

# The *Friend-ly* Gazette

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## Letter from the President

By Mary Jo Morelli, President

Wow! Another year gone, and more challenges to come in 2014 with lots of fun times to look forward to as well. Over \$30,000 was raised in 2013 by FHFG members and friends who supported events that furthered the mission and goals for FHFG. This includes a \$10,000 grant from the Kinsman Foundation of Portland, Oregon, that will reduce the organization's financial obligations (debt relief) for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. FHFG hopes more of its members who have skills in the area of grant writing will help with this important task, while others will take the opportunity to train in this valuable skill. Free workshops are available so check our website at [www.historicforestgrove.org](http://www.historicforestgrove.org) for details.

The board depends upon its membership and other friends to help with special needs. FHFG membership fees have been held at the same level for quite a few years but the organization's regular expenses have continued to climb. The recent cold spell resulted in a significantly increased electric bill to prevent pipe freezing and breakage in the Old Train Station. Also, as FHFG's collection of resources are sorted and evaluated, and as it takes in new museum donations, FHFG has the expense of proper archival storage materials. Please see the related items in this newsletter, and help FHFG out if you can.

FHFG has great events and programs scheduled for 2014, and it has now transitioned into the new newsletter schedule aligning more appropriately with its event calendar. Please join FHFG in its endeavors, and volunteer for the many opportunities to support the mission and goals of this wonderful organization.

By David Morelli,  
ATS Property Manager

## ~ A. T. Smith Property Update ~

The A.T. Smith property has been quiet over the holiday season. The new concrete ramp has cured and the soil has been graded around the ramp. The project is now ready for the next step which will be planting grass around the ramp in the spring, and a path will continue to the northern door.

By consensus of the FHFG board, the north-facing door will provide handicap access to the house as it is closest to the concrete ramp, and doesn't impact the view of the house from the street or most of the property. In a timely turn of events, FHFG has been given a wooden handicap access ramp by the new owners of the John Bailey house. This house was on the 2013 FHFG Tour of Historic Homes, and after the sale of the house the ramp was no longer needed. Charlotte Powell facilitated the gift of the ramp from the Egan family. The ramp was moved to the A.T. Smith property January 25, and will be reassembled to connect to the door.



Photo courtesy David Morelli

# Fun at the Old Train Station

By Don Skinner, OTS Manager | Photos by Cheryl Skinner

Post-holiday greetings everyone!

I'd like to announce Woodfold had the OTS cupola rebuilt and painted to match the brown trim on the building. While this work was being done, I ordered our weathervane and had it stored away in the OTS. When the paint on the cupola was good and dry, the weathervane was attached to the top.

Now whenever you drive by the OTS, look above the roof and see what direction the wind is blowing! And for those who contributed to getting this crowning touch, when you drive by and see it, you can think *I did that!*

The workers went to the back of the building after finishing the cupola. All the shrubbery close to the building was removed, and work began on the weathered exterior. The window bay had some old warped boards replaced, and the lower portion of the back wall was cleaned up and painted gray to match the front.

Early in the fall, the Forest Grove Community School held a couple of clean-up activities in the backyard. With all the work that has been done out back, I have to say it looks almost as good as the front, and is something FHFG, Woodfold, and the Forest Grove Community School can all be proud of.



Photos courtesy  
Cheryl Skinner



## Opportunity Knocking!

Attention! To those of you who love Forest Grove, and want to make it an even better place!

The nominating committee for the board of directors of FHFG is beginning its search for candidates who would like to serve on the 2014-2015 board. The board, like our general membership, is composed of people who share a dream for the future of the A. T. Smith house.

If you would like to learn more about this extraordinary opportunity, please email Diane Morris at [gardenmo@gmail.com](mailto:gardenmo@gmail.com).

## ~ Working with a Historic Home ~

By Melody Haveluck, ASR Committee Chair

The first meeting of the Alvin Smith Revival committee took place Tuesday, January 21 at the Old Train Station. Present were Joyce Sauber, Rich Taylor, Kathy Juvet, Skip Buhler, Jim Duncan, Judy Teel, and ex-officio member Mary Jo Morelli. The main discussion was about getting the house ready for future open houses and tours for 2014. Each committee member brought ideas to the table, including cleaning the house; making story boards and reader cards; creation of benches for the meeting room; and

enhancing the feel of an 1854 home and the people who lived in it.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 18, 7:00 p.m. at the Old Train Station. If you're interested in participating in this great project contact me at 503-359-5131 or email [amberdoo@earthlink.net](mailto:amberdoo@earthlink.net) with the subject line "Alvin Smith Revival Committee." The A. T. Smith house is an amazing piece of history and needs lots of hands to help educate the community of its value to Forest Grove's heritage.



FHFG is partnering up with the Forest Grove Historic Landmarks Board in its yearly preservation event at the A.T. Smith house. Be sure to check the FHFG website calendar of events for date and time.

# ~ Holiday Social "Wrap-Up" ~

By Melody Haveluck, Treasurer,  
and Skip Buhler, Secretary

A virtual smorgasbord of presents to be won, and the tables loaded with gifts added to the festive occasion at the beautiful home of Barry and Jill Wilson. The night of December 1, 2013, was filled with

excitement, good company, and lots of holiday cheer. The warm company, delectable treats, and conversation made up for the nasty weather. After some amazing donations were made that evening, the overall proceeds from the auction was \$1684! FHFG also added a new membership to our ranks that night.

A big heartfelt 'thank you' to everyone who participated and helped make it a wonderful evening. FHFG is looking forward to seeing everyone at the Garden Tour in June!



## Make a Donation or Pay Membership Dues Using *PayPal*<sup>™</sup>

PayPal is now available on the FHFG web site for making donations or paying membership dues. Just go to the FHFG Donations & Membership page on our website, and click on the Paypal link. Indicate if the payment is for a donation or membership dues in the Purpose field.

If you are paying your membership dues, please click on the link for our fillable membership dues form on the FHFG website Donations & Membership page, and save it to your computer. Send the membership form via email to FHFG07@gmail.com directly after paying your membership through PayPal. Your membership will be processed by our membership secretary when both your form and payment have been received by FHFG.

If you'd rather pay by check or money order, just complete the form to the right and mail it with your payment to FHFG, PO Box 123, Forest Grove, OR 97116.

All donations and membership dues are 100 percent tax deductible.

| Annual Membership Dues   |                     |           |
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| Membership Levels  |                     |           |
| \$15   | Individual          | \$        |
| \$25   | Family              | \$        |
| \$50+  | Friend              | \$        |
| \$100+   | Supporter           | \$        |
| \$250+   | Community Builder   | \$        |
| \$500+   | Benefactor          | \$        |
| \$1000+  | Lifetime Membership | \$        |
| <b>Membership Dues:</b>  |                     | <b>\$</b> |
| Additional Donations   |                     |           |
| General Fund   |                     | \$        |
| AT Smith House Fund  |                     | \$        |
| Old Train Station  |                     | \$        |
| <b>Total:</b>  |                     | <b>\$</b> |

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# A Sweet Sight To Behold

By James Morris,  
Member-at-Large

From the moment my wife Diane decided to make her annual Christmas gingerbread house a replica of the A.T. Smith House in



Forest Grove, the project took on a very special meaning. The two of us enjoyed a very rewarding year as members of Friends of Historic Forest Grove, meeting new friends, and learning more about the house for which FHFG was created.

So when the FHFG board of directors decided to continue its traditional Christmas social and auction, Diane quickly volunteered to create a gingerbread copy of 'The Smith House' for sale at the auction. It was the first time she was attempting a "board-by-board" re-creation of an actual structure, although she had built gingerbread houses each Christmas for nearly 50 years.

The process began on a sunny afternoon in November, when we visited the A.T. Smith house with cameras and tape measures in hand. We took photos from every angle: front, side, and back, and we measured every side, door, window, and roof we could reach. Back home, Diane began transposing the photos and measurements into actual gingerbread pieces. Using a scale of one inch = three feet, she created templates for each surface, carefully cutting the windows and doors, roofs and walls, and chimney.

Diane baked the gingerbread for the house, but was not pleased with the



first result; the color of the gingerbread was too light. She darkened the mix, baked again, and was satisfied with the rich looking result. Next, she used a sticky icing recipe to glue the walls and roofs together, followed by the trim pieces and trees for inside and out.

Once everything was assembled and in place, Diane began to decorate. Hour after hour she bent over the

## 2014 FHFG Membership Potluck Picnic

July 19, 2014 | 5:00 p.m.



Want a great way to beat the winter blues? Think FHFG summer picnic!

This year the Annual FHFG Membership Potluck Picnic will be held at Lincoln Park. FHFG thought it would be fun to have the picnic located close to the Old Train Station. The park offers a covered area and playground, and word has it there's a great horseshoe pit! Watch for more information in future issues of the *Friend-ly Gazette* issues.

house, squeezing threads of white icing to make roof shingles, window and door trims, and icicles hanging from each roof. There followed trees made from green icing and covered with tiny candies and lights, as well as garlands and wreaths for the front door. The "fence" was made of fat red and green gumdrops, with smaller versions of them on top of the house. The chimney was covered with red candies from top to bottom.

For a finishing touch, Diane made a marshmallow snowman and two very special signs: "A.T. Smith 1854" and "Happy Holidays." As the warm light from the tree inside the house glowed through the 12-pane windows, she could finally sit back and relax.

As hoped, the house sold at the Christmas social auction, adding precious funds to FHFG's efforts to restore the real Smith House. Even more rewarding for Diane was the knowledge another family would find Christmas joy in her gingerbread creation.



Photos courtesy  
James Morris



# A Sad Day for 1933 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

Compiled by Mary Jo Morelli, President

Forest Grove came close to losing one of its precious treasures in the Walker-Naylor Historic District January 10, 2014. But good news –the home will be repaired.

Elkanah and Mary (Richardson) Walker established their donation land claim (DLC #2997) September 27, 1850. They later deeded a portion to Tualatin Academy and Pacific University for evangelical religious education and also platted the Walker addition. The land parcel at 1933 22nd Avenue is in Block 5, Lot 1 of the addition.

August 2, 1858, the same day the property was deeded to the academy and university, the Walkers sold four acres (422.5 square feet) to John Strowbridge. The exact location is hard to determine as the start and end point given was the northwest corner of land deeded to Stephen Blank. This is assumed to be the northeast corner of A Street and 22nd Avenue. Of the many transactions evaluated in the records left by Gladys Haynes on Walker DLC land sales, the most likely chain leads “Walkers to Strowbridge in 1858.” Strowbridge purchased additional smaller parcels from people who had also made purchases from the Walkers within the same area of their DLC. Strowbridge sold land of undisclosed size to Angeline Campbell for \$150 September 23, 1870. Angeline was wife to Joseph N. Campbell. Although no title record can be located there are several references to Milton and Martha Dilley purchasing the house at this location in 1883 from J.N. Campbell. The inconsistency here is the Campbell's had moved to California by 1877. But the field notes from the 1985 Forest Grove Survey give a lead to this mystery.

The 1985 Forest Grove Survey Resource # 83 lists J. N. Campbell as the architect and builder, but lists the common name of the house as the Dilley House. At the time of the survey, the originally single family residence with an estimated construction date of 1870 had



Photo courtesy  
Mary Jo Morelli

already been broken into apartments. Further details are included in this survey, and there are brief biographies on both Campbell and Dilley in the 1998 reconnaissance survey. When another intensive survey in this neighborhood was completed in 2009, the Walker-Naylor Historic District was nominated.

John Wesley Strowbridge was born in 1830 in Pennsylvania. Strowbridge was one of five children born to Shobel and Louisa (Mans) Strowbridge. The 1850 census in Philadelphia, Upper Delaware Ward lists Strowbridge as 21 years of age with an occupation of clerk. (Source: Gregory Wolf family tree)

Strowbridge appears in Forest Grove on the 1860 census. All the details are consistent, and he is listed as a farmer. The 1870 Forest Grove census listed Strowbridge as 40, single, and a common laborer who owns property. The 1880 Forest Grove census lists him as a gardener.

John Campbell, born in North Carolina in 1832, and his wife Angeline are listed on the 1870 Forest Grove census. Campbell was 38, and

a merchant. Angeline was 24, and born in Illinois. The Campbell's had two children, Edward and Alice, and were property owners. Further research has not disclosed Angeline's maiden name. However, on-line merchant directories detail the following information: 1867, J. N. Campbell, retail dealer Forest Grove; 1871-1872, J. N. Campbell, tobacco dealer, Forest Grove.

In 1877 J N Campbell registered to vote in Sweetwater, San Diego County California.

Joseph N Campbell is listed in the 1880 El Cajon California (San Diego County) Census as a farmer. He and wife Angeline match all the details to be the same couple who previously resided in FG. Their elder children are Edward and Alice and they have 2 younger children, Lauren and Joseph.

Milton Elias Dilley was born May 15, 1836, in Hancock, Indiana. Dilley arrived in Oregon November 12, 1853, by wagon train at age 17. Too young to file a land claim, Dilley went to the California gold fields

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# A Sad Day for 1933 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

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returning to Oregon August 8, 1857, and was employed by Colonel Thomas Cornelius until 1862. Dilley received 150 acres of land in payment for a debt. The land was described as the south half of the Ammon Knighton DLC located 1.5 miles west of Forest Grove. Dilley married Martha Pool August 31, 1862. Martha was born in Butler County, Ohio, in 1846. She was the daughter of John Pool, a native of Kentucky, and Jane (Walker) Pool of Butler County Ohio. Dilley moved with his wife to Gales Creek in 1864 to 1.5 miles northwest of Forest Grove where he purchased 150 acres, adding more until owning 400 acres of farm land. Dilley also purchased about 150 acres two miles south of Forest Grove from the William B. Chatfield DLC. It was on this land he established the community of Dilley. The railroad was built through the land on which the town was started when the City of Forest Grove would not allow the Oregon Central (O&C) Railroad to go into the city. The towns of Cornelius (Free Orchards) and Dilley were expected to take valuable commerce from Forest Grove, and gain size and distinction over Forest Grove. Dilley flourished from 1885-1905, but economic changes began a decline that became final with the building of the 'new' Hwy 47 through what had been the center of the Dilley

community.

According to the 1880 Forest Grove census, Dilley moved his family to Forest Grove so his children could benefit from the education available at Pacific University. He purchased the home on what is now 22nd Avenue at the corner of Main Street from J. N. Campbell in 1883, but may have been already living at that location. Dilley continued to farm, but was mostly raising stock, Holstein and Short Horn cattle, and English Coach and Percheron horses.

The Dilley's had 10 children, seven living to adulthood: Thomas A., Allen Sherman, William Samuel, James Lloyd, Lillis May, John Nelson and Ernest. The 1870 Forest Grove census lists Milton, 32, as a farmer, and Martha, 21, and three children, while the 1880 census lists Milton and Martha has having five children. Martha Dilley owned most of Lot 1 in Block 5 bordered by 22nd Ave and Main Street according to the 1909 Wilkes Bros Map.



FHFG is very excited about its new video produced by Brian and Tiffany St. Claire-King. The video will be posted on the FHFG website and youtube. Please watch it and let us know what you think - share it with your friends and family!



Photo courtesy Cheryl Skinner

## Markers in the Tree

By Don Skinner, OTS Manager

It was our normal Wednesday morning at the OTS except something was different. Cheryl and I noticed the difference right off as we pulled in to park. There were little "streamers" hung in the tree at the northeast corner of the building. Being November and with Christmas on our minds, we thought it was Christmas decorations, but who put them up?

While reading the November 20, 2013, edition of the *News-Times*, we realized someone hung these "ornaments" in trees along Main Street and Pacific Avenue in tribute to Anna Dieter-Eckerdt and Abigail Robinson, two young girls who were killed after being struck by a vehicle while playing in a pile of leaves in front of their house.

FHFG felt honored this group picked our tree to display some of the "markers" and they stand out for all to see. We have carefully removed them from the tree, and stored them away until next November when we plan to hang them with care on the FHFG Christmas tree in the OTS lobby.

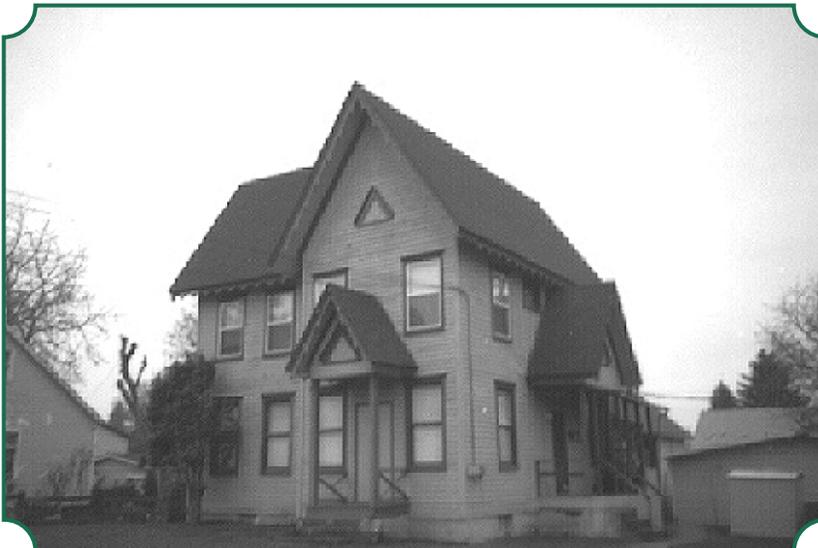


Photo courtesy of Forest Grove Historic Resource

# Alvin Thompson Smith: Footprints in Forest Grove

In the next few issues of the *Friend-ly Gazette*, I will be doing a series of articles about Alvin T. Smith and the influence he had on Forest Grove as well as the state of Oregon. When people talk about the founders of Forest Grove, the names Harvey Clark, Tabitha Brown, and Joseph Gale are spoken with consistency, but the name Alvin Smith does not surface as much. With this series of articles, I hope to help you learn how Alvin and those connected to him helped create this great city we live in.

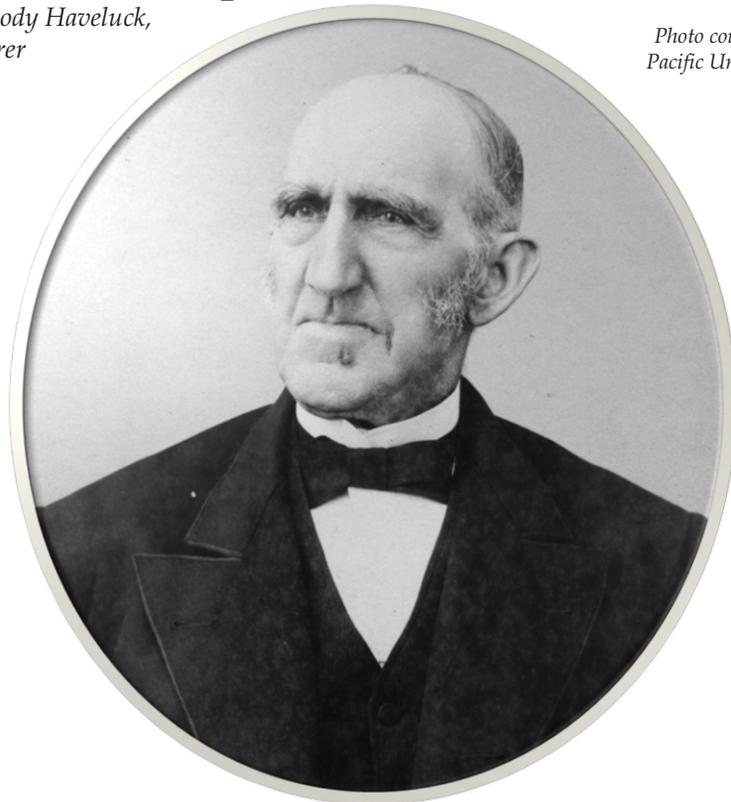
In order to get a picture of who Alvin was, I'll give you a brief story of his life. Alvin Thompson Smith was born November 17, 1802, in Branford, New Haven County, Connecticut. Just two months later in American history, President Thomas Jefferson sent a secret letter to Congress asking for money to fund an expedition to the Pacific Coast. He contacted Meriwether Lewis to lead the expedition and Congress appropriated the funds February 28, 1803. Although both Lewis and Clark passed away before Alvin arrived on the Tualatin Plains late September 1841, some might think they could have had a common link, one that sent them on a journey to find new land for future settlements.

Alvin spent his childhood in Branford on his father's farm, later learning the carpenter trade. He was one of 11 children, with his ancestry leading back to Captain Thomas Smith, born 1634, probably in England. In his youth he was deeply involved in religion and his devotion throughout his adult life earned him the nickname of Alvin 'God Almighty' Smith.

Alvin left Branford at the age of 25 and moved to Fairfield (currently named Mendon) near Quincy, Illinois, where he farmed with his brother Caleb and also worked as a carpenter. His aptitude in carpentry would be an asset to those who settled in the Tualatin Plains because of his generosity of helping those

By Melody Haveluck,  
Treasurer

Photo courtesy of  
Pacific University



in need of shelter once they had arrived here. Alvin became a member of the Quincy Congregational Church September 1838, which was associated with the Oberlin Missionary Society, who believed the souls of the Indians in the West needed saving. These beliefs would lead Alvin to join ranks with Philo and Adelaide Littlejohn, John Smith Griffin and his wife Desire, and Harvey and Emeline Clark. (As you

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*"Mr. Smith was a very stern man, keeping the Sabbath from sundown Saturday to sundown Sunday and woe betide anyone who did not do likewise. He was a tall, lanky, and angular New England Yankee with very bow legs. He was called "God Almighty" by the Indians who had often heard him pray to "God Almighty." And what caught my youthful eye - two little braids of hair tied at the ends with thread over the bald head - but under his stern exterior was a kind heart, for him and Mrs. [Jane] Smith took into their home several girls whom they brought up and were always ready to help in church and school."*

Margaret "Dolly" Hinman

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can see all the above men had wives which left Alvin looking for a spouse before he too could make the journey.) There are notations in his diary of the "contract" he made with Abigail Raymond, nine years his senior, to be his wife.

One of the most amazing attributes of Alvin was his discipline in making entries in his diary every day. It has been said that his diary had one of the most thorough and complete descriptions of the times he lived in as well as documentation of the journey to Oregon. One such entry was made February 12, 1840: "Talked some about going over the rocky mountains." After many thoughts and lots of praying for a few days, his next entry was "Went to collect means to go over the Mt." Alvin had made his mind up that he was going to leave and make his way to the Oregon Country.

In the next quarterly issue of the *Friend-ly Gazette*, I'll tell you how he met Abigail, their journey, and their arrival in the Tualatin Plains, which we now call the city of Forest Grove.

# FHFG Needs Your Help!

By Don Skinner,  
OTS Manager

As you all know, the temperature dropped quite a bit last month and stayed around for longer than anyone wanted. Well, too long for me anyway.

FHFG received its electric bill, and it now owes \$316 for the electricity used during the cold spell from November 15 - December 17! We had to keep the indoor temperature in the low 50s to keep the pipes from freezing, but everything weathered the weather just fine.

If you can make a donation of any amount to help FHFG out with the electric bill, it would be greatly appreciated. FHFG will write you a letter of thanks that can be used for your tax deduction of the amount you donated.

FHFG accepts cash or checks made out to "FHFG," and donations can be dropped off at the Old Train Station, or mailed to P.O. Box 123, Forest Grove, OR 97116. You can also visit FHFG's website at [historicforestgrove.org](http://historicforestgrove.org), and use your PayPal account or credit card to make a donation. Please help if you can!



## 2014 FHFG Garden Tour

With the winter months upon us, it's hard to envision touring beautiful gardens, but spring is right around the corner, and many of us will start working in ours. The first meeting of the FHFG 2014 Garden Tour committee will be January 20<sup>th</sup>. After last year's tour, the committee got together to share ideas about how to create a tour even more unique for this year. The date has been set for Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mark your calendars now!

The members of the 2014 Garden Tour committee are Joyce Sauber, Ginny Carlson, Kathy Juvet, Cindy Dauer, Carol Drew, Teresa McGuire, Diane and Jim Morris, Randi Johnson, and myself.

If you're interested in having your garden on the tour, or if you would like to recommend someone else's garden, please contact any of the committee members, or call Melody Haveluck at (503) 359-5131. If you are interested in being a volunteer host on the day of the tour, please contact Melody. See you in June!



## Join the FG Historic Landmarks Board

Contributed by Neil Poulsen, HLB Chair

the annual Preservation Fair; and overseeing the Grant Renovation Program, providing partial funding for historic home improvement.

HLB would like to fill openings for two new members. Forest Grove is truly a city of community involvement, where citizens make a real difference in the livability and sustainability of Forest Grove. Be part of this thriving network by joining the HLB. Forest Grove's historic heritage is important, and it needs your support. Contact James Reitz at (503) 992-3200 for further information, or visit Forest Grove City Hall and ask for James at the counter.

The Historic Landmarks Board (HLB) works on projects supporting Forest Grove's heritage, and its three National Historic Districts. At this time, its most important project is to protect the Districts by developing standards for Infill, a project for which it's received funding from the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office. HLB is also improving its website; publishing Forest Grove's Preservation newsletter; sponsoring

## The Cherokee Strip & the Clark Kids

By Skip Buhler, Secretary

Most of you probably know about the "Cherokee Strip." It was a two-mile strip of land in what is now Oklahoma, but then called "Indian Territory." It abutted the southern Kansas border, and resulted from a surveying error when the U.S. government was re-drawing the plans for the Cherokee Outlet. It's a complex story, but beginning in the 1860s, the government incrementally removed this land from the Cherokee Nation, and simultaneously sold it off to speculators for many decades. The activities there were so chaotic that by the early 1880s, the term "Cherokee Strip" had already become part of our popular American lexicon, symbolizing government abuse and human greed. Yet, the fact the "Strip" was a surveying error has largely been forgotten, and even in the current age when a town is being laid out and a mistake is made in the

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# New Website Makes Every Home a Museum

By Mary Jo Morrelli,  
President

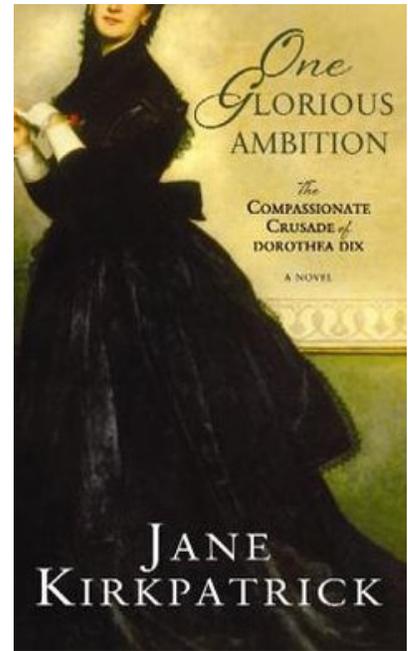
There is a new community-based website in Forest Grove! ViewHistorical.com was launched in January 2014, and the site aims to make 'every home a museum, and homeowner a curator.' ViewHistorical.com is the idea of Forest Grove resident Phil Clark. "I got the idea for the site while I was researching our own family history. I thought it would be great to type my home address into my computer and have images instantly pop up of what my house looked like 50-100 years ago and see who lived there before us. I also thought it would also be interesting to upload some old family photos of homes and neighborhoods we used to live in while growing up and post them to the addresses of the houses. I figured others out there might want to see what their house looked like back then too."

Clark lives in a Forest Grove historic district in a home originally built sometime in the 1890s. Clark and his wife Carole renovated the home in 2006. "When you breathe in the dust while remodeling an old home, it gets your imagination going. You spend a lot of time thinking about who might have lived there before you, and what life must have been like for them back then."

Clark shared his idea with family and close friends. The positive feedback he got gave him the sense that he was on to something unique and useful. Teaming up with web developer and friend Micah Dougherty, also a Forest Grove resident, the two began working on the project in August 2013. Clark was cautious at first, and didn't want to re-invent the wheel. "I presented the concept to the Oregon Historical Society back in August as a reality check. Under a non-disclosure agreement, I made my first presentation of ViewHistorical.com to see what the experts thought. I quickly learned something similar had already been attempted by a large company that approached the historical societies with the concept. I got excited at that point thinking I might not have to do it myself, and could just use their site, but realized their approach was very different than what we had in mind. Their marketing plan lacked the teeth it needed for traction and for what we envisioned.

Clark added, "Unlike the other company's first attempt, our goal is not to bring the world together. We're not a huge corporation trying to reach a world market. We're just two guys trying to bring our local community together more. Maybe other communities will benefit from it too by having a place to share historically important location-specific images with one another. We want it to be free for anyone to use the site and easy for anyone to post images there. Each homeowner decides what is important to preserve about their home, and archive and share about their past. We'll start with Forest Grove, and see what happens."

When you go to ViewHistorical.com, you can access images by zip code or by a specific address. A map pinpoints where others have already posted images to a particular address. You can click on a pinpoint to open the archive for that house to see those images in chronological order. You can also upload your own images to your address or to any address you happen to have older images of. The developers of ViewHistorical.com are gambling that historically important images will eventually find their way onto the site by homeowners who have a passion for preservation, hoping those images will not remain in obscurity, or get lost or damaged before that happens.



## Recommended Reading

Born to an unavailable mother and an abusive father, Dorothea Dix longs simply to protect and care for her younger brothers, Charles and Joseph. But at just fourteen, she is separated from them and sent to live with relatives to be raised properly. Lonely and uncertain, Dorothea discovers that she does not possess the ability to accept the social expectations imposed on her gender and she desires to accomplish something more than finding a suitable mate.

Yearning to fulfill her God-given purpose, Dorothea finds she has a gift for teaching and writing. Her pupils become a kind of family, hearts to nurture, but long bouts of illness end her teaching and Dorothea is adrift again. It's an unexpected visit to a prison housing the mentally ill that ignites an unending fire in Dorothea's heart—and sets her on a journey that will take her across the nation, into the halls of the Capitol, befriending presidents and lawmakers, always fighting to relieve the suffering of what Scripture deems, the least of these.



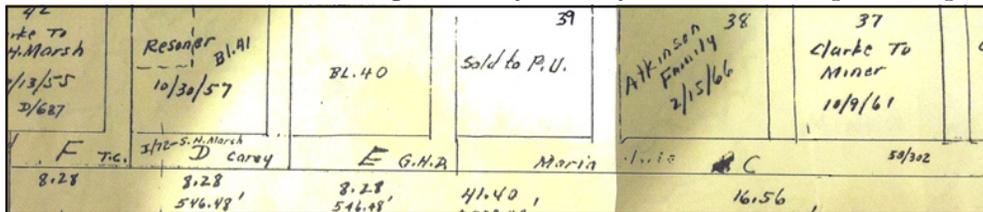
# The Cherokee Strip & the Clark Kids

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A tax document from 1870 shows Harvey and Emeline's children - Satira Emeline Clark Durham, Tabitha Alice Clark Ebert, William Carey Clark, James Harvey Clark, and Maria Laura (or "Love") Clark - were paying "succession" tax on all the land their parents had left them. Most of the Clark children stayed in town after their mother's death, and were active in the community. They were enrolled at Pacific University: Carey started attending in 1864; Maria began in 1865; and Tabitha in 1869. Tabitha graduated from Pacific University in 1877. Satira worked at the university as assistant to the principal of the Female Department, Eliza Haskell Marsh, in the mid-1860s. Beginning in the early 1870s, however, the Clark children began to start new lives outside of Forest Grove, and in 1872 began

Washington, Maria Love Clark sold her division of the strip marked "C" June 29, 1882, for \$90, to W. H. H. 'Buck' Meyers, a veteran of the Rogue River Indian war. Myers' wife had recently died at their home in Wapato after a long struggle with tuberculosis, and he wanted to start a new life for himself and his daughters in Forest Grove. After a few years, Myers further divided the "C" strip into home lots. John E. Showers bought one of those lots June 3, 1890, and built the home in which I live today, the oldest house on the strip. That decision by Mr. Showers helped put the kibosh on any plans of turning the strip into a street. "South Park" development began the following year which followed a new rectangular block scheme, and our "Cherokee Strip" was left to be developed in its own unique way. Slowly "Cherokee Strip," as

Let's now turn back to the Oklahoma strip for a moment. When the Forest Grove Indian School began in the early 1880s, the situation in "Indian Territory" and the "other" Cherokee Strip was well-known, and may have reminded Forest Grovers of their own role in land removal and the subsequent conspicuous consumption of "free" land. As the press of the day noted, the Forest Grove Indian School served as a model for the Chilocco Indian School, founded in 1884, and located in Oklahoma's Cherokee Strip. Interestingly, one of Forest Grove Indian School's superintendents, Dr. H. J. Minthorn, was promoted to serve at the Oklahoma school. This all suggests the community here was well aware of the "Strip" in Oklahoma long before 1891, when Painter's Woods was purchased and turned into the residential development of "South Park," and when the Clark kids' strip took on that curious title.



Detail from traced copy of 1870 Forest Grove land transfer map

selling off the majority of the land their parents had left them. Like their parents, they granted much land back to the university. Satira and her husband, George H. Durham, gave the university 200 acres of his family's donation land claim. William sold his portion of the strip (now 1545 Main Street and 1614 Ash Street) to Sidney Marsh that year for \$100. Tabitha's division of the strip is the one part that was actually turned into a road: a short stretch of 16th Avenue, between A and Main Streets.

it was now known, became a residential area, with the alley as primary access.

We should remember the primary reason for Harvey and Emeline Clark making the journey to the Oregon Territory was to spread the Congregationalist message to the Atfalati Indians, and possibly to reach some recent non-Indian settlers with pagan tendencies. Though they soon gave up on the conversion plan, their financial help and missionary zeal helped Forest Grove become a beacon of educational advancement in the wilderness of Oregon.

I couldn't present all my findings on the Clark kids at this time, particularly on their experiences at Pacific University and their later lives, but I hope to return to this family for another essay or two. More information about the children of Emeline and Harvey exists, even photographs, but are lost in attics and basements, wishing to be uncovered, and you can help. I invite all of you to join me in learning more about our city's history, its people, and the homes that sheltered them and continue to shelter us. Come down to the Old Train Station and see what you can uncover!

While living in Spokane County,

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Chamber luncheons are held at noon Mondays at the Forest Grove city auditorium. The cost is \$10 for chamber members and \$12 for guests. Please RSVP to the Chamber of Commerce at (503) 357-3006, or send an email to [director@visitforestgrove.com](mailto:director@visitforestgrove.com). Be sure to state it is for the March 17 luncheon. Hope to see you there!



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