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NEWS

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MEETING TUESDAY EVENING, April 9, 6:30, at the Senior Center, Lafayette.
 Dinner is potluck. Bring own table service. Visitors welcome.

PROGRAM following meal and fellowship, will be "Early Postal History of
 Yamhill County," presented by John W. White, Gresham.

Message from our President --

For those of you who missed the March meeting, I'd like to tell you about a very fine thing that has been done for our group. Many of you probably knew or knew of Glen Brooks of Lafayette, who was a member of the family who developed the Brooks prune; and are aware of his recent death. Even though he was not active in the society, he obviously had a great interest in and appreciation for the history of Yamhill County, as he honored the Yamhill County Historical Society by bequeathing to us the sum of \$10,000.00!

After Bob Kuykendall told a little about Mr. Brooks and turned the check over to our treasurer, the members present voted to place the \$10,000 in a bank account where it will earn the most interest possible and still be available for any emergency; until such time as the society decides how best to spend it. However it's used, Mr. Brooks will have by his generosity done much to continue the work of preserving the history of Yamhill County for us and future generations. He kept up with the historical societies activities by having the Newsletter read to him while confined in a nursing home. L.B.

MUSEUM NEWS

Several interesting things have been going on at the museum. Elma Shuck is cataloging our quilts. When she finishes we will have a description of each quilt and know where it is located in the museum. Our quilts are one of the most popular exhibits with our visitors.

Charlotte Filer continues to work with the Dayton Evaporating Plant records that Les Miller of Dayton donated to the museum. This is a very large collection and will take a long time to catalog completely.

Helen Webb, a descendent of the Burton-Handley-Robison pioneer families of Yamhill County, donated the frame of what had once been a glass-lined sugar bowl that had been in the Handley family since they came to Oregon in 1850. She included an interesting written history of it: (See Reverse side)

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Captain Charles Handley with his wife Sarah Burton Handley and children came by ship from Tasmania in 1850. After getting his family settled here, Captain Handley went to the gold fields in California. He did not find much gold, but his wife and children collected their egg money in this sugar bowl which likely had a cobalt blue lining. They surprised him by earning much more than he found. Later Captain Handley became one of the first surveyors of Yamhill, Polk, and Tillamook counties.

PACIFIC COAST BUSINESS DIRECTORY
1867

(continued from last month)

DAYTON, Yamhill Co, P O, on the Yamhill River, which is navigable to this point,
3 miles s e of Lafayette

Cary, John, postmaster
Clark, Nelson, Rev, clergyman (M E)
Stiles, __, saddlery and harness

LAFAYETTE, Yamhill Co, P O and Co seat Yamhill Co, situated on the left bank of the Yamhill river, 6 miles above its mouth, 24 miles n w of Salem, and 30 miles s w of Portland. Lafayette is well located, and considering the many advantages it enjoys, must be at no distant day a city of considerable importance. The river is navigable to this point the entire year.

Adams, S C Rev, clergyman
Allen, H W, general merchandise
Baker, John, carpenter
Belcher, J M, general merchandise
Bidwell, W C, carpenter
Bradshaw, E C, attorney at law
Dillon, A R, physician
Eckles, Clement, general mdse
Ewing & Masterson, blacksmiths
Forbes, A F, Pres Lafayette Academy
Greer, G H, clergyman (M E)
Harris, R, saloon
Hembree, J T, general merchandise and
hotel proprietor
Hurlburt S, attorney at law

LAFAYETTE COURIER, J.H. Upton,
prop and editor
Large, F, carpenter
Leobold, F, blacksmith
Phillips, A G, dentist
Simpson, R L, general mdse and P M
Steward, George H, attorney at law
UPTON, J H, publisher and proprietor
Lafayette Courier, and job printer
Watts, J W, physician
White & Westerfield, physicians, drug-
gists and apothecaries
Whitlow, E D, carpenter
Lafayette Academy, Prof A B Forbes,
principal

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