

# REFLECTIONS

Newsletter of East County Historical Organization

Fall  
2014



## E.C.H.O.

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### Important Dates

**1874 Zimmerman  
Heritage Farm**  
17111 NE Sandy Blvd  
Gresham, Oregon

House Tour  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday  
12:00 to 4:00 pm

Volunteer in the Garden  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
9:00 to 12:00 pm

Volunteer in the House  
4:00 to 8:00 pm  
Call for Days

**1890 Heslin House**  
60 Main Street  
Fairview, Oregon

House Tour  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday  
12:00 to 4:00 pm

Volunteer in the Garden  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday  
9:00 to 1:00

Volunteer in the House  
4:00 to 8:00 pm  
Call for Days

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## *"An Evening at the Zimmerman House"*

*If you've enjoyed the Zimmerman House during the day, you should see her at night! The historic Zimmerman House was built in 1874 and was home to three generations of the Zimmerman Family. Their furnishings and personal articles remain in this two-story Victorian home, including children's toys, games, Christmas postcards, and winter clothing. The third annual evening tours will be held on:*

***Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and December 16<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-8pm.***

*Parking is extremely limited, so please consider car pooling. Please reserve the time you'd like to visit the House, and give yourself approximately 45 minutes to explore both floors of the home. For reservations go to:*

<https://zimmermanheritagefarm.eventbrite.com>

*Admission is free, but the suggested donation for this special event is \$5 per person 18 and older.*

## ***Mabel Zimmerman's Travel Journal 1909-1910 Trip to the East Coast States Back to Boston then on to New Orleans***

### **Nov 21. New York**

Well, you poor old diary I've been neglecting you shamefully these days but I've been busy & somehow didn't feel like writing. Briefly this is what has happened since leaving Boston. Our trip to Portland was very delightful except the seasickness while going. But anyway we have had a trip on the Atlantic Ocean and I suppose it's worth it. Portland is a small city of about 60,000 founded in 1636. We were there only one day – in the morning we took the car out to Cape Cottage and saw Fort Williams. The city is guarded by six forts. The scenery along the New England coast is beautiful for there are so many pretty little islands and peninsulas, it is also very rocky.



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***In Memory of Bonita Jenkins***

***11-26-1914 to 9-5-2003***

*Bonita volunteered as our first treasurer in 1987 and remained so until her passing in 2003. She was dedicated to the Heslin House and our society.*

***Bonita Jenkins' Pumpkin Cake***

6 eggs lightly beaten  
1 large can pumpkin (3c)  
1 ½ c sugar  
2 c canned milk  
2 tsp cinnamon  
½ tsp ginger  
½ tsp cloves

Mix all together and pour into 9 x13-greased pan

Melt 1 cube margarine or butter  
(Cool slightly)

Cut into plain yellow cake mix (dry)

Sprinkle over pumpkin mix

Bake 1 hour at 325 degrees

Chopped nuts may be sprinkled over top if desired

Serve with Cool Whip

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Well we came back to Boston Saturday evening and spent the Sunday in Boston and next morning we began our journeying. We stopped at Providence and took a run over to Newport RI. It was a lovely day only the wind blew such a gale that it was very unpleasant. We walked along the famous cliff walk there, along the coast & with the beautiful green lawns of the "cottages" on the other side. The rich of New York have such immense houses here – one wonders what use they can have of such large houses. We also spent a few hours at New Haven, Conn. to see Yale College. I like the college very much, also better than Harvard. Got in to New York about 3'oclock and went at once to the hotel. I had not anticipated a very pleasant stay in New York – it's so large & I had expected it would be very hard to find one's way around the city, but it's no more difficult than any of the other large cities & everyone has treated us very courteously. We went to Bronx Park one day and went thro' the Botanical & Zoological Gardens. These are considered the finest in the U.S. and contained more rare animals than any we had seen. We also were through the Aquarium of fish and seals. Then we took the motor stage up Fifth Avenue past the houses of New York's richest people up to Central Park. The Metropolitan Museum of Art is in the Park and we went in to see the Hudson-Fulton loan Collection of paintings. These consisted almost entirely of portraits by Rembrandt & Franz Halls and were very beautiful. We walked thro' the park and out to Riverside Drive, which is a beautiful driveway along the Hudson. There is a beautiful monument to the Soldiers & Sailors of the Civil War along the Drive and farther up. Grant's tomb, where the remains of the famous general, his wife lie in tombs. Then we have spent some time in shopping – my but there are lots of shops here, and some are so large. We were in Tiffany's Store and of such beautiful jewelry but oh – the price, a hat pin for \$4,000 for example.

**New Orleans Jan 1, 1910**

Well, I have almost deserted my diary but will have to write a little about New Orleans. We got here Wednesday evening about 7 o'clock and oh -----

Next morning when we got up it was awfully cold, people told us it was the coldest day in years, people were wearing furs just like up North, we were tired after being on trains so much lately and rested nearly all Thursday.

Friday morning a great change had taken place in the weather, it was so warm & sunshiny, we went out to Audubon park and 'basked in the sun.' then took a car back along St. Charles St. where the wealthiest people live & there were so fine houses but what took my eye was the palms, little palms, & big palms, I am just crazy about palms anyway. Today, in the morning we had a car ride around the loop past several cemeteries which are different from those of other cities as the swampy land prevents drifting graves, so mostly tombs are used. The streets here are very narrow with the exception of the main street which is broad, they are also very dirty & there are many unpaved ones. There are a great many French & Spanish people in New Orleans & in some respects resembles and Old World city. This afternoon we took a water trip – seeing New Orleans' harbor, I was very interesting, we past the American Sugar Refining Co's buildings, the largest plant of its kind in the world.

*This is the end of Mabel's journal or at least what we have found. What we do know is that the family returns home to find the railroad through the backyard.*

*In 1914, Mabel passed away. She bled to death on the operating table as doctors tried to save her from a chicken bone that logged in her throat. That next year George (Papa) passed away. As the years 1909 & 1910 were the best of times for the family, 1914 & 1915 were the worst of times.*

<p><b>MABEL ZIMMERMAN DIES</b></p> <p><b>End Comes After Operation at Good Samaritan Hospital.</b></p> <p>Mabel Zimmerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Zimmerman, died at the Good Samaritan Hospital at 1 A. M. yesterday.</p> <p>Miss Zimmerman became ill Sunday at her home and was not considered in any danger until Tuesday, when she was taken to the hospital and there operated on.</p> <p>Miss Zimmerman was born at Fairview, Or., 23 years ago and was graduated from the University of Oregon in the class of 1913.</p> <p>Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 1 o'clock at Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church. Pallbearers will be Donald Pague, John Black, Earl Murphy and Francis Curtis.</p>
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## A Focus on Artifacts

We have several milk cartons on exhibit at the Zimmerman House, which date from the 1940s. Paper cartons were introduced in San Francisco in 1906. To prevent leakage, paraffin wax was used to seal the paper and microcrystalline and animal glues to seal the seams. Neither approach worked well as they contaminated the milk.

John Van Wormer is credited with inventing a useable paper milk carton called the "Pure-Pak" in 1915. It took him ten years to perfect a machine to make the cartons, which were shipped flat for one-time use. The American Paper Company acquired the patent and produced six machines between 1929 and 1934. The modern 'open and pour' spout did not appear until the mid-1950s.

These paper milk cartons and several glass milk bottles are on exhibit at the Zimmerman House, so come on down and take a walk through history!



An undated photo from the Zimmerman collection of a horse drawn milk cart most likely off to market in the middle of winter

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### *In Memory of*

*Margaret (Stone) Maggy*  
*April 10, 1922-July 12, 2014*

*Margaret, known to family and close friends as Keata, was a longtime society member and comes from Fairview pioneer stock. She was born on her family's dairy farm in Fairview near the corner of Fairview Avenue and Halsey Street. Her grandparents were Hiram Stone and Eliza (Zimmerman) Stone, daughter of Jacob and Lena Zimmerman. Her parents were Cedric H. and Frances (Bliss) Stone. She and her sisters Evelyn and Jo and late brother Howard grew up beside Fairview Creek on land now known as Fairview Village. They attended Fairview Grade School and Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church, established by their Great-great Aunt Hannah (Stone) Smith, Oregon Trail pioneer and founder of Fairview.*

*Margaret is survived by her son, Jim Fowler of Concord, CA, sisters Evelyn DeYoung of Gresham and Jo Callister of Damascus, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, eight nieces and nephews and their families, and her high school classmate and beloved, devoted companion of 11 years, John C. Andrew of Portland.*

*Rilda (Bamford) Graves*  
*October 10, 1932 - September 8, 2014*

*Rilda was born to Glyn Albert and Lucille "Helen" (Went) Bamford on October 10, 1932 in Portland, OR. She is the mother of Stephanie Graves, longtime society board member and volunteer. Rilda volunteered at the Zimmerman House with Stephanie on many occasions and leaves a legacy highlighted by her devotion to her family. She loved life and laughter and was a great friend to many.*

*Rilda is survived by her brother Glyn W. of Glasgow, MT, sister Elizabeth A. Howey of Victoria, BC, Canada, brother Wallace L. Howey of Redmond, OR, daughter Stephanie G. Graves of Portland, OR, son David C. and of Chesterfield, VA, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.*

***Our condolences go out to Margaret's and Rilda's family and friends***

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