

The Clayton/Deer Park Historical Society is a group of individuals dedicated to the preservation of the history of the area just north of Spokane, Washington. The Society collects oral, literary, and pictorial history to publish and otherwise make accessible to the public.

The Clayton/Deer Park Historical Society meets on the second Saturday of each month at 9 AM. We gather at the Clayton Drive-In, located just off Highway 395 on Railroad Ave.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERY OF RURAL SCHOOL HOUSES IN THE CLAYTON/DEER PARK AREA By Peter Coffin

Across eastern Washington rural school houses were built almost as soon as the settlers finished their own houses and when enough children could be assembled to go to school. Many pictures of these schools have been preserved, sometimes their students and teachers posed in front of them. The largest collection of these school pictures in our area is in the Lawrence Zimmerer Photograph Collection. In addition to pictures in this collection, the Historical Society has been able to collect more school photographs in donations from local family photo albums.

The following picture album pairs the photograph of the rural school with a small map locating the school site with today's road names. I would like to encourage everyone who has pictures of the area's old schools to let the Society digitize them — as well as any other historic pictures of our area. It would be particularly wonderful if any of

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Left: Figure 1: Map showing the locations of the many rural schools in the greater Clayton/Deer Park area.

Free — Take One

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these pictures would have a story that could accompany them.

The following rural school photographs are in alphabetic order by the school name. Unfortunately the Historical Society does not have photographs for all the schools on the index map (Figure 1).

ARCADIA (ORCHARD VIEW) SCHOOL



Arcadia (Orchard View) School Location
C28 NW Section 7 T19P24N R02E12W

Figure 2: The Arcadia (Orchard View) school was located just east of Deer Park and south of the Deer Park Milan Road in the Arcadia Orchards. Society member Kenneth Westby's mother, Thelma Norseth, is in this photograph. (Lawrence Zimmerer Photographic Collection, P. Coffin map.)

BIG FOOT VALLEY SCHOOL



Big Foot Valley School Location
NW NW NW SE Section 28 T19P24N R02E12W

Figure 3: The Big Foot Valley School was located at the intersection of Jones and Redman Roads in Big Foot Valley. No full picture of the school is available. This is a picture of a church group in front of the old school house. My Father, Elden F. ("Jack") Coffin, is the small boy on the far right of the picture. (Lawrence Zimmerer Photograph Collection, P. Coffin map)

BORDERS SCHOOL



Borders School Location
SW SW NW Section 30 TWP30N-R0E43EWM

One Mile

Figure 4: The Borders School was located along the Pend Oreille-Stevens County line just north of the Spokane County line. Whether this image is of the first school house is uncertain. (Lawrence Zimmerer Photograph Collection, P. Coffin map)

BURROUGHS SCHOOL



Burroughs School Location
SW SW NW Section 18 TWP20N-R0E43EWM

One Mile

Figure 5: The Burroughs School southwest of Deer Park was rebuilt several times. The last Burroughs School was a substantial brick building that exists today as a private residence. (Lawrence Zimmerer Photograph Collection, P. Coffin map)

DRAGOON-BUCKEYE SCHOOL



Figure 6: The Dragoon School apparently had two names, including Buckeye for the saw mill community near which it was built. (Lawrence Zimmerer Photograph Collection, P. Coffin map)

EDGEWOOD SCHOOL



Figure 7: The Edgewood School was located southwest of Deer Park relatively close to the Wild Rose School. The Tarbert family of Society member Sharon (Boyd) Clark's ancestry attended this school. (Lawrence Zimmerer Photograph Collection, P. Coffin map)

FORRESTON SCHOOL



Figure 8: The Forreston School was located northwest of Deer Park and east of Clayton. This log building was replaced with a lumber structure which was moved north from the original location and became a private residence at the intersection of Bridges and Spotted Roads. (*Lawrence Zimmerer Photograph Collection, P. Coffin Map*)

GARDEN SPOT SCHOOL



Figure 9: The Garden Spot School was located about halfway between the present Garden Spot Grange building and Loon Lake, WA. The area was the site of a stage stop on the old Cottonwood Road before 1900. (*Photograph courtesy of Linda Bode, P. Coffin map*)

LOST SPRINGS SCHOOL



Lost Springs School Location
NE 1/4 NE 1/4 SW Section 12 T40N20W-R10E20N

Figure 10: The Lost Springs School building appears to be a very substantial structure. It was located about three miles northeast of Deer Park just south of the present Half Moon Milling operation. (Lawrence Zimmerer Photograph Collection, P. Coffin map)

OLSON SPUR SCHOOL



Olson Spur School Location
NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 20 T40N20W-R10E20N

Figure 11: Olson Spur was a Spokane Falls and Northern Railroad branch track off the main line southeast of Clayton, Washington, used as a loading point for cordwood. From this photograph the school appears to be constructed of concrete blocks. (Lawrence Zimmerer Photograph Collection, P. Coffin map)

PINEVIEW SCHOOL



Figure 12: The Pineview School was located just south of the present day Garden Spot Grange building. Its roof is just visible on the lower left side of the photograph. (*Photograph courtesy LaFern Janson, P. Coffin map*)

TWIN MOUNTAIN SCHOOL



Figure 13: The Twin Mountain School was located in the far southwest portion of the Deer Park area just north of the Spokane River valley. (*Lawrence Zimmerer Photograph Collection, P. Coffin map*)

WILD ROSE SCHOOL



Figure 14: The Wild Rose School was located at the intersection of Wild Rose and Monroe Roads. The building in the photograph was replaced by a much more substantial building that is still standing today and being used as a community meeting center. In some respects, the Wild Rose area was the center of settlement that migrated to Deer Park after the Short and Crawford Standard Lumber saw mill was constructed. My Great-Grandfather, Pleasant Madden was on the school board in the very early 1900s. (*Lawrence Zimmerer Photograph Collection, P. Coffin Map*)

WILLIAMS VALLEY SCHOOL

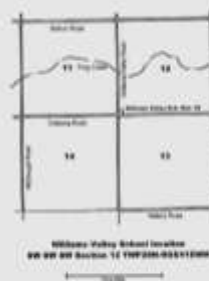


Figure 15: The Williams Valley School, along with the Wild Rose School, was one of the earliest schools in the Deer Park area. This school was located on the corner of Williams Valley and Casberg Roads. The building in this photograph is the first one built, which was replaced by a sawn lumber building that is still in use today as a community center. (*Lawrence Zimmerer Photograph Collection, P. Coffin map*)

The Clayton/Deer Park Historical Society does not presently have pictures of the schools on the following list. If anyone has photographs of any of these old schools, I would ask that they let the Society digitize them for its historical preservation.

Bear Creek - School site north of Bear Lake off US Highway 2/195

Ellsworth - School site just west of Eloika Lake

Fuson/Iowa/Plainview - School site on Hazard Road south of Wild Rose Cemetery

Grouse Creek - School site north of Loon Lake and west of Deer Lake

Midway - School site about a mile north of Dartford, along the old Inland Empire Highway

Montfort - School site about a mile west of US Highway 395 on Monroe Road. The building is still in use as a community center

Tum Tum - School site about a mile north of the Spokane River on Scotts Valley Road

West Branch - School site on the west side of US Highway 2/195 about one third mile north of the Eloika Lake Road intersection

Zimmerer - School site south of Enoch Road about half way between Spotted and Wal-bridge Roads

E-Mail Correspondence From Belgium Concerning Alva Eickmeyer

Dear Sir,

I am a 32-year old Belgian WW2 airwar researcher and I investigate in aircraft and crew lost during WW2 in my country. I lived in the area where a P-38 crashed in September 1944. The pilot bailed out from his damaged Lightning aircraft and was hidden by a farmer some days til the Liberation of the area. This pilot was 2nd Lt. Alva **Avon Loyell EICKMEYER**. The farmer wife still remembers him as "ALVA". Unfortunately, Lt Eickmeyer was killed in an air accident back in the USA, on the 11th November 1944.

He was the son of Henry and Bessie Eickmeyer. His last brother (Henry Merwin) died at 88 in 2009. I know by reading his necrology that there are perhaps still relatives of Eickmeyer family in the general area of Wild Rose Prairie, Spokane, Washington.

Alva seems to have been settled in Riverside California but he is buried in Wild Rose cemetery, Spokane County.

I am wondering if you can get me in touch with relatives of Alva Eickmeyer in order to get some information and a nice portrait of him.

Very few people remember this local event here and I would like very much to write an article about this gallant airman and his short 'forced' stay in

Belgium.

I thank you beforehand of your attention and send my very best regards.

Yours Sincerely
Nicolas CLINAZ
Florennes - BELGIUM

Bill Sebright to Nicolas

Dear Nicolas,

Nov. 27

Thank you for your interesting and welcome letter.

I am forwarding your email to Florene Eickmeyer Moore. She can contact you and fill you in on her relationship to Alva Eickmeyer. You can also contact her with other questions.

Again, thank you for contacting our Society.
Bill

Florene's response to Bill Sebright:

Thanks, Bill, for sending me this wonderful email from Belgium.

I already replied.

I'm VERY Excited to share info with Nicolas & to get more info about my uncle. too.

Alva was the only one of the 6 Eickmeyer brothers to be in the military. His story is well-

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known to my generation & I have tried to share it with the younger generations.

Thanks, again!

Florene

Florene,

I'm glad you are excited. I sure thought it was interesting. I would hope you could write up an article for the Mortarboard. It sounds very interesting! It would be a way to keep it alive for the "younger generations!"

Maybe you could write about your Dad and other uncles, too.

Bill

Nicolas's reply back to Bill Sebright:

Hello Bill, Nov. 27

Thank you for your quick and efficient reply, very much appreciated!

I just have been contacted by Mrs Florene Moore so I hope a new correspondence may take place between us.

My very best regards and once again thank you.

Nicolas

Bill to Nicolas:

Nicolas,

Nov. 28

We will look forward to your article. Any information that you want to send me, like below,

regarding P-38s would be very appreciated.

Thank you for corresponding with me.

Bill

Nicolas to Bill

Hello Bill,

I am very happy to correspond with her. I wish also to write an article about this story in a historical newspaper. At the right time, I could provide you with a copy.

The P-38 is my beloved one too. I have recovered a P-38 deeply buried in the soil some years ago. I am keen of this beautiful aircraft and I plan one day to write a book about P-38 losses in Belgium; in a way, it explains why I am trying to contact people related to P-38.

I am working in Florennes Air Base which hosted two P-38 Fighter Groups during WW2 (474th FG & 370th FG). Alva Eickmeyer was from the 370th FG and he missed his transfer from St LÔ to Florennes AB, just few days before he was shot down by the Flak.

Nicolas

More to come on this exciting connection to Belgium. editor

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: **Reminder: Dues are \$20 per Family and due January 1, 2012** :
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: Name & Address: _____ :
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: Dues \$ 20.00 Additional Donation:\$ _____ Total Dues and donation: \$ _____ :
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: Clip and bring payment to our monthly meeting or Mail to C/DPHS, Box 293, Clayton, :
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Clayton/ Deer Park Historical Society Minutes — December 10, 2011

In attendance: Grace Hubal, Don Reiter, Mary Jo Reiter, Warren Nord, Lorraine Nord, Mark Wagner, Betty Burdette, Sue Rehms, Marilyn Reilly, Sharon Clark, Pete Coffin, Judy Coffin, Lonnie Jenkins, Ella Jenkins, Bill Sebright, Eleanor Ball, Roxanne Camp, Florene Moore, Lorraine Ball, Donald Ball, and Kay Parkin.

Society president, Bill Sebright called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. Bill talked about and/or showed: 1) We received an email from Nicolas Clinaz of Florennes, Belgium. He is a WW II air war researcher and he investigates aircraft and crews lost during WW II in Belgium. He was looking for the family of Alva Eickmeyer, Florene Eickmeyer Moore's Uncle. Nicolas and Florene have been corresponding. Alva's P-38 was shot down over Belgium. He bailed out at 900 feet. He was hidden for several days by a farmer until the Allies liberated the area. Nicolas plans to write an article in a historical newspaper. He will provide us with a copy to include in our Mortarboard. 2) Al Brisbois called from Tacoma asking for Bob Clouse's phone number. Al had seen Bob's article about DPHS boxing and wanted to talk to him about it. 3) Becky Cooke, DPSD Superintendent, would like the CDPHS to talk at the free spaghetti feed on January 12, 2012, at the Clayton Grange. It will be from 5:30 to 7 PM. They will be giving information on all the schools and on the M & O Levy in February of 2012. 4) There will be historical tours of Mount St. Michael's today 10 AM- 4 PM and Sunday from 1 to 4 PM.

Treasurer, Mark Wagner reported that there is \$3,058.53 in the main checking account. Checks written last month: \$20.61 for a picture frame and \$168.09 for printing supplies. There was a \$20.00 deposit. The web hosting account balance was \$240.30. Activity for the month was \$10.95 withdrawal for monthly web hosting service. The 2012 Society dues are due in January. They are \$20 a

year for a family.

Secretary, Grace Hubal reported: 1) The T-shirt fund raising project has been dropped for now due to the expense. 2) There is only one Society Cookbook left. The rest have been sold! \$50 was deposited into the secondary checking account. 3) She sent off two thank letters to Nancy and to Patricia regarding the Glen Grove deed patent. 4) Grace delivered Christmas cookies to all the businesses that supported our Cookbook project.

Print Editor, Sharon Clark handed out Mortarboard #44. She mentioned that the Society is always looking for more articles.

Vice President, Pete Coffin shared a copy of The Tri-County Memories / Deer Park booklet published by the *Deer Park Tribune*.

Webmaster, Penny Hutten reported via email that: 1) She put a link to Wally's 4th Prestini blog on our Website.

Winterfest- There will be a meeting on Wednesday, December 14th at 6 PM at the Pizza Factory. Florene Moore is on the Winterfest committee. She shared a copy of the Winterfest schedule.

Marilyn Reilly's son's business, Bob Mart, has been in business for one year. She asked him if it would be okay if the Society could hang historical things on the walls and he said it would be all right.

Lorraine Nord's Uncle Don Nolan gave a donation of \$50 to the Society. Don and Mary Jo Reiter also gave a \$100 donation in addition to their dues. Grace will send them thank you letters.

The Clayton Deer Park Historical Society was established October 4, 2002. Party plans are in progress for our 10th anniversary.

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Donald and Lorraine Ball handed out their Christmas letter and a picture which was taken at their 60th Wedding Anniversary and Donald's 82nd Birth-

day party. Also Eleanor Ball shared her pictures of that day.

Next meeting will be on January 14, 2012.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35AM.

Respectfully submitted by Grace Hubal, Secretary

Special Thanks to this month's volunteer proofreaders — Peter Coffin, Grace Hubal, Florene Moore, Bill Sebright

Editorial Policy Regarding Correcting Errors and/or Omissions

Information published here is compiled from many sources, including personal memories. It is often difficult or impossible to verify such recollections through outside documentation. Our editorial policy toward the veracity of personal recollections tends toward the casual – since little harm is normally done by such errors. But our editorial process also invites public review and input regarding the accuracy of the information we publish, and when such review either suggests or reveals errors or items open to dispute our “Letters” department will act as a forum allowing the airing of such disagreements in an effort to ascertain the truth and correct any probable or demonstrated errors. We also believe it’s important that such disagreements be recorded, even if they can’t be settled to the satisfaction of all parties.

We encourage everyone to submit any arguments as to fact to the editor in writing — since the written form reduces the chance of further misunderstandings. As is standard policy, all letters will be edited for spelling, word usage, clarity, and — if necessary — contents. If advisable, the editor will confer directly with the letter writers to insure that everyone’s comments and corrections are submitted in a literate, polite, and compelling manner — as best suits the editorial image of this Society’s publications.

Society Want Ads

WANTED: Information and photos regarding the history of the Brickyard/Ramble In Tavern

tion with their occupations and settlement in the Clayton/Deer Park Area

Gardenspot #278 Granges

WANTED: Any information on the Williams Valley Grange Orchestra
Contact: Ann Fackenthall, WVG

WANTED: Any stories and photos of your family’s history in connec-

WANTED: Any stories and photos from Williams Valley #452 and

(Rolloidotter@gmail.com) 466-3564.

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