

# St. Boniface Archives Record, 2018

## Community Archives & Museum, Sublimity, Oregon

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#### **August 7, 2018**

*Attendees: Jonathan Penrice, Charlene [Pietrok] Pierce, Vangie and Fred Ripp, Brian Schachtsick, Gary and Cheryl [Owen] Gries, Carol Zolkowski, and Mike Burns*

We received a check from Denise [Welter] Purdy for our piano. We only had to part with this significant piece of Sublimity history because of the lack of space since the renovations began in the building. Also addressing this problem, we have decided to to some rearranging and possibly removing our nice flat display cases.

Jonathan's school thesis concerns how people describe certain buildings in Sublimity and how people understand the geography of the town and what is important about locations. He will be conducting interviews with various people and we at the archives, will also benefit from his work by receiving information about the history of Sublimity. There was a long discussion about people who might make good candidates for these interviews.

Mike Burns came with a box full of old school yearbooks dating from the mid 1940's to the mid 1950's. Included, were also a lot of old photographs and a school pennant from 1949. There was also a typed paper on the history of schools that had been researched by Vera Boedigheimer and Pat [Toepfer] Burns (Mike's mother) and possibly with the help of Yvonne Ditter.

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#### **July 3, 2018**

*Attendees: Charlene Pierce, Jonathon Penrice, Gary and Cheryl Gries (from Roseburg, OR), Brian Schachtsick, Carol Zolkoske, Velma Russell, Ron Etzel and briefly, his brother, Larry Etzel*

Jonathon was wanting to start a research project in conjunction with school, but our room was in complete disarray from renovation work being done in the chapel and hallway. Everything had to be taken off the hall shelving and moved into our room. Jonathon is researching Sublimity history, but it was a little difficult to help him find everything he needed, with all the other chaos going on.

Velma Russell donated an embroidered chalice cover from Father Thomas Gadbois (served

1969-1975). It had been saved by Camilla [Lulay] and her husband, Gene Butler.

Larry Etzel took time away from helping with the renovation to donate a commemorative plate celebrating 75 years, from 1903 to 1978 of Orville and Wilbur Wright, to whom Sublimity has a personal connection!

So much was going on at the same time, that I forgot to tell everyone that I did drop by the Doerfler family's 88<sup>th</sup> annual reunion on June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Sublimity Church Park. I had been asked to have the Archives open, but because of the recent and on-going renovations, it was just not feasible to have so many guests while our room is in chaos of having all the items in the hallway, along with all the shelving moved into our tiny space. I was assured by Dave Schumaker that we did not have to worry about disruptions due to renovations in the archive room.... for now.

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### **June 5, 2018**

*Attendees: Charlene Pierce, Jackie [Brand] Wright, Brian Schachtsick, Fred and Vangie Ripp, Carol Zolkoske and Margaret Hendricks*

Jackie Wright was visiting from Texas and spent time looking through a lot of our books. Margaret brought papers related to the Foresters, which had disbanded years ago.

There was some discussion about the Kintz family and I tried to get some of the genealogy correct. Still not sure, but I had Mary Etzel married to Myles Kintz. Their children: Evelyn and Darlene (who married Hendricks) and Darlene's daughter: Kamala.

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### **May 1, 2018**

*Attendees: Charlene Pierce, Fred and Vangie Ripp, Jonathon Penrice, Carol Zolkoske, Ed and Karlene Santibenez, and Terrie and John Niehus (from St. Paul, OR).*

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### **April 3, 2018**

*Attendees: Charlene Pierce, Brian Schachtsick, Fred and Vangie Ripp, Carol Zolkoske, Marlene Nix from Turner, Patty B. Russell from Corvallis, and Jim and Pat Kerr from Stayton.*

So many discussions were going on, all at the same time! Patty, who used to live in Lake Oswego did mention that she is in the process of writing a family history book. I was able to get a little genealogy put together for the family of William McKinney (who was the first of nine children). Together with his wife, Matilda Darby (who is the fourth of nine children), born in 1831 in Kentucky, they had eleven children.

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## **March 6, 2018**

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

We had an interesting discussion with Tracy Duerst (from Silverton) about the Doerfler family line, descended from Joseph, who had stayed in the Waldo Hills area.

Carol brought in a story that came from Katherine Kirsch (for the Brown House, titled, "History of the A.P. Kirsch Family of Stayton (for us to look at).

Vangie and Fred had met with Ted Shepard and Vangie came away with some genealogy regarding Guy and MaryAnne Scott. Guy's Great-Grandfather had come here on the Oregon Trail. Guy's mother was a "Trask." Brian also added that Lorice Trask had a machine shop. Also, Germaine Smith, married to Maurice Shelton was a banker.

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## **February 6, 2018**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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On February 15, we opened the archives for a special meeting with Paul Aniotzbehere and his wife, Pat, who made a long drive down from Port Townsend, Washington. Paul's great uncle, Paul Parker, was one of two sons from the marriage of John Parker and Amanda Hobson. This is the same family name, for which the town of Sublimity was once called, Hobson's Corner! Paul Parker and his brother Garth passed away years ago but left behind many documents relating to California and Oregon history. He brought down several bibles from the early 1800's belonging to the Hobson family. Birth, death, marriage dates are recorded in one of them. He also had a photo album of the Hobson family. It's an interesting note that the Aniotzbehere family changed its name in 1933 to “Ansberry,” but Paul has since changed his family name back to “Aniotzbehere.” The culture and history of this name goes back to the Basque people of France and Spain. An indigenous people inhabiting adjacent areas of Spain and France. Their history is therefore interconnected with Spanish and French history and also with the history of many other past and present countries, particularly in Europe and the Americas.

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**January 2, 2018:**

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

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

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