

## AUMSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Aumsville Historical Society met on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> in the community center. Recent museum acquisitions were discussed. The following slate of officers was elected for 2019: President Ted Shepard, Vice President Karlene Santibanez, Secretary Diana Wullert and Treasurer Linda Mills. Carol Roller was elected to a three-year term on the AHS Board of Directors.

A member of Santiam Historical Society recently shared the newspaper obituary of Allen Jones Davie, III who was born in 1857 in Marion County and died in Salem in 1936. He is buried in Aumsville Cemetery. His parents, Allen and Cynthia were 1842 Oregon pioneers. This was the first wagon train to include children. Cynthia traveled with her parents, Gabriel and Elizabeth Brown, and some of her siblings. No existing document gives the exact date on which Allen married Cynthia Brown, but they were either the first or second American couple to be married in Oregon Country. Both services were probably officiated by one of the Methodist ministers at the mission in Salem. The other couple was Mr. and Mrs. Medorum Crawford. Mrs. Crawford was Cynthia's sister Adeline.

Allen Jones Davie was present at the 1843 meeting at Champoeg, where the settlers expressed their desire that the Pacific Northwest become part of the United States, instead of Great Britain. Allen Jones Davie, the pioneer, established a farm and saw mill between current-day Aumsville and the Santiam Golf Course. His father, the first Allen Jones Davie, did not come to Oregon. He disappeared about 1851 while traveling from the eastern US, through Indian Territory on his way to California.

Medorum Crawford was another of the pro-American voters at Champoeg. He was a teacher and was elected a legislator in the provisional government. The Crawfords eventually settled in Yamhill County.

The next AHS meeting will be held at 7 PM, Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> in the conference room at Riverview Bank. The entrance is on the west side of the building. AHS will celebrate a successful 2018. Please bring finger food to share. Donations of non-perishable food for the food bank will be collected. Although the museum is closed for the winter, visits by appointment can be arranged. Please contact Ted Shepard at 503-7492744 or Karlene Santibanez at 503-749-2585. Happy holidays to all!