

## GARDEN HOME HISTORY PROJECT

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**Historical Calendar almost ready:** This is an example of one page plus the calendar portion. We have lots of wonderful old photos. Delia Day is working wonders getting these into a calendar format. These will be available to sell at our September 24 event.

# Farms

Elsie, Ida and Frieda Von Bergen hanging out the wash. Ida was the parent of Madeline Benner and Richard Roth.



Magdalena and Andreas Von Bergen with his parents, immigrants from Switzerland. Andreas holds Frieda with Ida and Elsie standing. These girls walked over the hill to Raleigh School.

"The Von Bergen farm home in the 1920s and 30s was a big two-story house near Miles Court. I slept in a little room on the main floor when I visited. When I would stay overnight with Grandma, I would hear scary noises at night. Finally I learned that walnuts were put upstairs on the floor to dry and I was hearing mice chase the walnuts around. The family received the farm through a donation land claim. The house was fenced with tall slender wood pickets, the path leading to the front door. The back door was a "dutch door" so the upper or lower door could be opened independently. It had massive barn door hinges. The long path to the front porch was lined on both sides with Pheasant Eye narcissus, a lovely sight that so fascinated me."

From Madeline Benner,  
granddaughter of Magdalena Von Bergen.

**Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011 event** celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first school of Garden Home children. They attended school above Chris Jager's store, location of the current Dairy Queen. We'll have lots of vintage photos, refreshments, slide show and visiting during the 10 to 2pm event. Some classes are scheduling reunions. More information and registration in a July newsletter.

**New Home Page** on our website: [www.gardenhomehistory.com](http://www.gardenhomehistory.com) . Please send this information along to other relatives or people interested in G.H.

**New Stories on Website:** We've added new memoirs from Vlasta Becvar Barber and her twin sisters Zora and Sharka Becvar. They lived on Occidental and went to school in G.H. in the 1930s and 1940s. Dick Vonada tells about the principal stating at graduation that his class had been "the worst class ever." Lots of boys. Bernie Rice was a young man working at Whitney's Cannery and enjoyed scaring off the Catholic Sisters with a great puff of steam when they got too close. Dorothy Johnson, Miss Oregon for 1955, has sent us wonderful photos and her memoir of G.H. Her family had the service station on the corner of the current station. I hope you might ask someone to print off their stories.

**Questions/comments: Elaine Shreve 503-246-5879**

**Historic Garden Home** street signs going up! Only Beaverton or Portland signs announce our community. We have \$350 of the \$500 that we need to begin.

**We're Researching:**

The Schanen-Zolling house on Oleson Road. It was built by the Schanen Marble Works people and at one time had wonderful marble throughout the house. When Neil Goldschmidt lived there, he got it listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**The Community Methodist Church.**

James Bastien lived on the west side of Oleson, now the third house south from the service station. He wrote most of the piano playing instructional books that generations have used to learn piano. Check your old booklets and see if he's the author. Let me know.

**Thanks for your contributions:** For research, printing, street signs and this newsletter. We need to charge a \$10 fee a year to mail your quarterly newsletter. Please let us know whether you wish to remain on our postal mailing list or whether you have an email address.

If you'd like to help, please make your check payable to Garden Home History Project. Designate your wishes for your check and mail it to our Treasurer, Patsy VandeVenter at 7520 SW Ashdale Court, Portland, OR 97223.