Croix Family including letters, also some items from the Heuberger family.

Henry donated a copy of the "History of Stayton Oregon" written by Mathilda Siegmund Jones in 1955. He will email back to Moe Burghart about members of the Burghart family buried in St. Boniface Cemetery. The Burgharts are related to the Etzels.

We filed a couple of photos from the "Moments of the Past," Statesmen Journal, January 27, 2008. One is of an old school, still standing (barely). According to Don Porter, it is misidentified as the Fern Ridge school. It is the school known as "Dutch Heaven" or Glen Oak. Grace Ditter did in fact teach at the Fern Ridge School. In those days before school buses country schools were about two miles apart, one mile being about as far as the youngsters could reasonably walk. The other photo is from the 1940s with members of the Basl and Nielson families threshing bent grass on the Frank Basl place.

NOTICE - Our meetings will now begin at 9:00 Tuesdays instead of 10:00. (We need to get more work done!)

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**JANUARY 29, 2008 Minutes** for January 22, 2008 10:00AM to 11:30 by: Carol Zolkoske  
Attendance: Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Vangie Ripp, Rita Young, Joe Spenner, Anna Hendricks Wolf, Beth and Daphne VanVeen, Carol Zolkoske

Anna donated a large photograph including her great uncle John A. Ditter, taken around 1900. It also contains Joseph Schriewe. The picture is a group of men including many priests. Anna does not know where it was taken or why.

Beth VanVeen stopped by with her daughter. She is working on a masters degree at Willamette University in Salem and plans to write a paper on the Sisters of St. Mary's of Oregon with emphasis on their beginnings in Jordan and Sublimity. Members of the Archives

Committee are providing some information and assistance.

We will be meeting with Kent Purdy, Grand Knight of the local Knights of Columbus to arrange transfer of some of their historic memorabilia to St. Boniface Archives and Museum.

Carol will take the picture of the Solemn Communion class of 1938 to Camilla Butler to help fill in the names.

Henry and Francis set up two more 4x8' photo panels.

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### **JANUARY 20, 2008**

**Minutes for January 15, 2008** 10:00AM to 11:30 by Carol Zolkoske

Attendance: Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Vangie Ripp, Rita Young, Carol Zolkoske

Francis brought a copy of the Stayton Mail from December 26, 2007. It contains a story of Jim and Shirley Heater, their 156 year family history in Sublimity from 1852, and their Christmas tree growing business. This will be noted in *The History of Sublimity* on the web

We discussed how to store and catalog some of the small personal and family items donated. Those without definite historical significance can be stored in marked packets and catalogued as such, it being neither necessary nor desirable to individually list mass cards and such.

We had a discussion about bringing the old St. Boniface sports trophies and their display cabinet from the church hall to just outside the Archives.

Henry made fliers promoting the Archives meetings. One will be placed in church, another in the hall and the third on the Archives (Convent) door.

Carol donated stories from the internet including the list of those interred in the Weisner Cemetery (Linn County), a brief history of Linn and Marion County, and a history of the Turner Tabernacle.

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### **January 14, 2008**

**Minutes for January 8, 2007** 10:00AM to 11:30 by: Carol Zolkoske. Attendance: Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Vangie Ripp, Rita Young, Vera Boedigheimer, Carol Zolkoske

Henry made and gave the Archives two full DVDs of a video taken with Father Paul's video camera. It was of the Christmas Mass 2007, First Holy Communion 2006, plus video of Father Paul's travels and the school he attended in India.

Don said that the Knights of Columbus have many items stored in numerous places. This includes pictures. He said they would be willing to donate these items to the Archives.

Vangie has just about completed putting all donated items on a list in the computer. Henry said that the group needs someone to type and OCR stories and other important information into the computer, both for the archives and with a view to possible publication.

We need to post a policy a policy for safekeeping of information, pictures etc. In general, rare or valuable items will not be lent out. There may be a small fee for copying. We will try to accommodate your research requirements - or just plain browsing in or outside the normal Tuesday morning meetings. The public is of course very welcome at these meetings!

Francis Hendricks volunteered to install the new brass label holders on the drawers.

We once again heartily thank Sublimity Builders Supply for their considerable donations of materials for fitting out the Archives facilities. Thank you!

Next meeting: January 16, 2008 at 10:00 AM. In the archives room

### **JANUARY 8, 2008**

Greetings; we are in a new year. Today is its first meeting, after a holiday hiatus.

**Minutes for December 18, 2007** 10:00AM to 11:30 by: Carol Zolkoske. Attendance: Henry Strobel, Francis Hendricks, Vangie Ripp, Rita Young, Linda Spenner, and Carol Zolkoske

Henry showed the group sheet music that Vera donated. The sheet music was her mother's that she played on the piano. She also donated a manual adding machine, apparently used by her mother in the store. These items give a glimpse into family and business life in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Linda Spenner donated a photo album she compiled on the priests who served at St. Boniface and the priests that the Van Handel family have sponsored in India and Africa over the years. This is beautiful as well as a functional, accessible display. Thank you, Linda!

Don Porter showed an album of the Etzel family history dating back to 1757. He also showed the group copies of early Stayton Cannery (NORPAC) Shares.

The group spent part of the meeting setting up photo displays on the walls. Henry provided brass label holders for the cabinet drawers and new plastic label holders for filing boxes. He also added some recent photos to the *Archives photo album* and to the *History Of Sublimity* at [www.saintboniface.net](http://www.saintboniface.net)