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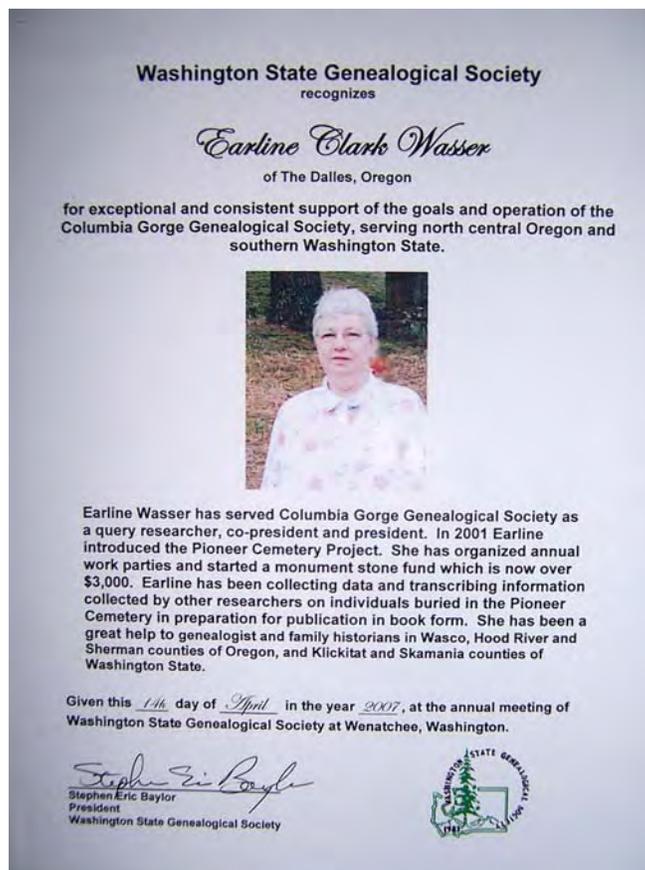
The Dalles, Oregon

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Pioneer Cemetery Monument Project

Congratulations to Earline Wasser who has been recognized by the Washington State Genealogical Society for her exceptional and consistent support of the goals and operation of the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society. Earline was awarded the certificate at right on April 14, 2007 at the annual meeting of the Washington State Genealogical Society at Wenatchee, Washington.

The association of Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society and the Pioneer Cemetery in The Dalles, Oregon began in 1999. Two of our members, Peter and Earline Wasser, had walked through the chronically unkempt cemetery in 1998 and shared their findings with our Society. The cemetery is owned by City of The Dalles but no funds had been budgeted towards its upkeep. It was decided by our membership that we would take an active roll in spearheading a cleanup day at the cemetery. A few hard-working volunteers showed that first year and with the barest of implements we began what was to become a long association with yearly cleanups in the cemetery. There was a lot of vine invasion and once we began removing this vine unseen tombstones were discovered. Fourteen total tombstones have been located that had not been seen in many years buried under this vine cover.



Early in the association we realized that many of the tombstones were deteriorated; missing, or vandalized. Since we no longer can determine where any specific person is buried replacing missing tombstones is not feasible. It was decided to start a fund to purchase one large monument and inscribe all the known names. This would commemorate all who are known buried in the cemetery. Information gathered by seven past researchers and additional newspaper research by Earline Wasser has found the names of 230 known burials. Earline has placed the entire past and present research into a book. This book will be published within the next few months by the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society and funds from the sale of this book will

provide the Society with additional money to place in the cemetery monument fund.

We continued our annual cleanup day in 2007 (May 19th.) calling upon volunteers to again lend their support in the effort. Our Society has been working with the City of The Dalles to eventually take over maintenance and improvements at the cemetery. We have made great strides in the past eight years.

Thanks Earline for your many years of hard work.

COLUMBIA GORGE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Welcome New Members

JoAnn Hardin, Glenna McCargar, Denise Morris,
Jackie Morris, Teddy Parkinson, Billie Stevens,
Geraldine Stevens, Carolee VanLaar, and Mackenzie
VanLaar.

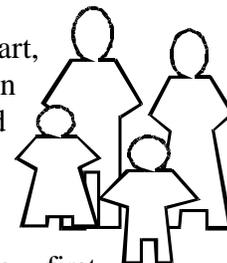
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SOCIETY SURNAME LIST

The surname list is compiled by Surname, Date, Place of Birth and Death of ancestors done on a pedigree chart and turned into Rose Denslinger, 541-296-4140. If you need blank pedigree charts to fill out, contact Rose.

When submitting your pedigree chart, there should be a year(s) and an area (county and state) associated with the surname. If these are unknown when you submit a pedigree chart, we count back 20 years from the birth of the first descendent. That date will be used with a question mark. The same area as the birth of the first child will be used for the area.



The compiled Surname Lists are on the shelves of the Genealogy cases in The Dalles/Wasco County Public Library. New charts will be filed in the Additions Section.



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NO REFUGE COULD SAVE

by Dr. Isaac Asimov

Near the end of his life the great science fiction author Isaac Asimov wrote a short story about the four stanzas of our national anthem. However brief, this well-circulated piece is an eye opener from the dearly departed doctor.....

I have a weakness -- I am crazy, absolutely nuts, about our national anthem. The words are difficult and the tune is almost impossible, but frequently when I'm taking a shower I sing it with as much power and emotion as I can. It shakes me up every time.

I was once asked to speak at a luncheon. Taking my life in my hands, I announced I was going to sing our national anthem -- all four stanzas. This was greeted with loud groans. One man closed the door to the kitchen, where the noise of dishes and cutlery was loud and distracting. "Thanks, Herb," I said. "That's all right," he said. "It was at the request of the kitchen staff."

I explained the background of the anthem and then sang all four stanzas. Let me tell you, those people had never heard it before -- or had never really listened. I got a standing ovation. But it was not me; it was the anthem.

More recently, while conducting a seminar, I told my students the story of the anthem and sang all four stanzas. Again there was a wild ovation and prolonged applause. And again, it was the anthem and not me. So now let me tell you how it came to be written. In 1812, the United States went to war with Great Britain, primarily over freedom of the seas. We were in the right. For two years, we held off the British, even though we were still a rather weak country. Great Britain was in a life and death struggle with Napoleon. In fact, just as the United States declared war, Napoleon marched off to invade Russia. If he won, as everyone expected, he would control Europe, and Great Britain would be isolated. It was no time for her to be involved in an American war.

At first, our seamen proved better than the British. After we won a battle on Lake Erie in 1813, the American commander, Oliver Hazard Perry, sent the message, "We have met the enemy and they are ours." However, the weight of the British navy beat down our ships eventually. New England, hard-hit by a tightening blockade, threatened secession.

Meanwhile, Napoleon was beaten in Russia and in 1814 was forced to abdicate. Great Britain now turned its attention to the United States, launching a three-pronged attack.

The northern prong was to come down Lake Champlain toward New York and seize parts of New England.

The southern prong was to go up the Mississippi, take New Orleans and paralyze the West.

The central prong was to head for the mid-Atlantic states and then attack Baltimore, the greatest port south of New York. If Baltimore was taken, the nation, which still hugged the Atlantic coast, could be split in two. The fate of the United States, then, rested to a large extent on the success or failure of the central prong.

The British reached the American coast, and on August 24, 1814, took Washington, DC. Then they moved up the Chesapeake Bay toward Baltimore. On September 12, they arrived and found 1,000 men in Fort McHenry, whose guns controlled the harbor. If the British wished to take Baltimore, they would have to take the fort.

On one of the British ships was an aged physician, William Beanes, who had been arrested in Maryland and brought along as a prisoner. Francis Scott Key, a lawyer and friend of the physician, had come to the ship to negotiate his release. The British captain was willing, but the two Americans would have to wait. It was now the night of September 13, and the bombardment of Fort McHenry was about to start.

As twilight deepened, Key and Beanes saw the American flag flying over Fort McHenry. Through the night, they heard bombs bursting and saw the red glare of rockets. They knew the fort was resisting and the American flag was still flying. But toward morning the bombardment ceased, and a dread silence fell. Either Fort McHenry had surrendered and the British flag flew above it, or the bombardment had failed and the American flag still flew.

As dawn began to brighten the eastern sky, Key and Beanes stared out at the fort, trying to see which flag flew over it. He and the physician must have asked each other over and over, "Can you see the flag?"

After it was all finished, Key wrote a four stanza poem telling the events of the night. Called "The Defense of Fort McHenry," it was published in newspapers and swept the nation. Someone noted that the words fit an old English tune called, "To Anacreon in Heaven" -- a difficult melody with an uncomfortably large vocal range. For obvious reasons, Key's work became known as "The Star Spangled Banner," and in 1931 Congress declared it the official anthem of the United States.

Now that you know the story, here are the words. Presumably, the old doctor is speaking. This is what he asks Key:

Oh! Say, can you see, by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming? And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there. Oh say, does that Star - Spangled Banner yet wave, O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

"Ramparts," in case you don't know, are the protective walls or other elevations that surround a fort. The first stanza asks a question. The second gives an answer:

On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mist of the deep, Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes, What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep. As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses? Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam, In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream 'Tis the star-spangled banner. Oh, long may it wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

"The towering steep" is again, the ramparts. The bombardment has failed, and the British can do nothing more but sail away, their mission a failure. In the third stanza, I feel Key allows himself to gloat over the American triumph. In the aftermath of the bombardment, Key probably was in no mood to act otherwise.

During World War II, when the British were our staunchest allies, this third stanza was not sung. However, I know it, so here it is:

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore that the havoc of war and the battle's confusion a home and a country should leave us no more? Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution. No refuge could save the hireling and slave from the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave, and the Star - Spangled Banner in triumph doth wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

The fourth stanza, a pious hope for the future, should be sung more slowly than the other three and with even deeper feeling:

Oh! Thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand Between their loved homes and the war's desolation, Blest with victory and peace, may the Heaven - rescued land Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation. Then conquer we must, for our cause is just, and this be our motto --"In God is our trust." And the Star - Spangled Banner in triumph doth wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

I hope you will look at the national anthem with new eyes. Listen to it, the next time you have a chance, with new ears.

Submitted by Jim Bull

Happy 4th of July



FIELD TRIP TO YAKIMA

On Wednesday, August 1st, the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society members will caravan by private car to Yakima to spend several hours exploring and doing research at the Yakima Valley Genealogical Society Library.



We will start our trip by meeting at the upper parking lot of The Dalles/Wasco County Library and will leave The Dalles at 8:00 a.m. We should arrive at the library by 10:00 am.

The 7200 sq. ft. library includes three archive rooms, a microfilm reader room, work room and kitchen. There are also five computers with DSL internet connection, and a current collection of approximately 12,000 books and 3,500 microfilms.

If you are interested in being a driver, please let us know, so we can coordinate how many cars will be going. We do ask each person to pay their driver \$10.00 towards the cost of gas. You may take a lunch, snacks, and drinks. The library has a refrigerator and lunchroom. However, plans at this time are to have a late lunch at Home Town Buffet at the Valley Mall in Union Gap. We should be back in The Dalles by 5:00 pm.

For reservations please call:

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Helen Dixon at 541-354-3244

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Library Book Donations

Alfred M. SNIPES donated "The Family History of John Manley SNIPES and Sarah LINDSAY"

Emily M. WILSON and the WILSON Bros. Family Foundation donated "From Boats to Board Feet, The WILSON Family of the Pacific Coast."

Jeffrey L. ELMER of Portland compiled and donated Vitals information from "The Hood River Glacier 1889-1903"

LOOK-UPS

Sandy Bisset has recently acquired a three volume set entitled **HISTORY OF THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY OREGON** by Robert Carlton Clark, Ph. D., published in 1927. The first volume is general history of what became Oregon with lots of info including pictures of towns. Volumes two and three are biographies. Sandy will gladly do free look-ups or allow you to peruse at her kitchen table. You may do digital no flash copying. She will have to charge postage and photocopying costs if she does it for you.

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A Bank's Historian Shakes Money From Family Trees

Wells Fargo Uses Genealogist To Woo Rich Private Clients; Grandpa Lewin's First Wife

By ANN CARRNS May 19, 2007 Wall Street Journal

BAYONNE, N.J. -- Early this month, 71-year-old Philip Herzog gathered with his two brothers and several descendants in the spartan conference room of the family's kosher wine firm. A representative of the company's bank was coming to make a presentation -- not about the Herzogs' business, but about their family tree.

"Your family has a history of great tragedy, but also great joy," said Andy Anderson, the chief historian at San Francisco-based Wells Fargo & Co. Bringing out books and documents, Dr. Anderson told how the Herzogs, highly regarded winemakers in Slovakia, had lost their relatives and family fortune in the Holocaust before fleeing Czechoslovakia as Communists took control.

Mr. Herzog and his brothers, Orthodox Jews steeped in their family's history, knew much of this already. Then Dr. Anderson handed Mr. Herzog a copy of the passenger manifest from a Pan American Airways charter that left Prague on June 2, 1948. Among its 36 names were Mr. Herzog's father, mother and five siblings.

"What is this!" Mr. Herzog gasped. He sat silently, pressing his fingers to his closed eyelids, holding the evidence of a flight to a new life in New York when he was 12. "Where did you find this?"

The moment was another small triumph for Dr. Anderson, the corporate historian for Wells Fargo. In recent years, the former Stanford University history fellow has turned genealogical research into an unusual marketing vehicle: After Dr. Anderson taps into rich families' fascination with their forebears, the bank aims to turn them into customers for its private-banking arm. By Wells Fargo's estimate, Dr. Anderson has had a hand in developing relationships that have led to \$1 billion in new assets for the bank.

Private banking, long the bailiwick of trust banks or blue-blood institutions like J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., has recently become a fiercer battleground. Trillions of dollars in personal fortunes are expected to be transferred in the next 50 years as baby boomers pass their wealth to the next generation.

Competitors are going to extremes to win the right to manage these funds. U.S. Trust has treated current and

prospective clients to events with Colin Powell and Rudolph Giuliani, and last month the New York-based wealth-management firm invited 50 guests to a dinner and concert by the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. Chicago-based Northern Trust Corp. has entertained big clients at spring training baseball games and has organized displays of its clients' art work.

Wells Fargo deploys Dr. Anderson. The fourth-largest U.S. bank by market value, it ranked 12th among U.S. wealth managers in 2006, according to Barron's, with \$125 billion in private assets under management. The bank's wealth-management businesses -- including investments, brokerage and private banking for clients with at least \$1 million in balances at Wells Fargo -- contribute 16% of its profit. Wells Fargo wants to boost that to 25%.

Dr. Anderson, 60 years old, has a Ph.D. in history from Ohio State. After joining Wells Fargo in 1977, he helped organize the archives of the bank, which was founded in 1852 to offer mail delivery, transportation and banking in the burgeoning West. Dr. Anderson also helped create several of the bank's nine Wells Fargo museums.

In February 2003, Dr. Anderson gave a presentation on the company's history to 200 wealthy bank clients at a ski competition in Colorado. Afterward, audience members asked the historian how to research their own families.

Dr. Anderson concluded that rich families were hungry for details of their history -- often not so they could brag, but to impress upon their descendants that family wealth often came with sacrifice: "They want to hear about how hard it was."

Soon the bank began asking regional wealth managers to identify current and prospective clients to invite to family-heritage gatherings. At the events, Dr. Anderson presents participants with a sampling of facts about their families. If they want to know more, he prepares a detailed report and presents the family an archive that can include 100 or so documents, including birth and death registries, prison records or oral histories from interviews of family members.

One evening in January 2005, San Francisco arts patron Lucy Jewett was chatting with bank executives at the

ballet when she mentioned that her grandfather may have been a Wells Fargo stagecoach driver. A few days later, the bank's chairman and chief executive, Richard Kovacevich, emailed Dr. Anderson.

The historian confirmed in company records that in the 1880s, Mrs. Jewett's grandfather had been a Wells Fargo driver and agent in Washington state. Two weeks later, Dr. Anderson invited Mrs. Jewett and her husband, George F. "Fritz" Jewett Jr., to lunch at the bank's corporate dining room to discuss his findings. Mr. Jewett, 80 years old, already knew a great deal about his family; his great grandfather, Frederick Weyerhaeuser, had founded the eponymous lumber and paper concern in 1900. But Mrs. Jewett, 78 years old, told Dr. Anderson she yearned for details of her own ancestors.

Dr. Anderson soon assembled a portfolio, revealing that Mrs. Jewett's great grandfather, Norman Wiard, was an inventor of rifles and firearms whose extensive correspondence with President Abraham Lincoln was housed at the Library of Congress. Her forebears also founded the Wiard Plow Co., one of the country's earliest farm-equipment manufacturers. "I was speechless," Mrs. Jewett said.

Shortly after a second lunchtime presentation, in March 2005, Mrs. Jewett transferred funds to Wells Fargo. She declined to disclose the amount.

So far, Dr. Anderson has developed histories for about 40 families, most with net worth's of \$100 million or more. With so much genealogical material now available on the Internet, he can often complete much of the work cheaply and within a few weeks. Wells Fargo recently hired a second Ph.D. historian to assist with family histories, and expects to complete 25 more full-scale histories over the next year. The reports are free, notwithstanding fees the bank may eventually collect for managing clients' funds.

Dr. Anderson generally begins by poking around for family information, and then approaches clients with an offer to dig deeper. So far, the bank says, no one has called the digging intrusive. Dr. Anderson says that when his turns up sensitive material -- three families, for example, have had members kidnapped in the 20th century -- he offers to omit such details from the family's archive, but he says so far no families have sought to redact their past.

Client Ginny Lawrence was intrigued when the historian confirmed a piece of family lore: Her maternal grandfather, Alfred Lewin, had, in fact, been married to a woman in Germany -- before running off to the U.S. with

the woman's younger sister, Ms. Lawrence's grandmother. (The couple traveled the West as a Vaudeville act, the "Traveling Glucks.") Ms. Lawrence, who lives in the San Francisco area, says she and her husband have seven figures invested with Wells Fargo, some of it put in before the presentation and "considerably more" afterward. Last year, a Wells Fargo senior financial consultant asked Dr. Anderson to look into the family of Marvin "Buzz" Oates, an 83-year-old Sacramento real-estate developer known for building utilitarian warehouses dubbed "Buzz Boxes." Mr. Oates had borrowed with Wells Fargo for decades, and recently began investing with its private bank a personal fortune which he says exceeds \$1 billion. The financial consultant wanted to thank Mr. Oates for his business and to build relationships with his five children, who will eventually need help with investment and inheritance planning.

Last month, Dr. Anderson and an associate showed Mr. Oates and three of his children old photographs, cemetery deeds and ship registers that detailed the migration of their paternal ancestors from Cornwall, England. Mr. Oates's daughter, Judy Oates-Holt, was captivated by an 1861 census register showing that four Oates children had labored in Cornwall's copper industry. "It says age 11... age 13," she said. "The children worked in the mines."

At the end of the presentation this month to the Herzogs, whose Royal Wine Corp. is one of the country's biggest makers and distributors of kosher wines, the family huddled around the airplane manifest, which Dr. Anderson found in microfilm records of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, available online.

Then Dr. Anderson shared a piece of his own history. His father was a U.S. airman whose B-17 bomber was shot down while on a raid over Germany in 1944. He was confined for a year in a Nazi prison camp and, as Soviet troops closed in, endured a forced march that killed many. "So I'm deeply honored to be here with you today," Dr. Anderson said. "Some of our parents survived."

The Herzogs applauded. David, 61 years old, says he expects to do more business with the bank, and invest personal funds there.

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OVER THE RIVER, THROUGH THE WOODS, AND ON THE WEB

SHORPY: THE HUNDRED YEAR OLD PHOTO BLOG



<http://www.shorpy.com>

“Shorpy.com is the 100-year-old photography blog that brings our ancestors back, at least to the desktop. The site is named after Shorpy Higginbotham, a boy who worked in an Alabama coal mine near the turn of the century.” There are many dozens of photographs with search capability. It does not seem to work with multiple words in quotes, but wash* does bring up Washington and it is not case sensitive. Each photograph is identified by date, location, and description; it lists comments from members – and speaking of members if you join (no charge) you can post your own photographs and blog to your heart’s content. All information is available without signing up so you can search without divulging your email address. It is worth spending some time if you are interested in a particular topic, timeframe, location, or just like old pictures.

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I have been pleased with purchases from this website. The freight rates are reasonable and listed up front. Now that Microsoft Vista has been released we all need to be aware that some “pre-Vista” software will not work with that operating system. Family Tree Maker is a case in point. Read the fine print, comparison shop, and make an informed decision. Remember, what looks too good to be true, often is. It is wise to go to the manufacturer’s website first for answers to technical questions. Good shopping!

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<http://www.gloreCORDS.blm.gov/>



This is a must bookmark site. The introductory material below explains the site well. It is searchable by name, state, county, township/range in several combinations. It is an ongoing project, so if you don’t find what you are looking for, try again at a later date. If the site “times you out” it just means that there is heavy usage at the time and to try again later. Original documents are difficult to read on the web but they are nicely abstracted, with the originals orderable at a cost.

The site does not contain land records for the original thirteen colonies but beyond that is

very comprehensive. There is also an excellent tutorial explaining how to read land records, and how the federal land grant programs work. After the census this is my next preliminary research site.

“Welcome to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), General Land Office (GLO) Records Automation web site. We provide live access to Federal land conveyance records for the Public Land States. We also provide image access to more than two million Federal land title records for Eastern Public Land States, issued between 1820 and 1908. Images of Serial patents (land titles issued between 1908 and the mid-1960's) have been added to this web site. Images related to survey plats, dating back to 1810, are added to the site state-by-state as each state's documents are completed. Due to organization of documents in the GLO collection, this site does not currently contain every Federal title record issued for the Public Land States.”



NEW START UP

www.familyhistoryplace.net

We'll come back to this site a year from now and see how it is doing. It has about a dozen “how to” articles, a link to genealogy books on Amazon.com, and a proposed newsletter. The search links to their site and the internet. The editor has put a lot of time into linking to genealogy sites nationwide, including CGGS. You can subscribe to their free newsletter at newsletter@familyhistoryplace.net with “subscribe” on the subject line.



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If you have comments on any of the above websites or have found great websites you would like to share, just let me know at wildflowers@gorge.net. And about that column heading, it sort of describes how I get from one place to

another, and where I usually end up. The internet is a fantastic tool, a combination of Encyclopedia and Easter Egg Hunt. Enjoy the journey. **Sandy Bisset**

Obituary for James Cannon

Lt. Col. James Cannon, USAF (Ret), was a Hood River, Ore., resident for 20 years. He died May 13, 2007, at the age of 88. Never a smoker, he battled lung cancer at home for eight and a half months and spent the last twelve days of his life at the Oregon Veterans Home in The Dalles, Ore.

Jim was born Aug. 19, 1918, in Ft. Calhoun Twp., Neb., the son of James Leo and Ruth Emily (Nielsen) Cannon.

The family farmed in the area where he helped with chores and attended Long Creek School #8 and Blair High School. At age 18 he moved to Los Angeles, Calif.

His interest in aviation led to his enlistment in the Air Corp in June 1941; rather than waiting to be drafted into some other branch of the Army. After flight training he received his pilot wings and commission as a second lieutenant at Luke Field, Ariz., in August 1942.

Jim was deployed to England with the 354th Fighter Group in November 1943. They were the first group to fly the new P-51 Mustang and so were dubbed the "Pioneer Mustang Group." He flew combat missions over the European continent in support of the B-17/B-24 bombing campaign and the allied air offensive against Nazi Germany's Luftwaffe.

His plane was disabled by ground fire during a bomber escort mission to Berlin April 29, 1944. His aircraft was on fire and at a dangerously low altitude when he bailed out. He suffered burns to his hands, neck and face; some panels in his parachute and part of his clothing were burned away.

He was a prisoner of war in several camps including Stalag Luft III. Exactly one year later he was liberated by General Patton's tanks on April 29, 1945. After those harrowing incidents he always felt he was living on borrowed time.

Some of the medals he received include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, Air Medal with 6 Oak Leaf clusters and the Presidential Unit Citation.

After the war he chose to accept the appointment as a Regular Commissioned Officer and pilot in the U.S. Army Air Force. Later, when making the transition to jet aircraft at Williams Field, Ariz., he met his wife, Dorothy Burns; she was attending college at nearby Tempe, Ariz. After six weeks of courtship, they married on July 2, 1947.

Many duty stations followed, most notably: Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage, Alaska (when still a territory), the Pentagon, Washington, D.C., and HQS USAAFE, Wiesbaden, Germany.

While working at the Pentagon he was sent to observe an above-ground atomic bomb test in Nevada. After 24 years, Jim retired from the USAF at Rantoul AFB, Ill.

After his military service, Jim worked at the Nevada Test Site, 60 miles north of Las Vegas, where atomic bombs were tested. He was employed there many years as a security inspector pertaining to the enforcement of the Atomic Energy Commission security regulations.

He retired totally at age 60, living in Las Vegas until moving to Hood River in May 1987.

In earlier years he played tennis and golf, and was on several bowling teams. He enjoyed boating, fishing and camping while always pursuing the best camping facilities.

Around the house he could fix anything and did so promptly; was good with tools of any kind and kept the cars in top mechanical condition.

He dabbled in photography at one time and liked rock collecting. In the late 1950s he was active in amateur "ham" radio for several years; his call sign was KB7QMC.

Jim was a 32 degree Mason; life member Master Mason in Solomon Lodge #10 AF&AM of Ft. Calhoun, Neb., receiving his 50th year pin in 1998 in Hood River; life member Scottish Rite of Consistory of Albany, Ga.; and a member of Zelzah Shriners of Las Vegas, Nev.

He was a member of the 354th Fighter Group Association, Air Force Association, 9th Air Force Association, life member of the Military Officers Association of America, life member of the American Legion and a member of the Hood River Elks for a number of years.

Jim is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Dorothy Lee Cannon, of Hood River; son and daughter-in-law, James Leslie and Chiyo Cannon of Leesburg, Va.; daughter and son-in-law, Joanna Lee and Jay Campbell of Starbuck, Minn.; son Xander Lee Cannon of Hood River; sister, Katherine Yates of Santa Rosa, Calif.; sister-in-law, Tessie Cannon of Las Vegas, Nev.; and grandsons Kane Kiyo Cannon, Cody James Campbell and William Jay Campbell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Robert Cannon; half-sister, Shirley (Cannon) Red, Brown; and half-brother James L. Cannon Jr.

Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., July 12, with full military honors.

Memorial donations in Jim's memory may be made to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in care of Anderson's Tribute Center (Funerals, Receptions, Cremations), 1401 Belmont Ave., Hood River, OR 97031.

The Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society wishes to express our sincere condolences to member Dorothy Cannon and her family.



Pioneer Cemetery Clean-up Day May 19th 2007

Clean up crew included Linda Row, Portland; Alice Tibbets, Dennis and Mary Davis, Gerald Iken, Dawn Marie Hert, Karen Polehn, and Earline Wasser all of The Dalles.

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Society contributed over 40 artificial flower arrangements to be placed on grave sites. The City of The Dalles donated two rose bushes and an anonymous donation of iris plants were also received.

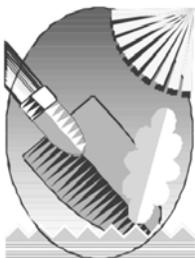
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July and August – No meetings

Field Trip to Yakima, see article inside

Sherry Kaseberg presents her program about places
in Sherman County, their names and namesakes.

Have a great summer.