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Woman's search for roots

By LINDA McCARTHY Correspondent, The Oregonian

CHAMPOEG — It took the diligence of Sherlock Holmes for Maxine Daly to track down the family history of her relatives who traveled the Oregon Trail in 1844 before settling on Sauvie Island.

The 72-year-old Seattle woman has spent the last six years searching for information on the Alexander and Rebecca McQuinn family. Her research led to the discovery of a family cemetery on Sauvie Island and the formation of the McQuinn Family Pioneer Cemetery Association, Inc.

Some 60 descendants of the McQuinns gathered at Champoeg Park on Saturday for the first meeting of the association, which was formed Feb. 18, 1986. The oldest member of the family at the reunion was William Edward "Dick" Toelle, 83, of Hillsboro. The youngest was Daly's great-grandson, Tyler Edwards, 2, of Tacoma.

Daly is the granddaughter of Peter Enyart McQuinn, who was the fifth son of Alexander and Rebecca McQuinn. He was only 6 months old when the family set out from St. Joseph, Mo., in 1844 for the 2,000mile trek to Oregon.

It was Daly's longing to find her

roots that led to her search for family descendants. After taking a course in genealogy, she made four trips to Salt Lake City to find clues in the libraries there that are filled with family histories. She also visited Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee last year in a monthlong research venture.

She discovered that the family spans seven generations with some 600 descendants. Family members have been eager to help in the search for descendants, she said.

"I find a cousin and pretty soon, they're working on it. We find artifacts and share things. It's been a wonderful experience," Daly said.

The cemetery association was formed as a non-profit group to gain possession of the 1-acre family cemetery on Sauvie Island where Alexander and Rebecca McQuinn and at least two of their children are buried. Daly said she discovered thegrave site in a state directory of cemeteries.

"I also had the opportunity to meet a woman who lived on the island, and she showed me where the cemetery was. The property has been sold, divided and re-divided, but this I acre has always been been preserved," she said. "The stones have been carried off, but there are



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Further information is available from the program director, 20515 S.W. Blanton St.

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LINDA McCARTHY

center) organized a family reunion that drew more than its of the McQuinn pioneer family. William Edward (left), 83, of Hillsboro was the oldest descendant to er Edwards, 2, of Tacoma was the youngest.

remains of a fence around individual graves."

Daly has captured all her research efforts in a spiral-bound book that she put together, using her home computer to punch out the information. "Oregon Bound, the Overland Journey of Alexander and Rebecca McQuinn," tells the story of the pioneer family and includes a list of all known descendants.

Like many of those who headed west in the mid-1840s, the McQuinns were lured to Oregon by the promise of free land at the end of the Oregon

"There are no diaries or letters left to us to provide clues as to why (they) left Missouri. Our imaginations are about all we have to guide us," Daly wrote in her book.

The family farmed the 640 acres they got through a donation land claim. Rebecca McQuinn, who was born in 1820 in Illinois, died in 1869. Her husband, a North Carolina native, died in 1871.

Daly hopes her efforts in tracing the family tree will be enough to keep the younger family members interested.

"Our group is growing. We're trying to interest the young people the heritage belongs to them. We can establish it and get it all written down," she said.

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