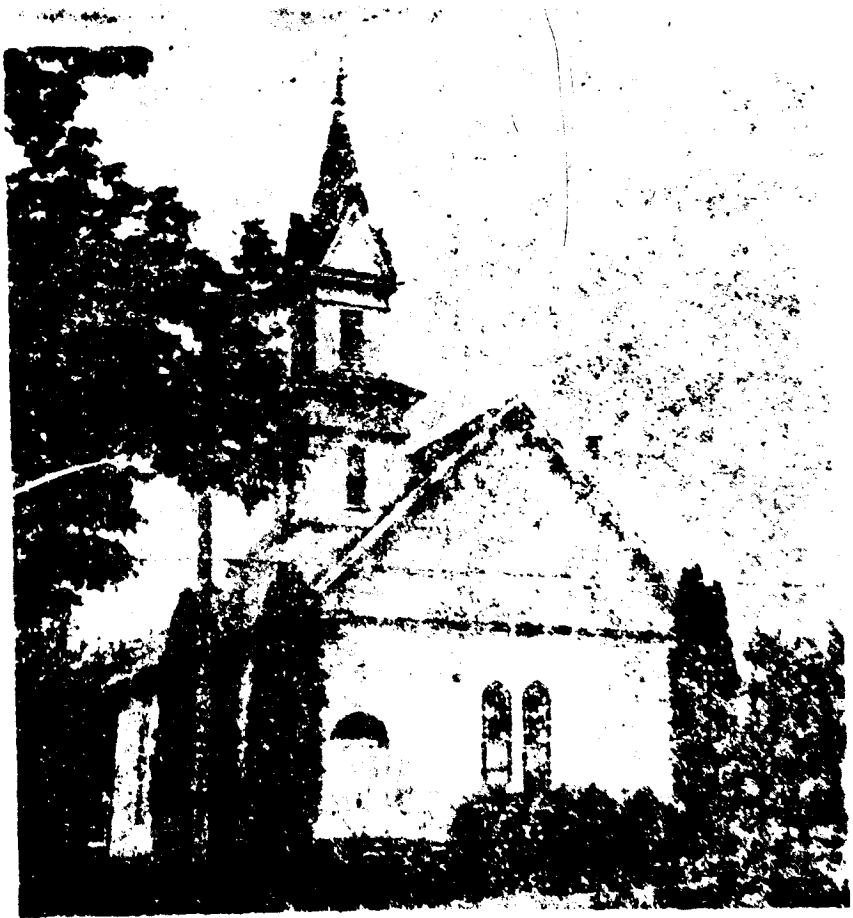


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# YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Membership in the Yamhill County Historical Society is open to all. We earnestly solicit your active participation in the activities of the society.

Membership dues are: Junior membership \$1.00 per calendar year  
Adult membership \$2.00 per calendar year  
Life Membership \$50.00

Payment may be made to the Financial Secretary:  
Mrs. Florence M. Bridenstine  
1029 East 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
McMinnville, Ore. 97128

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Museum located at 6<sup>th</sup> and Market St. in Lafayette is open Friday and Saturday afternoon in the winter, check with Mrs. Sitton for the hours.

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### OFFICERS

President.....	Dr. G. A. Odgers	Treasurer.....	Dr. J.A. Jonasson
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# MCMINNVILLE GRIST MILL

by  
Ruth Stoller

The building of William T. Newby's grist mill in 1853 is usually considered the beginning of the town of McMinnville. But how many of us know that it took a special act of the Oregon Territorial Legislature to give him permission to do it? Because there wasn't enough year-round water flow in the creek on his property, he conceived the idea of digging a ditch or putting up a flume to bring the necessary additional water from Baker Creek. A copy of the petition he circulated among his neighbors follows (the spelling and punctuation is as much like the original as possible):

YAMHILL COUNTY O.T. Jan the 25 1853

To the Council & House of Representatives of the Territory of Oregon. We the undersigned pertishioners of Yamhill County, O.T. do inform your Honorable body That a Flowering Mill in our midst wold be of much importance. Theare fore we who live on Baker Creek & the North Fork of the Yamhill River below the Junction of the Baker Creek with said North Fork of the Yamhill River & others in the vercinity To pray your Honorable body to grant William T. Newby his heirs & assigns the privilege of constructing a dam six feet high across the said Baker Creek at any point within sevn Hundred yards of where the west line of Thomas J. Shaddens Land Claim creeses said Creek & the further privilege of cutting a ditch or making a plank floom or any outhr nessary improovment so as to convey the water in said Creek from the dam in the ditch or Floom to any point on the Cozine Creek on said Newbys land Claim there to be used on any kind of machienry for milling or outhr machienry purposes We Further pray that the said William T. Newby may be so restricted as to leave a sufficient quantity of watter in said Creek to make a running streem and we your pertishioners will ever pray

Joseph R. Young

Mary Young

William Morton

Catharine Morton

Wm Dawson & Mary E. Dawson, on whose land the dam and back water will  
be on

Edmund Sayling & Eliz Sayling

Henry & Jane Bird

Miles Cary

Cyrene B. Cary

James Fulton

Charles S. Tustin

Mary J. Tustin

George W Burnet

Sidney A Burnet

John Carlin

J. O. Henderson

Marthey E, Henderson

T.J. Shaden & Marthey Shadden

Joseph Gibbs

Jno. H. Berry

Samuel Cozine and Mahala Cozine

Madison Malone

E.W. Winkle

J.G. Baker

Katherine Baker

S. Berry\*

A. Willson

\* should be Beary

The Legislative Assembly passed an Act in February 1853 giving T. Newby the autherization to turn the water out of Baker Creek.  
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YAMHILL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSCAST,  
OCTOBER, 1974

Event.....November meeting  
Time.....Tuesday November 12, 7P.M.  
Place.....United Presbyterian Church, McMinville  
Speaker.....Dr. J.A. Jonasson

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ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS at the December meeting  
OFFICES TO BE FILLED: President, recording secretary, treasurer  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Laurence Schreiber, Chester Hall, Roma Sitton

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MUSEUM NEWS

We are open Friday and Saturday, 1:00 to 4:30, or will meet groups anytime. Call 472-7935.

Mr. Kilgore and his neighbors moved the show case and file cabinet for the library files. They helped move tables, boxes and other articles. Mended tables and the two boys had a good afternoon learning what our tools were used for. Offered to clean and repair same when we move into our museum barn. Mrs DeGordon brought more baby dresses she and her brother had worn, made by her mother Julia Cummins Gibson. And a large scrap book of old plays and musical programs, and her WAC uniform.

Another donor brought a manicuring set given to a mother in 1922 for her birthday by her son Ernest Kilgore. An old strait edge razor, a opium pipe from Japan a pair of glove stretchers a crucible used in the gold fields in 1900. A Oregon 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration pin, A centennial tie 1959 worn by square dance group when invited to participate in Oregon Centennial in Portland.

Mrs. Kilgore compiled our postcards and added some of her own collection into a lovely scrapbook which we appreciate. We have more donors to report later.

Roma Sitton -- 472-7935

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GRIST MILL -- from previous page:

However, before he could begin construction, he was required to obtain in writing the consent of all the claim holders whose interests would be affected by the construction of the dam. This latter document is recorded on page 45 in the Records of Mortgages & Contracts in the Yamhill County Courthouse. The Original of the above petition is in the Oregon State Archives at Salem.