

Visit Your Local Museum



Things you can See and Explore

- Oregon High School class photos/ yearbooks
- Photographs illustrating Oregon's past
- Antique furniture
- Vintage clothing and accessories
- Antique toys, including a beautiful doll house
- Military exhibit focusing on Oregon veterans
- Area merchant and business artifacts
- Sanborn insurance maps, illustrating the business district in early times

Research Materials Available

- Photos – Clippings – Books - Maps
- Family Histories/Family Files

Available Items

Medallions

- Red Brick High School
- WWI Monument

Books

- A Walk Back in History
- Oregon School District – Rural and Village Schools



The Hitching Post is a quarterly newsletter of the Oregon Area Historical Society.

Collaboration and Support for Other Historical Projects

The Oregon Area Historical Society supports projects dedicated to the preservation of Oregon area history.

Rutland Church & Cemetery Restoration

Red Brick High School

West Lincoln Street Historical Residential District

South Main Street Historical District

Partnership with Oregon School District on several projects.

Volunteer Opportunities

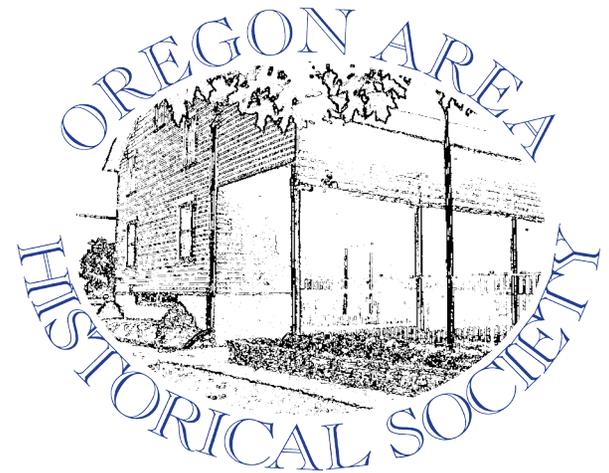
Many diverse volunteer opportunities are available, many of which can be done at home: Sewing, transcribing material for the website, cleaning, giving tours, staffing museum for Tuesday and Saturday openings, helping with displays. We also welcome donations of food or cash for special events.

Donations

Donations to the Oregon Area Historical Society are greatly appreciated and may be tax-deductible.

Oregon Area Historical Society
is a member of:

Wisconsin Historical Society
Oregon Chamber of Commerce



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Museum Hours:

Tuesdays: 10:00am – 4:00pm

1st Saturday of month (Sept.-May)

Every Saturday: (June, July, August)

Appointments Also Accepted

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Oregon Area Historical Society shall be to preserve, advance, and disseminate knowledge of the history of the Oregon area.

Background

The Oregon Area Historical Society, chartered in 1987, was the inspiration of Eeda Lumley and a group of local residents who shared an interest in preserving and sharing the history of Oregon and the surrounding area.

Establishing and housing a museum was a goal of the charter members. When the Oregon Lumber Company building on West Lincoln Street became available, it was purchased and donated by Florice Paulson in memory of her parents and grandparents. Dedication of the museum was held on May 18, 1991—the year of Oregon’s sesquicentennial. The museum opened in October, 1992, while work was still in progress.

Museum Tours

The Society shares local history with students of the Oregon School District with annual tours of the museum. Guided tours of the Oregon Area Historical Society museum are available to the public by appointment. For more information, or to reserve a date for a tour, please contact us with your request. Phone: 835-8961, or email: oaahs@frontier.com

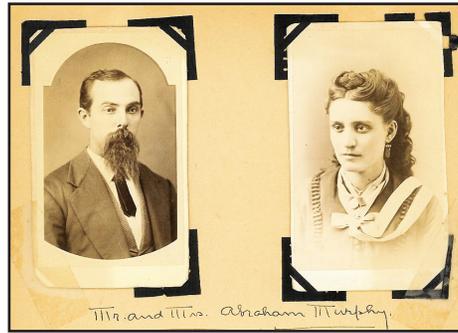


OAHS PROJECTS

Family Files



The OAHS maintains “Family Files,” which are the core of our genealogical resources. These files may include obituaries, photographs, newspaper clippings, family history charts, census records as well as other documents. We welcome material from area residents or anyone with family ties in the Oregon area.



Oregon Timeline Exhibit

The museum exhibits tell the early story of Oregon. Included are exhibits illustrating the geological/glacial history of the area; the Native Americans; the Lead Trail and our early settlers, the arrival of the railroad, an early rural school room, and an early library.



OregonAreaHistoricalSociety.org



Our website has grown and expanded in content. You will find early histories of Oregon, a PowerPoint presentation with historical photos, biographical sketches of early settlers (includes genealogical information), historic homes, maps, military rosters, and much more.

Web: www.oregonareahistoricalociety.org

We are also on Facebook.



The Loaning Closet

Our “Loaning Closet” has a large collection of pioneer clothing and historic costumes used annually by about 400-500 students in the Oregon School District. The 4th graders and staff are outfitted for their “Pioneer Days;” the 5th graders are helped with their historic costumes for their “Wax Museum” presentations. We continue to expand our collection.



Students portraying Orville and Wilbur Wright