

KING FOLK

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KING FOLK REUNION
SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2010
9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

KINGS VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL
38840 KINGS VALLEY HIGHWAY
(IN THE GYM AT BACK OF SCHOOL)

The morning session is a workshop. Please bring King family material to share. Pictures are especially wanted and may be scanned to our CD. (see info. in newsletter) Perhaps you will discover a new relative, or be able to assist someone else with their research. A copy machine will be available to use free of charge. Coffee and donuts provided.

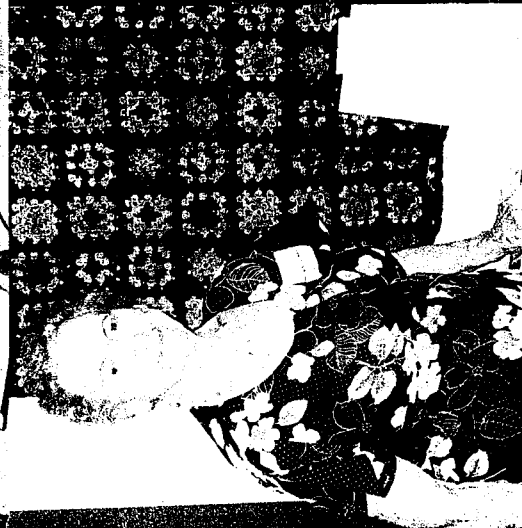
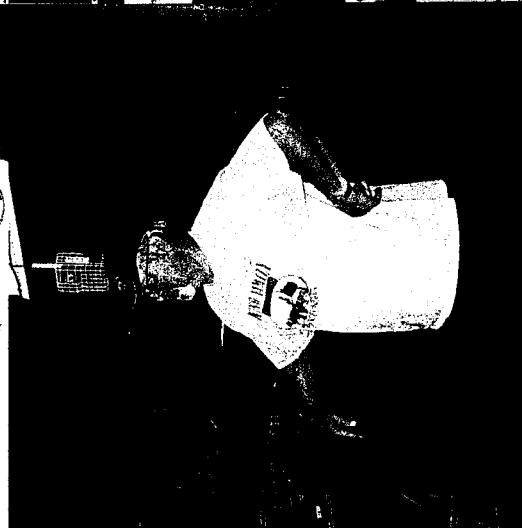
POTLUCK LUNCH AT NOON

Please bring a main dish and one other item of your choice (dessert, salad or munchies). Bring your own table service. Coffee, soda pop and bottled water will be provided. There is refrigeration in the kitchen but only a small microwave for reheating.

BUSINESS MEETING AT 1:00 P.M.

(Need more information? See back page to contact officers)

See next page for candid shots from 2009 reunion compliments of Nigel Parkhurst.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER – APRIL 2010 – MIMI STANG

Greetings King Family members. I feel so honored to be the president of the King Family Association - I am so pleased to work with such a wonderful family. Working together, we have accomplished a great deal these past few years.

Our reunion will once again be the Saturday immediately after Father's Day, June 26th, at Kings Valley Charter School. We had some new faces with us last year as well as many of our "regulars." See the front page of the newsletter for complete information.

In 2008 we were filled with pride on the completion of the project of a King Family marker for the Kings Valley Cemetery that had taken two years to complete. I hope that many of you have been able to visit the cemetery and see this wonderful marker. It was such a great project for the King Family Association.

Last year – 2009 - at the reunion we voted to spend funds on a marker for the grave of Lydia King Williams – not at the Kings Valley Cemetery, but in Salem at the Salem Pioneer Cemetery. Lydia was one of Nahum and Sareptas's children. See the article and photos elsewhere in the newsletter for the story.

My plea last year urging you to come in the morning and not overwhelm us at noon, helped somewhat. I would like to stress again that we are set up and ready to go by 9 a.m. The morning is the time to have your photos scanned to our CD's, to purchase reunion T-shirts and other materials, to share information with fellow King family researchers and to look through our Historian David Trask's fabulous family notebooks. Our potluck lunch begins at noon followed by our annual business meeting.

I need to address a topic that is always sticky – money! Like so many organizations the King Family Association has to rely on donations to operate. We only ask \$10 a year per family – in 2006 we collected from 92 folks – this past year, 2009, only 67 paid the \$10. That is a drop of 25, yet, the number in attendance at the reunion is growing, which is wonderful. But why are fewer choosing to pay dues? The money we collect goes for a myriad of things from printing and mailing the newsletter to renting the Kings Valley School. And we have, over the years, been able to maintain a surplus due to extra donations that have enabled us to do the reader boards, benches and the King monument at the Kings Valley Cemetery, the King infant marker at Locke Cemetery, and this past year, the Lydia King Williams tombstone at Salem Pioneer Cemetery.

We are concerned that our dues income has taken such a precipitous drop since 2006. Our only other sources of income are the items we sell at the reunion. It is my hope that all who receive this newsletter will consider sending your \$10.00 (or more) to our Treasurer, Anne Trussell. And we thank you sincerely!

As always, I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the reunion. If it is your first reunion, please let us know so that we can put you in touch with others in attendance that are connected to your family.

BITS AND PIECES

King Family Reunion T-shirts – We have reordered and restocked our King Family reunion T-shirts as we ran out of a lot of sizes last year. The cost is \$10.00 at the reunion, \$15.00 if mailed. The color is Serene Green. Sizes are Adult Small, Medium, Large, X-Large & XXLarge. Send a \$15.00 check made out to “King Folk” with your order to Mimi Stang if you want one mailed to you.

Checks Reminder – Please remember to make checks out to “King Folk.” The Chase Bank where we have our checking account will not accept checks made out any other way – save our Treasurer, Anne Trussell, the trouble of having to send a check back to you to be reissued!

Inventory of King Family Reunion Items – Pat Plunkett Holler, our King Family Association Secretary, has taken on the huge task of gathering minutes, agendas, photos, etc. of past reunions. She has made great progress – everything she has collected to date she has scanned and we will eventually have a CD of the information. Pat has also scanned all 28 issues of the *King Folk* Newsletter and 27 parts of *Back When in Benton County* that contained King Family information. Pat is especially in need of minutes, etc. from pre-1981 reunions. Please get in touch with her at Lightandtruth@msn.com if you can add anything to her collection. What a wonderful gift this is to us – thank you, Pat!

Kings Valley Store – this store has been in existence for well over 100 years. The current owner is Norm Arnold who has owned it for more than 30 years. And, he has a King family tie in – Norm’s wife, Terri Arnold is a Lyday. The Lydays descend from the Prices and Nortons through Hopestill King. Junior Lyday is usually at our reunions.

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King Family Deaths Reported in Past Year

Mary Bottger Davidson – mother of George Davidson – 16 August 2008

Roy J. Reichenbach - husband of Rita Fromherz Reichenbach – 19 June 2009

Russell Dean Schweitz – brother of Jackie Farris – 8 December 2009

King Family CD – The 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 King Family CD's will be available for purchase at the reunion. The CD's contain LOTS of King family photographs and some documents, as well as photos of an older Kings Valley... its inhabitants, occupations, sports, schools and leisure activities of the past. Besides a photo index, the CD's have information on five generations of the King Family, which is updated each year with the newest information from death certificates, obituaries, marriage records, cemetery records, census records, and family group sheets. Cost at the reunion for each CD will be only \$5. If you can't attend the reunion, the CD's can be mailed to you after July 1. Cost: \$10 for one CD; \$15 for two CD's; \$20 for three, \$25 for four (price includes the cost of the CD's). Send checks (made out to **King Folk**) to Anne Trussell, 2108 Stacia Way, Sacramento, CA, 95822. Please specify which CD(s) you want and an email address or phone number. These CD's are priced nearly at cost. Any profit goes to the King Family treasury to support our projects.

Photo Scanning Project –

Would you like to share your old family photographs with the rest of the King Family? We scan the original and return it to you. The scans are placed onto a CD each year. A copy of each CD is donated to the Benton County Museum, which has allowed us to use their photos for this project. All photographs on the CD are for private use only and may not be published (even on the Internet) without permission of the owner of the original photograph.

Last year's CD contained 94 photographs. Besides photos of Lovisa & Rowland Chambers, Lydia & Jonathon Williams, and Solomon King, you'll find descendants of Rhoda, Hopestill, Lovisa, and Solomon on the CD. Other photos include the 2008 setting of the King marker in the Kings Valley Cemetery, Rowland Chamber's gristmill, the Sol King house, and some of the businesses that used to operate in Kings Valley.

We're still adding photos to the 2010 CD, which includes a wonderful photograph of Solomon and Anna Maria, as well as contributions from David Trask, Maxine Bell, Tim Moore, Ethel Shepler and more.

Do you have photos to share? Here are some different ways:

- 1. Bring them to the reunion. We'll scan them and return the originals to you.*
- 2. Can't come to the reunion and still want to share your photographs? Maybe we can come to you. We have a laptop and a portable scanner. Regardless of where you live, contact Earle Greig or Anne Trussell.*
- 3. Can you scan your own photographs or have a family member who can? If so, send them to Anne as email attachments (atru02@comcast.net) or save them to CD and bring it to the reunion (or mail it to Anne).*

Thanks to everyone who contributed photographs for the 2009 King Family CD: Norm Chambers, Ellen Craven, George Davidson, Sherry Fish, Earle Greig, Pat Holler, Levis Pizer, Carol Putman, Winnie Trump, Anne Trussell.

Help!! We still need photographs of the following (and their spouses): Saretta, Lucretia, Isaac.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE 2010 REUNION MINUTES

Patricia Plunkett Holler - Secretary

About 70 family members & guests attended, enjoyed visiting and a great potluck.

A special guest was Mark Hazelton and his wife – Mark is principal of Kings Valley Charter School and told of the beginnings of the school and their plans for the future (which includes adding 4 years of high school). We are grateful to the school for allowing us to continue to hold our reunion there.

Linda Crew, author of “our” book, *A Heart for Any Fate*, was again with us. She brought copies of the book as it has recently been republished by the Ooligan Press – it has a new cover and introduction.

The count of reunion attendees by descendant was taken by Nigel Parkhurst and, for the first time in many years, Hopestill’s descendants were edged out by Lovisa’s! There were 12 for Lovisa and 11 for Hopestill. (Editor’s note: Lovisa’s numbers were greatly enhanced by Judith Kelloff who brought her daughters and grandchildren – 9 total).

Historian David Trask reported that he has been working hard to update his family history notebooks. He now has about 2500 obituaries of family members and spouses. David’s son, Ryan, entered a contest sponsored by the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers and his drawing depicting the Oregon Trail won first place.

A new project, marking the grave of Lydia King Williams in Salem Pioneer Cemetery was discussed and approved. (See full information elsewhere in the newsletter)

WATSON HOUSE IN FORT HOSKINS

Featured in a new book, *Space, Style and Structure: Building in Northwest America,*” by Thomas Vaughan, is the Watson House located in the Fort Hoskins vicinity. It is said to be the oldest house still in use in Benton County, according to newspaper articles in the Corvallis Gazette Times and the Statesman Journal in Salem among others.

According to the newspaper stories, The Watson House was built for James and Mary Watson, who came to Oregon from Illinois in 1847 – they built the house about 1852. The nearby barn dates to about 1848 – both are on the National Registry of Historic Places. James Price and his wife Rovia (Rumbaugh) Price moved into the house in 1909 after their marriage. The article also mentions that “Rovia Price, well known in the area for her Gazette-Times newspaper articles about Kings Valley, lived in the house for more than 70 years.”

The James Price who lived in the house after 1909 was James Larkin Price, son of Willard Lane & Sarepta “Sis” Norton Price. Sarepta was the daughter of Lucius Carolus and Hopestill King Norton, Nahum and Sarepta’s daughter.

The current occupants are Michael and Courtney Moore and their two young daughters – they have attended King Family Reunions in the past – Michael is a descendant of Hopestill King Norton.

There is currently (until July 31st) a black and white photography exhibit at the Oregon State Archives in Salem that includes the Watson House and others featured in the book.

MESSAGE FROM LINDA CREW – author of *A HEART FOR ANY FATE*

Hello to all King family descendants! I had a great time at the King Family Reunion last summer. You can check out my pictures of a few King family members on my website at www.lindacrew.com.

The new Ooligan edition of *A HEART FOR ANY FATE: WESTWARD TO OREGON 1845* is at last widely available through a large distributor, Ingram. This means that if you don’t see it in your local independent bookstore, the clerks should gladly order it for you. You can also buy it online through Amazon.com or Barnes & Noble. Unfortunately I’ve sold out of the paperback edition published by the Oregon Historical Society Press. A half dozen or so used copies seem to be available on Amazon.com from various sellers. As for the hardcovers, Amazon.com shows 20 copies from used to a new one priced at \$70. As for my own stock, I am down to two dozen, and my price of \$30 reflects a reluctance to part with these. I want to make sure I have enough for the Crew family descendants!

I do think the book is slowly reaching a wider audience, judging from various mentions and reviews I've seen posted on the internet. A teacher at Linn-Benton Community College has assigned it for her class in Children's Literature, and I presented the slide show to both her fall and winter classes. Coincidentally, who should turn up in her fall class but my own daughter-in-law!

Many of you have heard me say that researching the King family history gave me a bad case of ancestor envy. This hasn't changed, but a subscription to Ancestry.com has revealed some interesting threads in our own family to follow.

I traced my line to a family named Cooley, who were some of the first to settle Clayton County, Iowa, just about the time the Kings were settling Missouri. They had something like seventeen children and my great-great-grandmother Clara was number fourteen. I have reason to think that Clara may have been part Native American, though, and her parents were not necessarily the people on the official family tree! It's an interesting mystery to explore and it breaks my heart to realize I will probably never know for sure. I may just have to make up a novel about the whole thing!

LYDIA KING WILLIAMS MARKER STORY

By Mimi Stang

For the past few years Anne Trussell and I have been concerned because Lydia King Williams, daughter of Sarepta & Nahum, had no marker in the Salem Pioneer Cemetery. There is a large Williams marker that includes information for her husband, Jonathon Lafayette Williams and also that of three of their children: Orlena Williams McCoy, Emmet Douglas Williams and Martha Lovisa Williams. But no mention at all of Lydia. Tracy Saucy, who maintains the Salem Pioneer Cemetery database, notes that the obituary for Lydia states she is buried in the Salem IOOF Cemetery (now Salem Pioneer) but that they were not exactly sure where her burial plot is, although they assumed it was with her husband and children.

I contacted Tracy and Elizabeth Walton Potter for permission for the King Family Association to place a marker for Lydia in the Williams plot even though it was not certain that she was there. They granted permission – I went to Capital Monument who did our King Family marker in Kings Valley Cemetery - obtained a price quote and presented the idea at the 2009 reunion. It was approved to spend the \$590 for the monument.

I am pleased to announce that the marker has been in place since last fall and looks great. We had it placed at the base of the larger marker – it reads: “Wife and Mother, Lydia King Williams, 1831 – 1921, King Family Association 2009”. I have a map showing where the Williams plot is at Salem Pioneer Cemetery – easy to find as it's along the

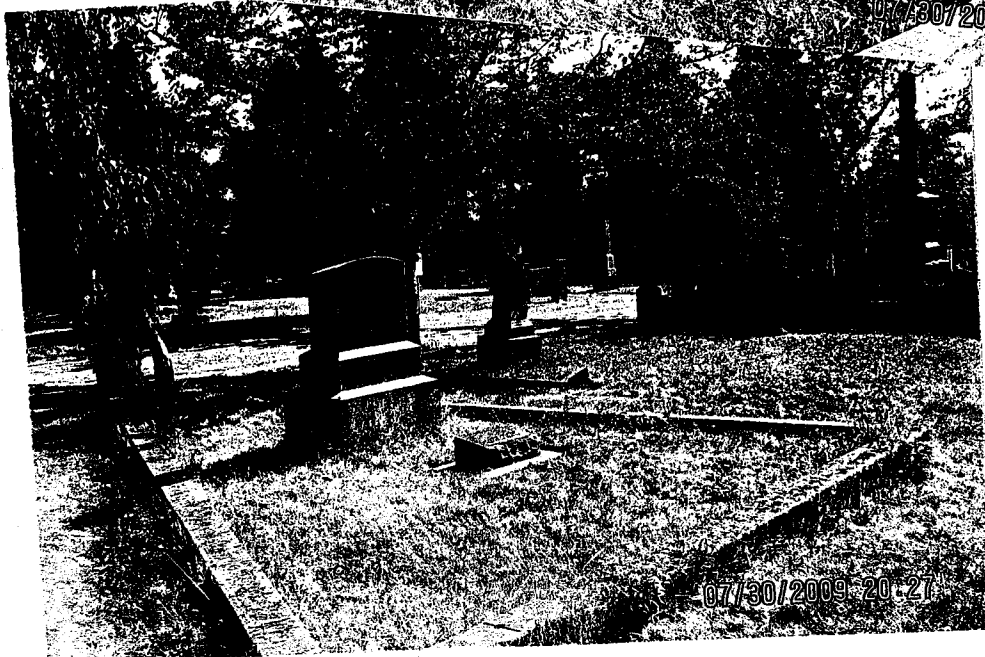
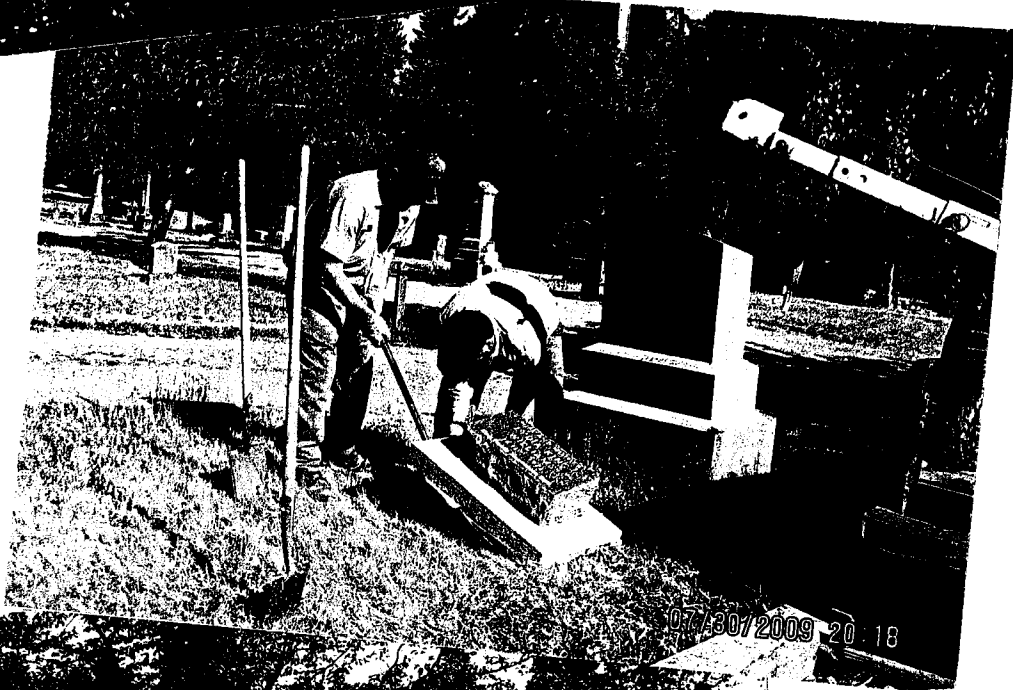
If you go online to the Salem Pioneer Cemetery website at:

<http://www.salempioneer cemetery.org> and click on "Find a record" and enter Williams in the search boxes it will bring up the information on Lydia and her husband, Jonathon Lafayette Williams and their children.

Lydia's obituary: Compliments of Salem Pioneer Cemetery Database. From the Capital Journal, Thursday, 13 October 1921, 7.7:

WILLIAMS – at the residence of Mrs. W. Charters, Portland, Oregon, Oct. 13th, Mrs. Lydia King Williams, widow of the late J. L. Williams, at the age of 90 years. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Lena W. McCoy of Seattle, Washington. Funeral services will be held at the Odd Fellows Cemetery tomorrow, 1:15 p.m. Rev. Milliken of the Baptist Church officiating. Remains in care of Terwillger home.





Lucretia King Hallock Died When?
By Anne Trussell

There's never been any question about the death date of Lucretia King Hallock. It's on her headstone at Kings Valley Cemetery.

Lucretia
Wife of
HS Hallock
Died
May 14, 1860
Aged 53 yrs, 10 mos & 9 ds.

However, the following is in the newspaper files at the Oregon Historical Society:

Oregon Argus
July 5, 1862; 4:1

Died
In King's Valley, May 24, Lucretia, wife of HS Hallock,
aged 53 years

Which date do we believe? Headstones have always been accepted as primary sources. But why would the obit appear more than two years after her death? How can we determine which date is the correct death date?

The 1860 census is a good starting point. Taken on July 12, 1860, Lucretia was enumerated with the rest of her family in Kings Valley. She was very much alive after her headstone death date of May 14, 1860.

July 12, 1860
1860 Federal census, Benton County, OR; Kings Valley; pg 59
Halleck, Hemon (?) C; 56; farmer; Vermont
Lucretia 51 NY
Amos M 15 MO
Cerepta 13 MO
Margaret M. 12 MO

What about her age on the headstone? We know from the King Bible, Lucretia was born July 5, 1809. Adding 53 years, 10 months, and five days to her birth date makes her death date May 14, 1863. How can that be when her death was announced in the newspaper in July of 1862?

Lucretia's husband, Heman Hallock, died in 1877 and is buried in Orleans Cemetery in Linn County. Their headstones are the same. It's very possible that both stones were made after Heman's death. Perhaps an error was made engraving Lucretia's headstone. Or perhaps, after fifteen years, the exact date had been forgotten.

Whichever the case, we know Lucretia's death date on her headstone is incorrect. I've been using the newspaper date of May 24, 1862. David Trask has that date in his files, also. If you have suggestions for solving this mystery, please contact us.

Obituary of Amos King (Nahum King's Father)

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.”

For the Christian Advocate and Journal (A publication of the Methodist Episcopal Church in New York, 1833 – 1865)

July 7, 1840 – in New Lebanon, N.Y., Amos King, in the 84th year of his age. Father King was one of the first fruits of Methodism in this vicinity, having stood upward of fifty years a burning and shining light in this region of moral darkness. He embraced religion and joined the M. E. Church in that day when it was a “sect everywhere spoken against;” he was therefore often called upon to defend the doctrines of our Church, not only against the vulgar and profane, but against the professed friends of God and religion, whose creeds clashed with the doctrines of Wesley and Fletcher, to which father King has subscribed, and in which he continued to believe till he was called to his great reward. For upward of twenty years he served the Church in the offices of class leader and steward with usefulness and acceptability. His life was consistent, his piety deep and uniform, his attachment to the doctrines and discipline of our Church ardent and unwavering. His attention to the means of grace was worthy of imitation, for he never was known to be absent when circumstances would justify his attendance. His love for the cause of God was not in word only, but in deed also. He early subscribed to the doctrines of the apostle, that they that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.

Father King was not only a Christian, but also a patriot. At the early age of eighteen he volunteered in the service of his county, hazarding his life to gain that liberty and independence which he so long lived to enjoy. In the field of carnage amidst the groans of the dying, he stood up in defense of his country's rights. He was at the dreadful slaughter and massacre at Cherry Valley, in this state, by the Indians and torries, amidst all of which the merciful providence of God preserved him, while others were cut down on the right hand and on the left a circumstance which he has often called forth sentiments of gratitude and praise. He was never known to fail in recording his vote for suitable ministers of justice, and herein, as a citizen of the United States, as well as a member of the Church, he set an example worth of imitation.

Father King died of a cancerous affliction, which he bore with great patience and resignation to the will of God. If any degree of impatience was discovered, it was that he might bid adieu to earth and escape to the mansions of rest. The writer of this conversed with him a little before his death when he manifested great confidence in God, and had a great desire to depart and be with Christ. Two or three weeks before his death he seemed to have a presentment that his race was almost run, and requested some friends to accompany him to the family burying ground, that he might select a sight for his grave, which he did with as much composure of mind as if it were for a building, from which time he gave evidence that his suffering time was almost over, and he continued to fail till, on the 7th of July, he fell asleep in Jesus – “Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace.” W. D. Steel

Editor's note: this obituary was sent to us by Daniel Frommherz who has spent a great deal of time tracing the Amos King family in New York State. Those who wish more information may contact Daniel at:

mckenzie_market@mckenzievalleymarket.com

MESSAGE FROM DAVID TRASK – KING FAMILY HISTORIAN

We share common ties with our pioneer ancestors. We share their genes. We can see this through photographs of our family. Sometimes, we see this amongst ourselves when we attend our family reunions. None of us would be here were it not for the will and determination of our pioneer ancestors to live and survive sometimes nearly impossible situations. We have accumulated a massive amount of information on our family over the years. It all tells a fascinating and amazing story. We are all a part of it, as will be our descendents. To document what we can now of our past and present, will benefit those who follow in our footsteps in future generations.

I have over 2500 obituaries of our family members and their spouses, most of which are accurately documented with name, date and place of newspaper. Some include six to seven generations of a single family tree of descendents, spanning from the mid 1800's to the present. I also have over 500 copies of death certificates. We have family members gathering copies of photographs. I have concentrated on what I consider is the "recent" history of our family, documenting family trees of descendents of Nahum and Serepta King. Cousin Daniel Frommherz has been helpful in researching the more "ancient" family history, dating to those generations before Nahum and Serepta. Obituaries are like little short summary stories about our family members, and offer so much insight into our past, and perhaps aids us in understanding who we are and why we are as we are.

The oldest obituary of a descendent of Nahum and Serepta King we have in our collection is that of Lucretia King Halleck (Hallock) from 1862. We have the obituary of Lucius Carolus Norton, husband of Hopestill, from 1859. Daniel Frommherz has located the obituary of Amos King, who died in 1840, father of Nahum, and this is being printed elsewhere in this newsletter. We have obituaries for other children of Nahum and Serepta including Isaac, Amos, Rhoda, Lydia, Hopestill, and Sol and their spouses. We have a funeral card for Lovisa King Chambers. We have death certificates for Amos, Rhoda, Lydia, and Sol. We have photographs of the grave markers for Lucretia, Hopestill, Isaac, Sol, Amos, Rhoda, Sarah, Lovisa and Lydia, and their spouses. We have no obituary nor proof of exact place of burial for Nahum and Serepta, nor their children Abigail or Stephen. Of course, John and wife Susan drowned on the Columbia River in 1845, and there is no proof their remains were recovered. The oldest grave of a King descendent who died in Oregon, is that of the infant son of Amos and Malinda King who died in 1847. The grave is in Locke Cemetery, and the marker was replaced by the King Family Association a few years ago. The original marker is still in my possession after I found it buried in debris at that cemetery nearly 25 years ago. The fate of that marker hopefully will be decided by us sometime in the future, in order to assure that it will remain safe for future Kings to see.

King descendents have died of many causes. Accidents, especially relating to farming, claimed a number of family members in the late 1800's. Disease was probably number one back then, claiming the lives of quite a few children. This included diphtheria in the 1870's and influenza especially around 1917. "Consumption" was the cause of quite a few deaths around the turn of the century 100 years ago, and often was due to tuberculosis. Tragic deaths included the controversial accidental shooting death of Isaac King in 1866 as well as other accidental fatal gunshot wounds. A horrible fire burned Lenora Norton Savage and her three small children to death in 1896 outside of Blodgett while her husband and other family members were hunting. The remains of the four were buried in a single casket in a Kings Valley grave. Sadly, their grave remains unmarked. Another horrific fire killed 18 year-old Florence Graham at the college in Monmouth in 1929. Three-year-old Cleo Marie Turner, descendent of Stephen King, died in 1909 from a "run-away horse", throwing her to the ground in an accident at Wren. She never rode in a car, and yet her brother Edward who lived until 1977, got to see man on the moon. Oliver Jeffery, grandson of Amos, died in 1934 from "blood poisoning" just days after he accidentally cut a finger

on a tin can he had just opened. This was due to an infection which occurred before days of antibiotics.

Perhaps atherosclerosis has been a cause or contributor to the most deaths at least over the first half of the 20th century. Cancer too has killed a significant number of relatives. Colon and stomach cancer seem to stand out, again, at least over the first half of the 1900's in Oregon anyway. This may be due to the diet of our ancestors from the late 1800's to the mid 1900's. "Uremia" also contributed to a number of deaths, earlier in the 20th century, and may be decreasing as a cause since the advent of kidney dialysis. Most of the death certificates we have on our Oregon family members are at least 50 years old, as the state does not make such records readily available to the public for that period of time after a death.

Family members have died either in battle or as a consequence of an injury from battle, in both World Wars, the Korean Conflict, and Viet Nam. Chauncey Read, grandson of Isaac King, died in 1925 due to lung complications from damage he sustained from mustard gas he was exposed to in World War I, making him prone to tuberculosis, which contributed to a long illness before he died.

Suicides unfortunately have taken at least 10 of our family members. Automobile accidents have been responsible for an increased number of deaths in the last 50 years. Finally, "old age" is becoming a familiar cause as we have entered the 21st century.

The point of this is that by documenting our past, we can preserve it and pass it on to our children and grandchildren. Everyone can help in this regard. As always, I appreciate copies of obituaries, birth, marriage and death certificates, photos of grave markers, family trees, photographs, etc. With everyone contributing copies of their work, and allowing it to become a part of our collection, others can enjoy the fruits of each other's labors. As I have said before, no reason to reinvent the wheel. If someone has already researched a branch of the family, by sharing it with others, efforts can be shifted to research what has not been done before. I am always thankful for any bit of information, no matter how small it is, and will add it to the collection.

The ultimate goal is to get this information on disc. The process will not be easy, and I suspect going with a professional to help out will be the best way to go. I am consulting with some professionals and hope to have a better idea how to proceed on this matter.

David Trask
Historian

LUCIUS NORTON AND HIS SISTERS

by Carole Norton Putman

Lucius Carolus Norton (1818-1859) was born 26 December 1818, the oldest child of Solomon and Cynthia (Knapp) Norton. He had four sisters; all were probably born in Madison Co., Ohio, as was Lucius. The sisters were: 1. Chloe b. 16 Dec 1821, 2. Harriet born about 1827, 3. Dulancey C. or Dulaney born about 1829, 4. Phoebe born in May 1831. They lived in the area of Plainfield in Madison County, Ohio; nearby were King cousins and other relatives.

In the late 1830's the younger generation began to feel the need to move west. Solomon Norton sold land that had been bequeathed to him by his father and by 1839 had moved his family to Illinois. The family farm was sold to Solomon's younger brother, John Norton,

who remained in Ohio. Perhaps the first to move on was a cousin, John King, son of Nahum and Sarepta (Norton) King. John and Susan King were in Carroll Co., Missouri, by 1835. They were enumerated in the Carroll Co., Missouri, Census of 1840.

The Nahum King family had moved from Madison Co., Ohio, to Franklin Co., Ohio and are shown in the 1840 Census of Franklin Co., Ohio. Solomon Norton's son, Lucius, possibly remained with the King family as his marriage to his cousin, Hopestill, daughter of Nahum and Sarepta King, is given as Oct. 7, 1839, in Franklin Co., Ohio.

Lucius and Hopestill (King) Norton soon followed his father, Solomon, into Illinois. Both Solomon and Lucius are found in the 1840 census of Logan Co., Illinois. Hopestill's sister, Saretta, had married in 1825, Madison Co., Ohio to Moses Moore. By 1835 they had moved and settled in Logan Co., IL.

Cynthia (Knapp) Norton, Lucius Norton's mother, died in 1839, possible in Illinois. Solomon soon married a young widow, Laurinda Woodward, on the 5th of May, 1840 in Logan Co., Illinois. Solomon was enumerated in the Logan Co., Illinois census of 1840, with seven children and a female between the ages of 20 and 30. This must have been the combined families of Solomon and his new wife, Laurinda.

Lucius and Hopestill Norton soon moved on to join the Nahum King family in Carroll Co., Missouri. Lucius and Hopestill had their first child, Isaac, in 1842; a second son was born in 1844 both in Carroll Co., Missouri. The Norton and King families were spending the years in Missouri preparing for the trip to the Oregon Territory in 1845. The teenage sisters, Harriet and Dulancey Norton, were with the families when they crossed the plains to Oregon and possibly had been with their brother, Lucius, when he left Illinois. Both Harriet and Dulancey are listed on the 1845 death list for the Oregon Trail. Dulancey/Dulaney died of black measles. The letter of Stephen and Mariah King mentions an epidemic of whooping cough and measles which went through the camps as they crossed the plains. Harriet's death was given as drowning which seems to place her on the raft of John and Susan King which was lost in the Columbia rapids.

Lucius and Hopestill Norton raised a family of 10 children, seven of which survived to adulthood. This family settled in Kings Valley or in communities of the Willamette Valley, Oregon. The children of Lucius and Hopestill Norton are: Isaac, Wiley, Ashnah, Nahum, Sarepta, Cynthia, Melinda, Serena, Cerilda and Lucius C., Jr.

Chloe, the oldest sister, and Phoebe, the youngest sister, of Lucius Norton, followed the Oregon Trail in 1850. Chloe and Washington Patterson were married in Logan Co., Illinois in 1840. By 1850 they took the route to Oregon country with their four children, Cynthia, Louisa, Diana and Alexander.

Washington and Chloe Patterson settled in Benton Co., Oregon and lived there for 30 plus years before moving on to Whitman Co., Washington Territory. They raised 12 children who spread over Washington state, Oregon and California. Children of Washington and Chloe Patterson are: Cynthia, Louisa, Diana, Alexander, Clara Ann, John Milton, Simon Bolivar, Phoebe, William Franklin, baby girl b. 1865, Rebecca and Abraham Lincoln. Chloe died 16 June 1908 in Auburn, King Co., Washington. Her husband Washington Patterson died about 1883 or 1884 possibly in Whitman Co., Washington. The Patterson family connected to the King family when Rhoda Ann (King) Phillips daughter, Caroline married John Patterson, son of Washington and Chloe (Norton) Patterson.

Phoebe Norton, just 19 years old when she came west in 1850, had married on April 30, 1849, to Samuel Huffman, sometimes spelled Hoffman, in Logan Co., Illinois. They had one child, Solomon George, born in March of 1850. Somehow Phoebe's and her sister, Chloe's

families survived the trip which was infamous for the Cholera illness among the pioneers that year.

Chloe and Phoebe found their brother in Benton County, Oregon Territory, and soon Washington Patterson and Samuel Huffman had Donation Land Claims there. Samuel and Phoebe had a second child, Chloa, in 1852. Tragically, Samuel contracted rabies and died 13 April 1854. The little girl, Chloa, was reported to have taken a drink from her father's water glass and she also came down with rabies and died. She is buried in Kings Valley Cemetery beside her father. The sad story of Samuel Huffman was mentioned in "King Folk" #6, p. 5 Jan. 10, 1994.

Phoebe's story continues to be remarkable. Not only did she cross the plains on the trail to Oregon but she returned to the east, raised a family in Vermont before pioneering again in Kansas.

On the 23rd of August of 1854, Benton Co., Oregon, Phoebe married a second time to Charles C. Davis, son of Amos and Eliza Davis, a family from Vermont. A son, Leverett, was born to Phoebe and Charles on 23 of June, 1855, in Portland, Multnomah Co., Oregon.

Family tradition says that sometime in 1856, Phoebe and Charles left Oregon by a ship. Following the west coast south to Panama, they crossed the Isthmus of Panama by mules. On the Caribbean side of Panama, they would have boarded another ship to continue on to Vermont, home of the Davis family. They are believed to have remained in Vermont through the Civil War and in the 1870's moved to Kansas to homestead.

Phoebe gave birth to seven more children during the years in Vermont. The children of Phoebe and Charles C. Davis are: Leverett A., Solon C., Lucius M., Gideon S., Flora I., Charles S., Sintha E. , a child born 1873 in Vermont, and John. The last child of Phoebe and Charles Davis was born in March of 1876 possibly in Saline Co., Kansas, where the family settled. Phoebe lived into the early 1900's and died there about 1909.

Thanks to researchers who have passed on data to me, Ellen Craven for Patterson family, and Inez R. (Saint) Garrett for the Davis family.

***DID YOU KNOW?* From Earle Greig**

Did you know Stephen King enlisted in the Cayuse Indian War?

In 1846, Nahum and Sarepta King and their son, Stephen King filed claims near Wren, Oregon Territory. Numerous other King children and families filed claims in Kings Valley, Oregon Territory.

In 1847, Oscar F. Clark, of Missouri, arrived in Marysville, (now Corvallis) . Oscar headed directly to Wren, Oregon, the home of old friends , Nahum and Sarepta King. Oscar was welcomed and invited to stay as long as he wished.

Shortly after moving in, Oscar presumably rode the short distance to Kings Valley to see other members of the King family. There, he met Mary Ann Allen, half sister of Charles Allen, who had also arrived in 1847. Oscar and Mary Ann were later married. But first, Oscar and Stephen King enlisted in the Cayuse Indian War to avenge the Whitman Massacre.

Oscar died about fifty years later in Dayton, Washington. Mary Ann applied for a pension based on Oscar's service. She returned to Benton County, in order to locate former friends who would substantiate her claim. Among the affidavits she obtained were two from Sol King. The first was dated 29 April, 1903. Sol stated that he had personally known Oscar since they were boys and played together in Missouri. He went on to say, "-----I know that he served in the Cayuse Indian War of 1847-8 and my brother Stephen was in the same company with him and served all through that war. I saw them both — to the war and saw them arrive from it".

(Stamped Aug. 18, 1903)

Sol King then gave a Deposition on 5 March 1904 and among his remarks were:

"Oscar F. Clark, I first knew him in Missouri where he lived right across the river from where I lived. Where I lived was Carrol County but I do not know the name of the county on that side of the river. I came to Oregon in 1845 and he came in 1847, and he lived in our family for several years or up to the fall of 1849."

Sol went on to state again that he saw his brother Stephen and Oscar Clark leave for the Cayuse War and he saw them return. He said he heard them talk about the war and therefore he knew they had been in the war. (*Mary Ann was awarded the pension.*)

Sol did not mention that when Oscar returned, he immediately headed for the gold fields around Sutter's Fort, California. This time when Oscar returned to Corvallis, he and Mary Ann were married 2 December, 1849. Their first child is buried in Locke Cemetery, Corvallis, Oregon, just a few feet from the first child of Amos King.

Did you know about the Benton County photos on file at the Museum in Philomath?

You can use their computer to view historic pictures of Benton County pioneers, buildings, bibles, farm machinery, etc. You can see several good pictures of the old Isaac King home or the Chambers Grist Mill and other interesting land marks.

Mary Gallagher is the manager in the research library and asks that you phone ahead to make an appointment. Phone: (541)929-6230. The only Saturday Mary can open the research library is the second Saturday of each month. The Museum is closed on Mondays but appointments can usually be arranged other week days.

Did you know that the horse pictured on last year's CD was a Belgian Draft Horse? Lincoln Allen is shown with a stallion named Fanyon. The picture was taken about 1910 near the present Kings Valley store. The current bridge is located where the covered bridge shows up in the background. Linc had another Belgian Draft Horse which was purchased in 1906. This first stallion was named Bayard. Both stallions were purchased from a dealer in Pendleton, Oregon and shipped by rail to Airlie, Oregon. That rail line was removed years ago. (*Editor's Note: Lincoln Allen was Earle's grandfather.*)

Did you know that Anne Trussell is in the process of assembling her fourth album and CD of pictures obtained from various local sources? Why don't you immediately set aside old pictures to

take to this year's reunion? Anne or Jackie will scan them for inclusion in next year's collection. Anne is very careful to properly credit each donor.

Did you know that Naoma Kiger Baker donated the Sol King pump organ to the Horner Museum? (Naoma is the great granddaughter of Sol.) The Fred Kiger family (and the organ) were at Blodgett when Earle Greig lived there. The organ was received as payment of \$100 dairy bill by his wife, Maria Allen King. The organ was used at home and church gatherings and many times was loaded onto a hack and taken to furnish music at county dances. (update from Maxine Bell records – see photo elsewhere in newsletter)

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Did You Know that Nahum King bought a pitcher at Dr. John McLaughlin's trading post in Oregon City for Sarepta when they arrived from Missouri? And that the pitcher is part of the Horner Museum collection. It was donated to the museum in 1965 by Bertha Gibson Dinger and taken to the museum by Bertha King. The museum has cataloged it as a "Gold luster ware pitcher." See photo elsewhere in newsletter and at reunion see color photo of the pitcher – it is absolutely beautiful. Amazing that it has survived all these years!

KING FAMILY NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Excerpts from "Impressions and Observations of the Journal Man" by Fred Lockley
17 February 1932 - Oregon Journal newspaper

Recently while making a trip over Sauvies Island I saw some men cutting down a huge fir tree. "I am looking for old-timers," I said to one of the men. He looked at me, and said: "You must be Fred Lockley. My name is Richard Ray King. I am the owner of this place. I have often heard my father and mother speak of you. They used to live just beyond the Multnomah Club across the street from the home of Mrs. C. S. Jackson. I'm not an old timer on Sauvies Island, but I'm a native of Oregon. I was born on my father's ranch 11 miles from Paisley, and 22 miles from Lakeview. Father was running sheep in Lake County at the time I was born. I was born on April 21, 1890. My folks came back to Portland in 1892..... My father bought this place on Sauvies Island in 1900. My father, Nahum Amos King, was born at the corner of Yamhill and Stout Streets in Portland February 19, 1855. At that time it was a farm. His father, Amos Nahum King, had taken it up as a donation land claim. My grandfather, Amos N. King, used to run a ferry boat on the Missouri River. He crossed the plains to Oregon in 1845. They settled near Corvallis, but in 1849 he bought a squatter's right of 640 acres from Eberson and Balance. These two men had bought the squatter's right from D. H. Lownsdale, who was running a tannery on the place. My grandfather ran a tannery there for 12 years. His tanning vats were located where they play football now in the Multnomah Stadium.

My grandfather and grandmother had six children. You probably have heard of my aunt, Mrs. Nartilla (sic) Jeffery. Another aunt, Mrs. Lucy A. Lumsden, was one of the early settlers on Sauvies Island. My grandfather died at the age of 79 in the house he had built in 1856 at 654 Washington Street. Kings Valley in Benton County is named for my folks. My grandfather bought his place in Portland in 1849, because the two men who were running the tannery wanted to go to the gold fields in California.

My father and mother were married in 1876 when father was 21. He and Mother ran stock in Lake County for the next 20 years.

My mother, whose maiden name was Martha Tucker, was a daughter of Joseph Tucker. They crossed the plains in 1852. Grandfather Tucker lived at the corner of Broadway and Pine streets. He was a contractor.

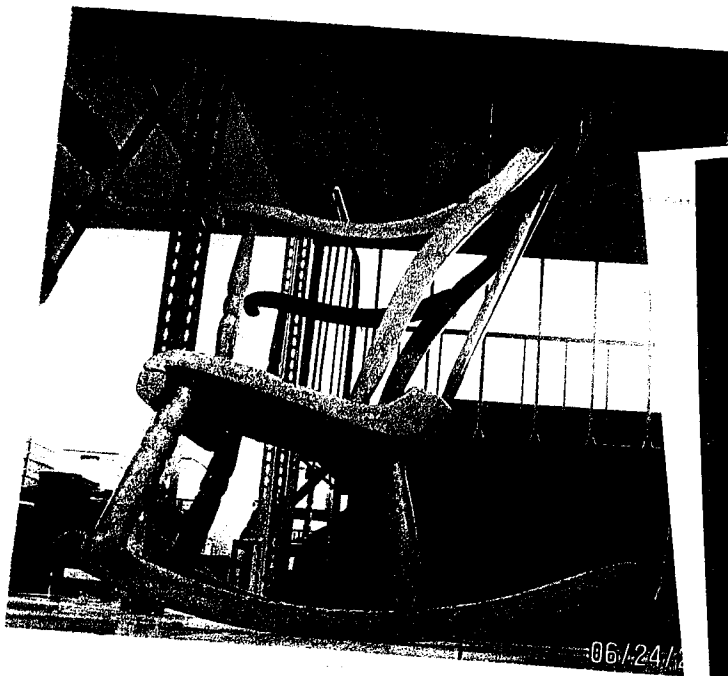
I was married about eight years ago to Ella Solin. We have one child, a daughter."

Editor's Note: remember the King infant's grave we marked in Locke Cemetery in Benton County a few years ago? That was the grave of the first child of Amos Nahum & Malinda Fuller King, the grandfather and grandmother that Richard Ray King mentions in the article as having six children.

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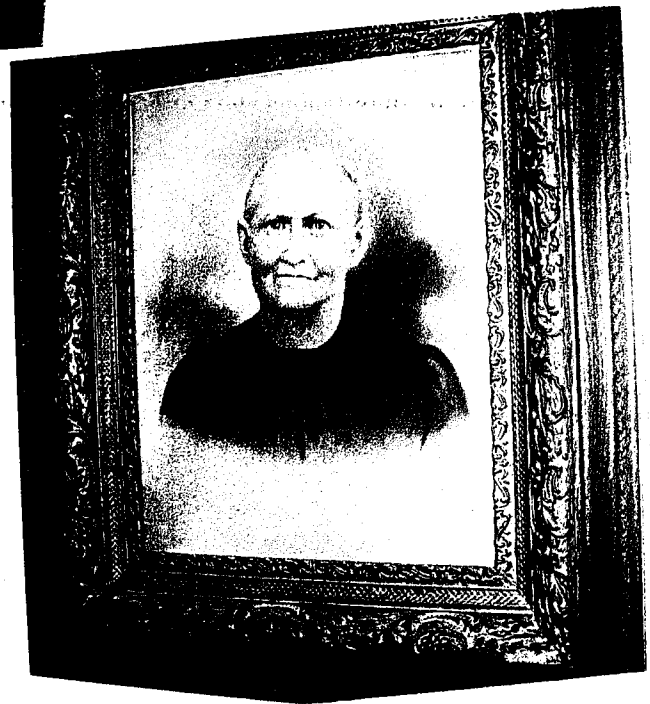
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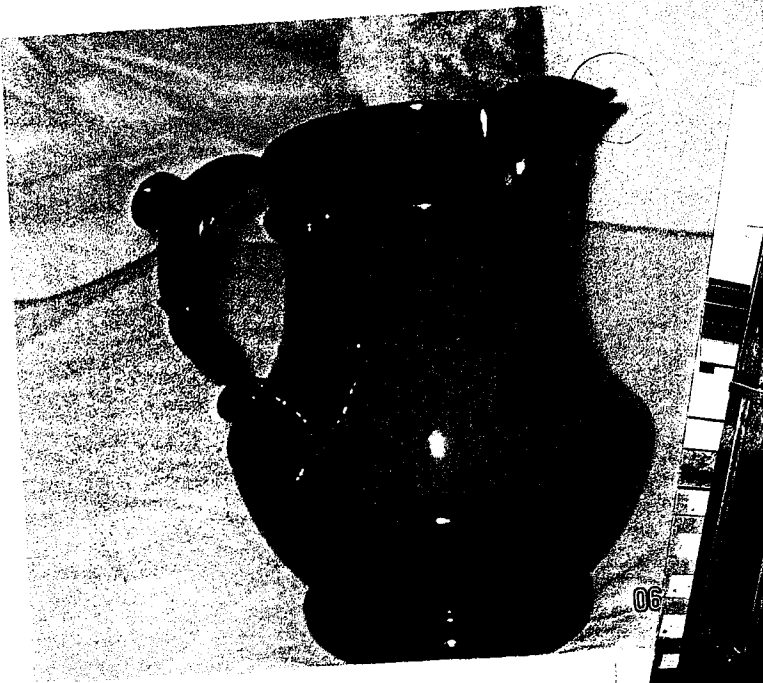


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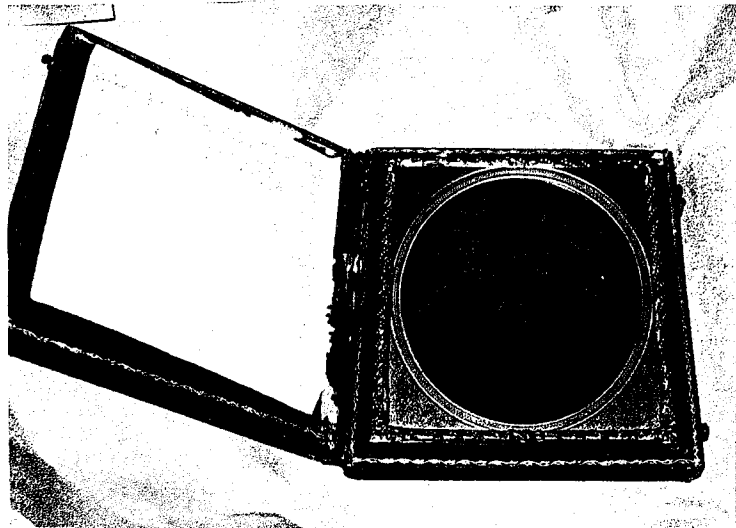


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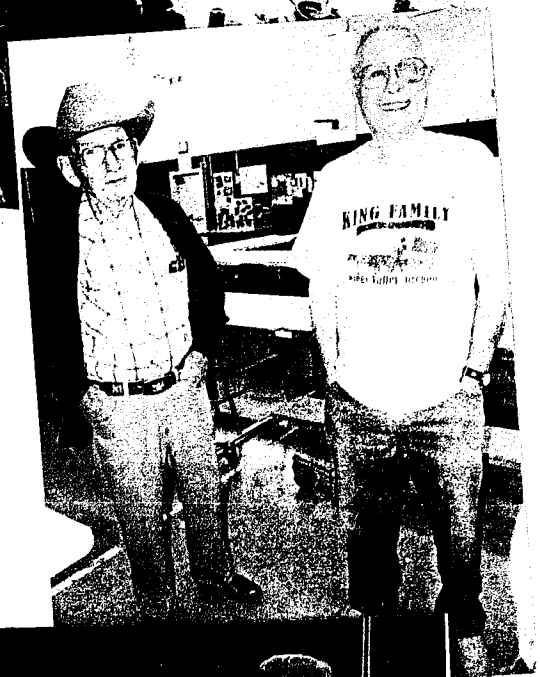
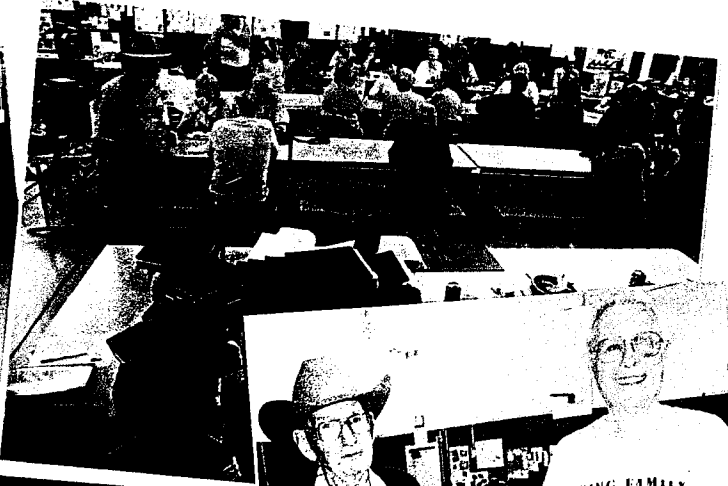
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