



GARDEN HOME HISTORY PROJECT

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Thanks to all of you for your interest, your stories, and your contributions.

Eighteen Historic Garden Home Street Signs:

We have achieved our goal to identify our community with 18 blue eye-catching Historic Garden Home signs above the streets listed below. When 10 or more paid (\$55) requests come in, we will submit another list to Washington County. General signage funds will be used for our next big sign project, a large welcoming Historic Garden Home sign at the intersection. **Order form on back page.**

Congratulations to Virginia Vanture, Bob Bothman, Mike Mills from Washington County, the Neighborhood Streets Coordinator, and to all who have contributed to our **Historic Garden Home signs**. Thanks also to the rest of the Events Committee: John and Marie Pacella, Bob and Delia Day, Louise Jones, Stan Houseman and Elaine Shreve.

Garden Home Road at 71**, 74, 76, 77*, 78**, 82*, 87 south*, 87 north, 88* and 90 north*,

Oleson Road at Stewart, Shirley, Hunt Club*, Canby, Miles Court, Arranmore,

Holly Lane at 87* and Taylors Ferry Road at 82*.

*Indicates signs being placed by special payment of \$55.

**Memorial/Honor signs by special purchase

Street Sign Purchase:

Bob & Sharon Cram and John & Marie Pacella Garden Home Road at 82nd

Sharon Gilson - Garden Home Road at 90th

Michael LaPointe & Terri Stafford - 77th & Garden Home Road

Elaine Shreve - Holly Lane at 87th

Virginia Vanture - Garden Home Road at 88th



Contributions Made to General Signage Fund:

Dean & Janiece Day

Barb Zahler

Mildred Stevens

Contributions Made in Honor, Memory or Special Request:

In Honor of Mildred Stevens: by Bob & Sharon Cram, Dean & Janiece Day, Edwin & Arden Gibbs, Mary Sprick, Dr. Ben & Louise Jones

In memory of sister Rhoda MacKay VanTuyl: sign at Taylors Ferry & 82nd by Angie Fredrickson

In memory of Richard Stevens & Thelma Stevens Shirley: sign at 71st & Garden Home Rd. by Edwin & Arden Gibbs

In memory of parents Ernie & Melba Cook: sign at 78th & Garden Home Rd. by Louise Jones, Warren Cook & Patti Hoopes

In memory of Richard Stevens: for the future large community sign by Mildred Stevens

2012 Vintage Garden Home Calendars:

Selling like hotcakes! We have taken in more than \$3,000 in sales and have about 75 calendars left. The reduced price now is \$9.50 apiece or \$7.50 for bulk orders of 10 or more. A local realtor is buying 50 calendars to pass out to clients, great idea. These calendars have about 35 vintage photos accompanied by wonderful memoirs that we have gathered from many of you. The calendars are available at Lamb's Garden Home Thriftway, the G.H. Library, or by mail with \$5 for postage. Thanks for your photos and memoirs and support of the Garden Home History Project. Thanks to Delia and Bob Day who managed the graphics and the publication of the calendar. **See order form.**

Newsletter by email or postal mail:

Email people will get colored photos. However, if you wish postal mailing, please remit \$10 for the cost of printing and mailing what we hope to be 4 newsletters a year.

See order form on back.

New E-Mail Account:

GardenHomeHistory@yahoo.com .

Virginia and Elaine will continue to accept emails to our home accounts until everyone has time to get converted. Thanks to Marie Pacella for updating our 200 plus names on our database and related data. Email addresses seem to change frequently so please send this on to friends and family who may have an interest and for whom we don't have information.

Financial Report:

Thanks to Patsy VandeVenter for a monthly printed accounting of our finances. Thanks to you, we currently have \$2,730 in our bank account. After payment to Washington County for the signs, we have \$300 in our signage account to begin our fund for the large intersection sign which may cost several thousand dollars.

Thanks to Bob & Delia Day for newsletter graphics and publication

New Stories on our website:

www.gardenhomehistory.com

We have some wonderful new stories on (or about to be on) our website. The following are a few paragraphs taken from these stories. We'd love to have your written story and photos. Hopefully you might be able to read the longer versions and other stories on the website.

Ole and Polly Philena Patton Oleson:

(Five Oleson stories on website)

Oleson Road was named for this **Ole Oleson** who was born in 1856. In 1878 Ole married **Polly Philena Patton** who was born the same year. They had one son and 7 daughters. Ole Oleson came to Claytonville, Kansas from Sweden in 1868 at age 12 and to Portland on Feb. 22, 1877 and married one year later. Ole and Polly are buried at Crescent Grove Cemetery.

Polly's grandfather Mathew Patton was an early entrepreneur and philanthropist in Portland. Patton Road is named for him. He is buried at the Patton Cemetery across from the Portland Golf Club on Scholls Ferry Road.

Ole was a major land owner in the area and also share cropped land belonging to other people. He raised alfalfa for hay, corn and other crops.

Ole's oldest child and only son John Alden, for whom we have Alden Road, raised his family in a large two-story house which is now at the SE corner of Oleson and Terri Court.

A special thanks goes to Robin Robinson, grandson of John Alden Oleson for sharing the Oleson family photo and genealogy album.



Plane crash in Garden Home:

Thanks to Rick Newton and Bob Cram for research on this story. Valentine's Day of 1946 was a day of big excitement and sadness in Garden Home. The Oregonian recounts the afternoon crash of a P-51 fighter plane from the Portland army airbase. "Residents of the area heard his motor coughing, then saw him jump at a very low altitude. He struck a low-voltage power line but his head struck a parked car in front of Karl Waymire's house, killing him instantly." The pilot, Lt. Heaney, had enlisted in 1938 and was a veteran of 65 combat missions over England and France in B-26s during WWII. He was also very familiar with P-51s as Aircraft Maintenance Officer at the Portland Airbase.

Rick Newton has identified the crash area as just north of the Unitarian Church's property, close to Oleson Road. Naturally, many of the boys of the area were drawn to the crash site to look for souvenirs. Jack Steele, Robert Feldman, Doc Hickman, and Rick Newton have all mentioned the crash in their memoirs.

Hal Pallay:

Hal Pallay often visited his grandparents' home on Garden Home Road at about 83rd. Three generations of Pallays lived in Garden Home in the early part of the 20th Century. The elder Pallay, Morris, brought his family from Russia and quickly became successful as a tailor before branching off into the theater trade. Along with associates he once owned an interest in some 14 theaters in the area including the Joy in Tigard.

Leo was the grandson of Morris and Fannie Pallay and the son of Samuel. He attended Garden Home School where he met his future wife, Florence Mostert whose family also lived in Garden Home. Leo's interest in the entertainment field started early when he organized the Garden Home Band made up of classmates at the newly opened Benson High School. Leo's first real job was playing the piano at one of the first Nickelodeons opened in Portland.

Doc Hickman:

In the 1930s, Doc was born to Dene and Emma Hickman for whom Hickman Lane off of Miles Court is named. At birth Doc was called a "blue baby" and required immediate medical care. Dr. Clark and Dr. Warren saved his life and he was officially named Clark Warren Hickman but was always called Doc by his family and friends. Doc also had a sister Lou Anne (Azar) and a brother Dick.

Doc spent a good deal of time at the Feldman home which was the site of the Fanno Creek Dairy, on the north side of Garden Home Road at 88th. Mrs. Feldman drove the milk route and son Robert Feldman and Doc would run the bottles up to the homes as she drove along. Later, Doc's father-in-law had a business with a mobile truck washing business. They were hired to wash out the swimming pool when Aaron Frank would have it drained at his farm.

Morris, Fanny, and Samuel Pallay



Elizabeth Lambert Wood:

Elizabeth, born in 1874, was an early Oregon writer whose books were widely read during her lifetime. She was the daughter of Joseph Lambert who developed the very popular Lambert cherry. Elizabeth and her husband William Wood lived in a home on Hunt Club Lane. The couple had two children, a son Lambert and a daughter, Harrietta.

Lambert was killed in action in France during the first allied offensive of WWI. The John Grant family was living on 78th Avenue at this time. As related in *TRACES OF THE PAST* by Virginia Mapes and Jill MacWilliams, Paul Grant remembers overhearing a conversation toward the end of the war between his mother and Elizabeth. Elizabeth had come to visit and "I was playing under the front porch when Mrs. Elizabeth Lambert Wood who lived in the Hunt Club area called on mother. As it was a hot day they sat on the porch and I learned that Mrs. Wood wanted to change the name of Garden Home to Lambert Wood to honor her son who had been killed in Germany. Mother didn't want to hurt her feelings but didn't sign the petition and apparently not many people did as the name was never changed."

Garden Home History Project:
Gathering and sharing the stories of our Garden Home families

Requests:

2012 Vintage Garden Home calendar, at G.H. Library.....\$ 9.50
By mail: each calendar.....\$14.50

Historic Garden Home signs, each\$55.00

To be placed at _____ streets

"In honor of", "In memory of" (circle one) _____

Postal mailing of Newsletters:.....\$10.00 a year

Join the Club! Thank you for your donation to support this project with funds for printing, paper, events, signs and publications.

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Oregon Electric Club.....\$ 50.00

Hunt Club.....\$100.00

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