

Next Meeting

134th Annual Meeting
and Salmon Bake

Saturday, June 25, 2005

9:45 am Registration
10:00 am Business
10:40 Family history
11:00 am Speaker
Salmon Bake to follow

Featured Speaker:

Junius Rochester
Local author and historian

Family History Speaker:

Laura "Bunny" Burnett Gowan
*Great-granddaughter of
Pioneer Joshua Green*

Pioneer Hall
1642 43rd Ave E., Seattle, WA

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On the 200th anniversary of their arrival...

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark: Captains in the Corps of Discovery

On Saturday, June 25, the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington will hold its 134th Annual Meeting and Salmon Bake at Pioneer Hall, on the shore of Lake Washington. The event will feature a presentation by local author and historian Junius Rochester on the arrival in the Pacific Northwest 200 years ago of Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark and the Corps of Discovery.

On February 28, 1803, the Congress appropriated funds for a small U.S. Army unit to explore the Missouri and Columbia rivers and tell the western Indian tribes that traders would soon come to buy their furs. The explorers were to make a detailed report

on western geography, climate, plants and animals, and to study the customs and languages of the Indians. Plans for the expedition were almost complete when the President learned that France offered to sell all of Louisiana Territory to the United States. This transfer, which was completed within a year, doubled the area of the United States. It meant that Jefferson's Army expedition could travel all the way to the crest of the Rockies on American soil, no longer needing permission from the former French owners.

Junius is the author of five books on Northwest history, is a frequent contributor to magazines and for the last many years has been a weekly commentator on KUOW FM radio. In 1995, he was given a Project Award by the Association of King County Historical Organizations (AKCHO) and the King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission. A longtime member of the Pioneer Association Board of Directors, he is a past-president of the Pacific Northwest Historians Guild.

The meeting will also feature a family history presentation by Laura "Bunny" Burnett Gowen of Bainbridge Island. Bunny is the great-granddaughter of Washington pioneer, Seattle businessman Joshua Green, who was a longtime, dedicated member and supporter of the Pioneer Association.



Junius Rochester

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From October through March
Open Houses are held
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President's comments

Here it is June, and another year has gone by. This time of year finds the Pioneer Board very busy planning the Annual Meeting and Salmon Bake, which will be held at Pioneer Hall on Saturday, June 25. Historically, the picnic has been held in the park across the street from the Hall, but this year the great City of Seattle has raised its useage fees and we've decided to serve our meal inside our beloved Pioneer Hall, instead.

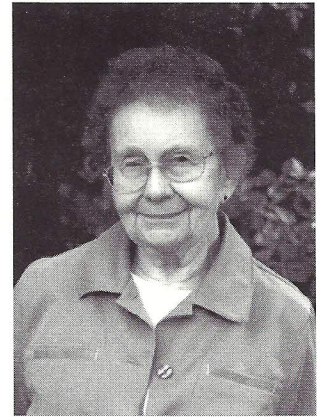
Speaking of the Hall, this past year has seen a lot of work throughout the building, much of it being the basic upkeep necessary when your home is an old building. Thank you to all the members who have donated to the Building Fund or personally underwritten specific projects aimed at maintenance and improvement: your support has been so appreciated.

A special thank you, as well, to Pioneer member June Gasparavich, who donated her mother, Lydia May Dankel Shinkel's, beautiful spring party dress for display at the Hall. The dress was accompanied by a photograph of Lydia Shinkel and a box with some baby clothes in it. Claire Raaum and I dressed the mannequin at the front entrance of Pioneer Hall in Lydia's wonderful dress - it fit perfectly! Thank you, June.

Next month in this space will be a column from your new president. Devoted, longtime member Carol Hawkins is currently the only nominee for that position, and I wish her the best of luck, if elected to serve.

Thank you all, and I look forward to seeing you on Saturday, June 25 for what has always been an informative and very fun event.

Shirley Wright
President



Annual meeting business to include election of new officers

The Nominating Committee of the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington has announced its proposed slate of officers for the 2005-2006 year. An election of officers will be held during the business meeting portion of the June 25 Annual Meeting and Salmon Bake at Pioneer Hall. Among the nominees for the Board: Carol Hawkins (President); Peggy Parietti (Vice President); Marilyn McLauchlan (2nd Vice President); Bob Teague (3rd Vice President); Jeff Christensen (Secretary); Gary Zimmerman/Bob Teague (Treasurer); Gary Zimmerman (Historian).

Candidates for the position of Trustee include: Helen Smith (to 2008); Junius Rochester (replacing John Gayton); Shirley Wright and Larry Puffert (replacing Bob Teague).

An indoor picnic? This year's Annual Meeting and Salmon Bake to be held in Pioneer Hall

The traditional Annual Meeting and Salmon Bake of the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington is in for some changes this year. Prompted in part by changes to city guidelines and in the fees associated with holding our annual meeting in the public park across from Pioneer Hall, the Board of Officers of the Pioneer Association has decided to move the entirety of the day's events to Pioneer Hall.



Over the past year, the City of Seattle has established new taxes and fees for group use of the public park space adjacent to Pioneer Hall in Madison Park. Based on those fees and the number of reservations being made for the picnic in recent years, it was decided to move the meal which follows our business meeting and featured speakers for the day to within the Hall.

The change is intended to keep the meeting affordable for all members, and allow new members and visitors a chance to spend more time among the displays and resources of our museum and library. Attendees will still be welcome to enjoy good weather (if we have it) and socializing outside the Hall and at the park.

Details about the Annual Meeting, which will feature a presentation celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Lewis & Clark Expedition's arrival in our area by noted local historian Junius Rochester, will appear in the next issue of *Pioneer Presences*.

Membership notices are in the mail!

Jeff Christensen, Membership Committee

It's that time of year - time to renew your membership in the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington. During the month of June, notices will be mailed to all Annual members of the Association, as well as to any Lifetime members still owing towards their membership.

The Pioneer Association of the State of Washington is dedicated to the goal of keeping the shared history of our pioneer ancestors alive for future generations of Washingtonians. Each year, the Association welcomes visitors into its museum, offer lectures and other presentations, and publishes personal and historical stories about the men and women who braved hard times to settle our area.

Your membership is valued and it makes a difference.

Renewing your membership is easy. Once your dues notice arrives, take a moment to review the contact information the Association has on record for you. Then, make any necessary updates or corrections - including providing an email address, if applicable - and mail your payment and renewal form to Pioneer Hall (1642 43rd Ave E, Seattle, WA, 98112) by Friday, July 18.

Pioneer Activities

Want to help the Association by giving of your time, energy and expertise, but now sure how?

Below is contact information for some (but certainly not all) of the people who currently help coordinate volunteer efforts on behalf of the Association:

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Lewis and Clark: Before and After

Junius Rochester

In the late 1700s the Enlightenment was in full flower. Thomas Jefferson was about to become president of the United States. "Soft gold," the product of a tumultuous North Pacific and American West Coast fur trade, was attracting European, Russian and American sailing vessels. Then, Napoleon's anger at a Haitian slave uprising set in motion a series of events that directly influenced the Pacific Northwest. One of those events was the cross-country trek of the Corps of Discovery led by Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.

Jefferson's formal education, his deep interest in science, languages, politics and diplomacy, and his almost mystical – and sometimes mystifying – fascination with the "West" contributed to the greatest fact-gathering expedition in history.

When Lewis (Jefferson's personal secretary by 1801) was charged with leading a westward military reconnaissance, a host of factors came into play. Among those developments: recruitment of a contingent which included – besides Army officers and men – hunters, fishers, interpreters, boat handlers, carpenters and cooks. Like the captains, the sergeants were also charged with keeping journals. Virtually nothing was overlooked. The expedition's preparations, arising from the mind of Thomas Jefferson, set an exploration standard that would last for 100 years.

After crossing the snow-engulfed Bitterroot mountain range, and proceeding – sometimes wildly – down the Clearwater, Snake and Columbia rivers, the Corps was in an unknown land, our Pacific Northwest. The U.S. had no more claim to the "Oregon Country" than England, Spain or Russia. With

straight faces, the captains moved to the Western Sea as if this new land was part of the Louisiana Purchase.

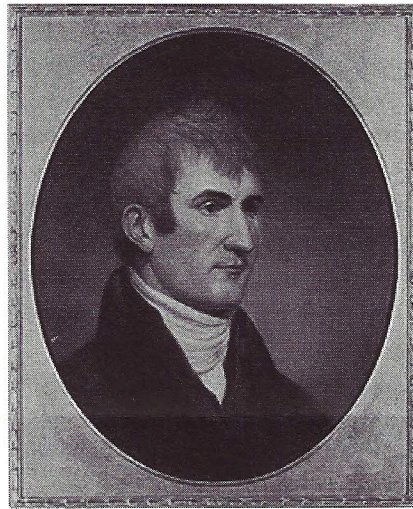
Their relations with Indian nations were, for the most part, friendly. Scientific and ethnographic observations never abated. At Fort Clatsop (eleven miles south of today's Astoria, Oregon), the western edge of their 4,000 mile journey (one way), the captains and sergeants wrote furiously in their journals. They also drew pictures and made maps (most of them rendered by Clark), took astronomical observations, established a salt cairn, cured rotten elk, and sewed garments.

Upon the return journey Toussaint Charbonneau and his wife Sacagawea left the Corps on the upper Missouri. John Colter, who encountered a fur-trading opportunity he couldn't refuse, also departed. The remaining sun-blackened, bearded, bad-smelling members

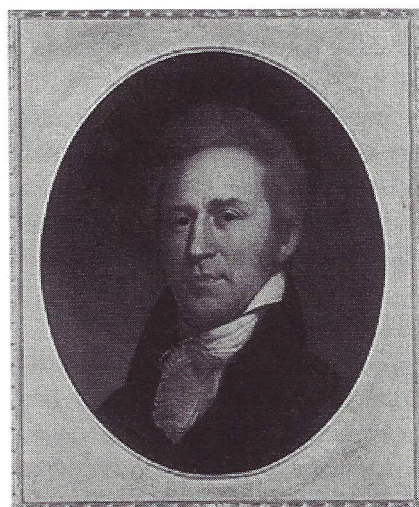
of the Corps continued downstream, enthusiastically welcomed by astonished white settlers.

The long-term results of this Great Trek included strong U.S. claims to Oregon; the demise of Indian cultures; the enhanced reputations of Jefferson, Lewis and Clark; and the harnessing of western river systems. Another result was America's inheritance of vast scientific detail about the Great West.

Ed. note: Junius Rochester is a noted local author and historian, and he will be the featured speaker - on the topic of Lewis & Clark's historical exploration of the Pacific Northwest - at the Pioneer Association of Washington's Annual Meeting & Salmon Bake on Saturday, June 25 (see cover).



Meriwether Lewis



William Clark

Washington pioneer and dedicated Pioneer Association of Washington leader

From boats to business: Joshua Green (1869-1975)

By James R. Warren

Joshua Green was a sternwheeler captain, an innovative leader in the Puget Sound shipping and ferries industries, and a leading banker who was active in business almost to end of his life in 1975 at the age of 105.

Green's family moved to Seattle in 1886, when Joshua was 17 years old, from Mississippi, where his family was punished during the Reconstruction period for manufacturing Confederate uniforms. His father was a visionary who chose Seattle as a home because he foresaw the importance of the rivers in Washington territory for future hydroelectric power.

The family soon met future Seattle mayor Bailey Gatzert (1829-1893), who landed Joshua a job as a chainman on the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern railroad surveying crew. Gatzert later helped him obtain a position as purser on the sternwheeler *Henry Bailey*, a survivor of Seattle's early mosquito fleet. On the sternwheeler, Green helped transport cargo and passengers to the Skagit river region.

Mining the Gold Rush

Eager to own a business, Green persuaded three fellow officers of the *Henry Bailey* to become partners in a 100-foot sternwheel steamer called the *Fanny Lake*. Jacob Furth, founder of the bank that eventually merged with Dexter Horton Co. to become Seattle First National, loaned them \$5,000 without collateral, on the strength of Green's friendship with Furth's associate, Gatzert. The partners expanded their fleet and absorbed a competitor, eventually naming their new firm the La Conner Trading and Transportation Co., with Joshua Green as president. He soon became a master and captain himself on several company sternwheelers.

The company survived both the severe Depression of the mid-1890s and fires on its original ships. It later profited on routes to Southeastern Alaska during the Klondike Gold Rush of the late 1890s, transporting both prospective miners and their gear along with cargo. The profits from those trips provided the nucleus of Green's future wealth, but in his frugal fashion, he plowed most of it back into the company.

In 1903 his firm merged with Charles E. Peabody's Alaska Steamship/Puget Sound Navigation Company.

The resulting business became a leader in Puget Sound shipping over the next three decades. As president of the company, Green realized the future importance of the cross-Sound route to Bremerton and led the industry into refitting old mosquito fleet ships to carry automobiles. By the time he resigned from the company in 1927 to pursue his banking interests, Puget Sound Navigation was ready to dominate the Sound's ferry system under the Black Ball flag until 1951, when the ferries were sold to the state of Washington.

Banking

Green developed a new interest that would prove fortuitous: banking. In 1925, Green purchased Peoples Savings Bank, which had fallen on hard times, for \$200,000. He changed the name to Peoples Bank and Trust Co. two years later. Because branch banking was not allowed at the time, the firm added First Avenue Bank as a wholly owned but independent subsidiary in 1929, followed in subsequent years by the acquisition of banks in Renton and North Seattle. The bank prospered. By 1949, when Green's son, Joshua Jr., was named president of the bank, it had deposits of \$128 million and was serving 103,000 customers. By 1969, the year Joshua Green turned 100, deposits surged to \$400 million.

Joshua Green died at age 105 in 1975. In 1988, U.S. Bancorp of Portland acquired Peoples Bank and renamed it U.S. Bank of Washington.

Sources:

"A Century of Business," Puget Sound Business Journal, September 17, 1999; Junior Achievement of Greater Puget Sound Hall of Fame Series; Gordon Newell, The Green Years (Seattle: Superior Publishing Company, 1969); M. S. Kline and G. A. Bayless, Ferryboats: A Legend on Puget Sound (Seattle: Bayless Books, 1983).

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History of a house, story of a landmark: the Stimson-Green Mansion

Jeff Christensen, as compiled from various sources

In 1899 C. D. Stimson (1857-1928) and Harriet Overton Stimson (1862-1936) hired noted Spokane architect Kirtland K. Cutter to design a home for them on Seattle's First Hill. Fashioned from brick, stucco and half-timbers, the 10,000 square-foot Tudor house was completed in 1901. The Stimson family made their home in the unique house - living comfortably within Cutter's rich mixture of Classical, Romanesque, Moorish, Gothic, and Renaissance style rooms - for the next 14 years.

When the Stimsons were ready to move their household north of town, C.D. Stimson traded his First Hill property for John and Abbie Frink's parcel located at Fifth Avenue and Pike Street (later the home of the Coliseum Theater and, today, retailer Banana Republic). The Frinks, due to ill health, never occupied the home, selling it instead to businessman and banker Joshua Green and his wife Laura. Over the next six decades, several generations of Greens called the mansion home.

Upon Joshua Green's death at the age of 105, in 1975, the house was purchased and rescued from demolition by local preservation organization Historic Seattle. Working with Historic Seattle, Seattle's Landmarks Preservation Board guaranteed preservation of the mansion's exterior and significant interior spaces. The home was listed on both the state and national

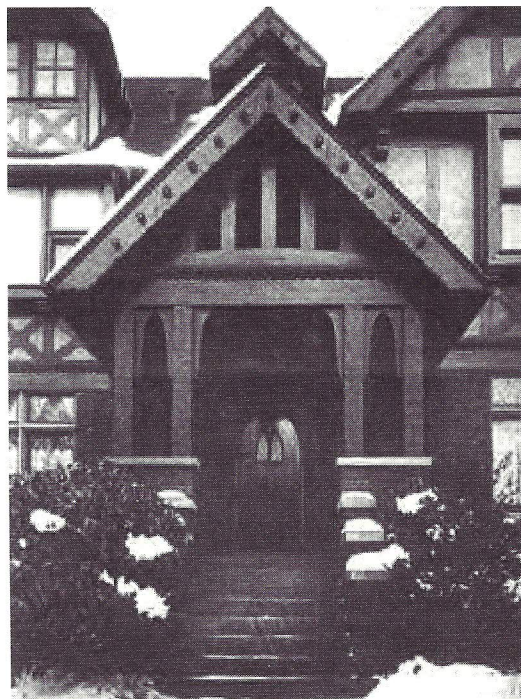
historic registers and designated a City of Seattle landmark.

The next decade saw several different owners, culminating in a purchase in 1986 by the Stimson's granddaughter, Priscilla (Patsy) Bullitt Collins. She undertook the considerable task of repairing and restoring her family's home to its original elegance. Fully restored and functioning as one of Seattle's favorite entertaining

venues, Mrs. Collins donated Stimson-Green Mansion to the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation in September 2001. The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation is a statewide, non profit organization founded to safeguard Washington's historic places through advocacy, education, stewardship and collaboration. The Trust moved its headquarters to the mansion and continues to operate it as both an historic home, which is open for twice-monthly public tours, and as a special event space.

The Trust also now provides regular public tours of the Stimson-Green Mansion in conjunction with its neighbor, Historic Seattle,

who owns the H.H.Dearborn House. If you would like to book an educational and enjoyable historic tour of these Mansions, please contact (206) 622-6952 or visit the Historic Seattle website at: <http://www.historicseattle.org>.



The Stimson-Green Mansion, 1901

Some online resources for information on historic preservation

Washington Trust for Historic Preservation: <http://www.wa-trust.org/>

Washington State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation: <http://www.oahp.wa.gov/>

Seattle Historic Preservation Home Page: <http://www.ci.seattle.wa.us/neighborhoods/preservation/>

Preservation Online: <http://www.nationaltrust.org/magazine/>

A meeting re-cap

The March meeting of the Pioneers: interesting and informative

At the March meeting of the Pioneer Association, the membership was treated to a presentation by local activist Carver Gayton, newly appointed Director of the Northwest African-American Museum. Mr. Gayton gave a brief overview of his own family's pioneer history in Washington State, as well as detailed plans for the museum, which will be making its home in the former Coleman School near the Rainier Valley.

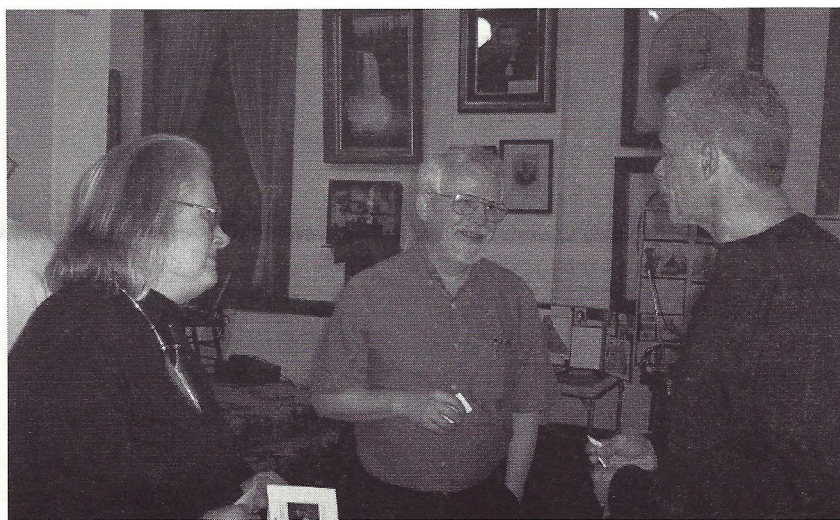
The meeting also featured a family history presentation by Karen Gerrard, who gave a glimpse at the pioneer life of her great-grandmother, Arabella Stone Amunds, who came as a little girl to Cowlitz County, Washington, from Hanover, Indiana.

A special highlight of the afternoon's festivities was a performance by singer and musical director Debbie Cavitt. Ms. Cavitt performs with several local choirs, in addition to serving as musical director for the Rotary Children's Choir, the 1st AME Church elementary and middle school choirs and the Leschi Elementary School Choir. She performed several a capella renditions of songs of devotion and inspiration, including traditional favorite "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot".

Some photographs from the days activities appear below.



Family history speaker Karen Gerrard



Carol Hawkins and Gary Zimmerman chat with speaker Carver Gayton



Past-president Marilyn Mclauchlan with guest Debbie Cavitt



Family history speaker Karen Gerrard

Photos: Peggy Parretti

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We welcome the public: Open Houses twice a month at Pioneer Hall

As summer approaches, the doors to Pioneer Hall are now open to the public twice a month as part of a special "peak season" schedule of Open Houses. After trying out the expanded schedule last spring and summer of being open on the second and fourth Sunday of each month, the Pioneer Association of the State of Washington has decided to once again add a second opportunity for members of the community and the public at large to come in and enjoy our museum and collection of rare books and artifacts.

As might be expected, additional volunteers are needed in order to properly staff the added Open Houses. It is important to note that no experience or special skills are required from volunteers - just a willingness to help welcome the public. A minimum of two volunteer members are paired together as staff for these events, with new members and volunteers less familiar with Pioneer Hall generally paired with longtime members and those with a more detailed knowledge about the Hall, its history and the artifacts it contains.

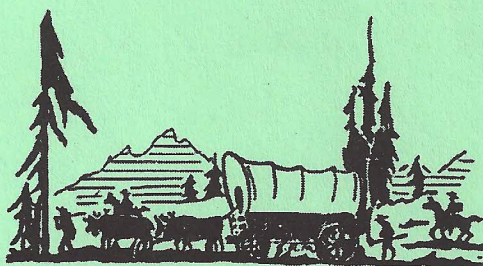
To learn more about Open Houses at Pioneer Hall, especially about volunteering your time and energy, please contact Bette Palo at 425-883-3006.

Have something to contribute?

The Pioneer Association is always looking for new ways to illustrate the story of our state's pioneers. A large part of telling that story is being able to show the photographs, clothing and other items which represent this rich and unique time in our history. If you have something you'd like to donate that you believe would help us with this goal, contact the Association today (see page 2 for full contact info).

134th Annual Meeting & Salmon Bake

**ALL MEMBERS AND
GUESTS WELCOMED**



**ALL TAKING PLACE
WITHIN PIONEER HALL**

Saturday, June 25, 2005

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- 9:45 am REGISTRATION
10:00 am BUSINESS MEETING: Including election of officers
10:40 am FAMILY HISTORY SPEAKER: Laura "Bunny" Burnett Gowan
11:00 am SPEAKER: Junius Rochester, local author and historian
12:00 pm SALMON BAKE: Served in Pioneer Hall

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Please reserve _____ place(s) at \$23.00 each = Total \$ _____

*Baked salmon w/mango or tarter sauce, fresh fruit, roasted red potatoes w/rosemary,
rolls and butter, fresh blackberry cobbler, lemonade, decaf coffee and tea*

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