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# Mortarboard

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## Herbert Mason and the Williams Valley Grange Extracted From His "Memorandum" By Peter Coffin

Free — Take One

Herbert Mason was born in Franklin, Montana on September 13, 1886. His family moved to the Williams Valley farm, which he called "Keystone Farm" in 1897 (October 24, 1897) in the Southeast Quarter of Section 8-T28N-R42EWM about 3 miles southwest of Deer Park, Washington. The farm was northwest of the intersection of present day Burroughs and Parker Roads just west of the building that was the Burroughs School house. (See next page for map Figure 2)

He began keeping a daily diary on November 17, 1900, that he called a "Memorandum", and continued it to the last entry on May 28, 1937. Sometime in 1937 he left the Deer Park area and effectively disappeared. No one in his family knows exactly why he left or where he went. His "Memorandum" pages record life on a rural farm in the first third of the 20th century and details the hard work, day in and day out, that was required to operate a farm. His father, Charles Oscar Mason, spent nearly all his time in Alaska looking for gold, leaving Herbert, the oldest son, to take care of the farm, his mother and his brothers and sister.

His "Memorandum" records the first organizational meeting of the Williams Valley Grange and the times he attended Grange events such as dances, pie socials, business meetings and the construction of two grange halls. In this manuscript I have tried to copy the more important daily notes relevant to the Williams Valley Grange that he made. I have tried to transcribe Herbert's writing with spelling



Figure 1: Formal portrait of Herbert Mason possibly taken during the 1930's. Is that a Grange Pin in his lapel? (Richard Hazelmyer Photograph)

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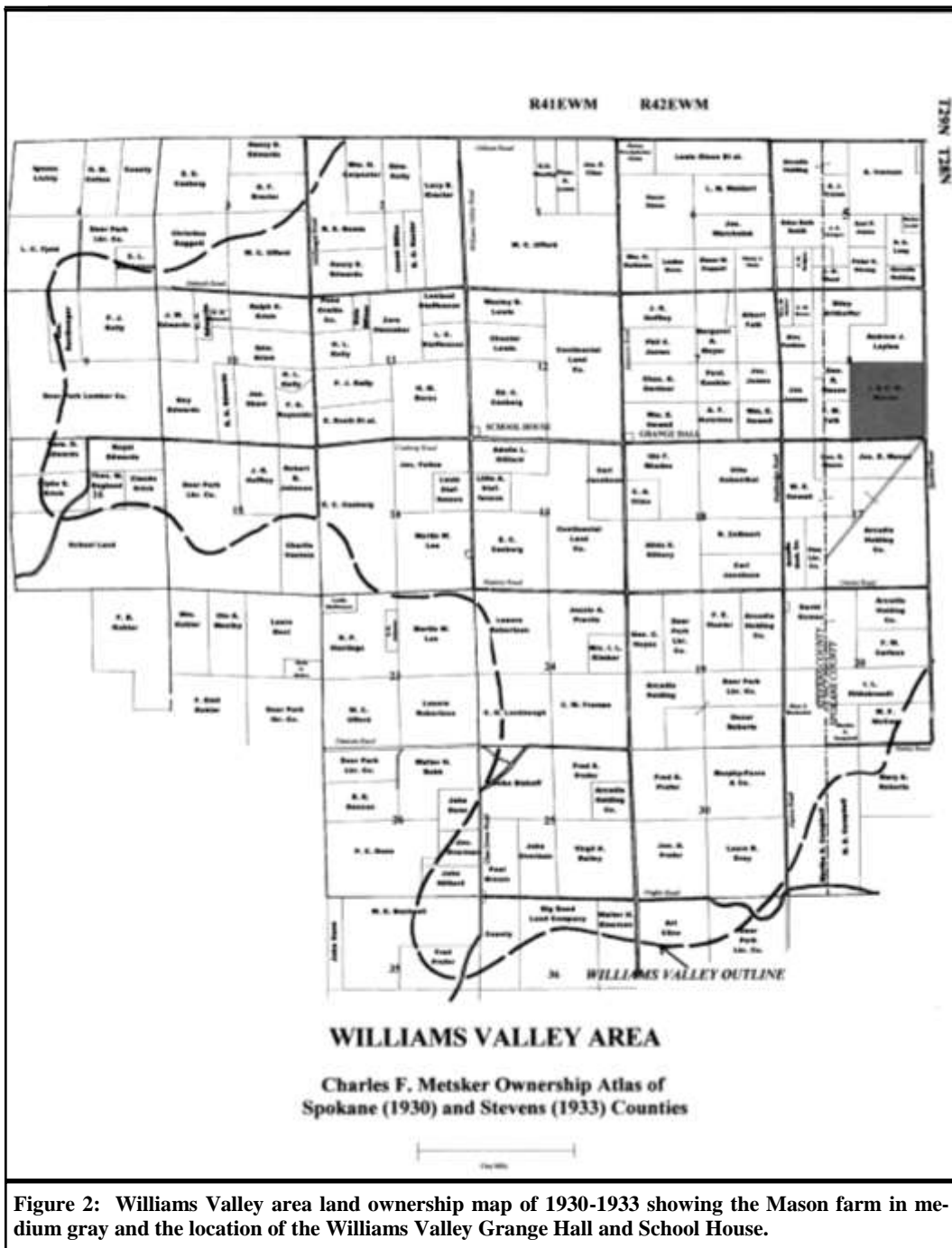


Figure 2: Williams Valley area land ownership map of 1930-1933 showing the Mason farm in medium gray and the location of the Williams Valley Grange Hall and School House.

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and grammar errors just as he wrote it. I have also taken the liberty to extract full and partial sentences from a larger daily entry to focus on the Grange material exclusively.

### 1911

**Saturday, February 25, 1911:** *All of us united with the Grange which was organized at Williams Valley school house this evening. About 45 charter members.*

At this time the Williams Valley School house and the Burroughs School house were the centers of social activity in the area.

**Sunday, February 26, 1911:** *Mr. Mokler, the Grange organizer, stayed with us last night (or this morning rather).*

Apparently the movement to organize a Grange had been working for some time and had invited a Grange organizer to a scheduled meeting.

**Friday, September 1, 1911:** *We were all to a pie social gotten up by the Grange in the McDougal house. 35 pies brought \$75.00.*

Money was being raised for a grange hall.

### 1912

**Sunday, March 31, 1912:** *The boys cut wood and also worked on the Grange hall since I left.*

Herbert had gone to Moran Prairie to plow his brother-in-law L. Z. Sprague's fields and returned after being gone 6 days. From this note it is apparent that a Grange Hall was under construction.

**Friday, April 5, 1912:** *We were all to the Grange this evening. Had a feed. Meeting was in the new hall.*

By this date the Grange Hall had been completed to the point of being able to host a meeting and serve some sort of meal.

**Saturday, April 27, 1912:** *We were all to a pie social win the Grange hall this evening. there was a good turnout. \$70.00 realized.*

Saturday nights were Grange meeting days. From this date on the Grange Hall regularly hosted school graduations, basket socials, and dances as well as formal Grange business meetings.

**Monday, November 11, 1912:** *Some of the Grangers got out logs, to be sawed into lumber by the Hutchin mill, for horse sheds at the hall. I was with them.*

A horse shed had been planned to protect the horses during Grange meetings in bad weather and logs for the lumber were hauled to the mill.

**Monday, November 18, 1912:** *A crew of us worked on the horse shed at the Grange hall today.*

**Tuesday, November 19, 1912:** *Jim worked with the Grangers at the hall today. they finished the horse shed.*

**Wednesday, November 20, 1912:** *A bunch of us put in the ceiling in the hall today.*

Apparently the Grange Hall was not entirely completed by the April 5, 1912, date.

**Saturday, December 21, 1912:** *We were to Grange this evening. The bachelors gave an oyster supper to the house.*

An oyster supper is repeatedly mentioned by Herbert in Memorandum entries prior to the building of the Grange Hall. Such a dinner must have been a treat with oysters having to be shipped in from the coast or purchased in canned form.

### 1913

**Saturday, March 15, 1913:** *Jim and I were to Grange tonight. State Master C. B. Kegley was there.*

I wonder if the State Master was visiting all the state Granges or if he was visiting on a special occasion?

**Friday, April 11, 1913:** *Jim and I were at the Grange Hall this evening. The Assistant State Master spoke.*

### 1914

**Sunday, January 4, 1914:** *We got home from Grange at 5 o'clock this morning.*

From this entry it is apparent that the social activities extended well into the early morning of the next day. The Saturday January 3, 1914 entry indicated that, "The boys and Mother and I were to Grange this evening."

**Sunday, March 22, 1914:** *I was to the Grange hall for oil this forenoon.*

This entry infers that some sort of Grange farm supply operation was in business. On May 27, 1914, he tells of picking up a ton of oats he had purchased through the Grange.

**Saturday, October 24, 1914:** *Us boys were to a Democratic rally at the grange hall this evening.*

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The Grange hall was a site of Democratic, Republican, Socialist, and Progressive Party rallies over the years.

### 1915

**Sunday, December 19, 1915:** *Roy and I ran a snow plow to the Grange hall this afternoon.*

There was no road maintenance as we know it today. All of the farmers helped plow snow off the roads.

**Wednesday, December 22, 1915:** *We were to a tree at the Grange hall tonight.*

A "tree" was a celebration of Christmas in his words. There were many "trees" over the years both at the Burroughs School House and the Grange.

### 1916

**Wednesday, August 9, 1916:** *Mother and I went with Throops to a lecture upon India by Sam Casberg, a returned Missionary, at the Grange this evening.*

The lecture was given by a son of Williams Valley homesteader Edward C. and "Carrie" Casberg who had just returned (on May 16, 1916) from years as a missionary in India.

**Entries From September 14, 1916, to May 14, 1919, are in a journal that I have not yet seen.**

### 1919

**Saturday, November 22, 1919:** *I was to the Grange warehouse meeting in Deer Park this afternoon.*

This must have been a meeting of directors of the Grange store.

### 1920

**Sunday, February 15, 1920:** *There was a hard time social at the Grange Hall last evening for the benefit of the Red Cross.*

An interesting entry that must be related to the end of World War I. Why it was a "hard time social" is uncertain in that Herbert never complains in the Depression Memorandum entries.

**Sunday, October 10, 1920:** *I went to Barnes' this forenoon to straighten our books on the log account took dinner there and worked a while on the Grange Hall well with some of the Grangers this afternoon.*

This is the second time that the Grange books needed attention. They had been balanced in an entry on January 5, 1920.

**Entries From March 18, 1922, to April 25, 1928, are in a journal that I have not yet seen and may not exist.**

### 1928

**Sunday, July 1, 1928:** *I was to Sunday School this forenoon and we were to the funeral of Mr. James Shaw at the Grange Hall this afternoon. He was about 63 years old.*

I am assuming that Mr. Shaw was a Grange member and was given a proper Grange funeral.

**Saturday, July 21, 1928:** *We were to Grange this evening. M. J. Rarey, State Lecturer was there.*

Another instance of a State Grange officer visiting the Williams Valley Grange.

**Wednesday, October 24, 1928:** *Guy and I were to Clayton Grange Hall this evening to hear State deputy Shea discuss the tax amendment to be voted on this election.*

Uncertain what tax amendment was to be voted upon.

**Saturday, November 17, 1928:** *We logged all day. I went down home and Mother and I were out to Grange this evening. Had election of officers. I was re-elected Overseer on first ballot 47 to 5 votes.*

This is the first entry in the Memorandum that indicates Herbert Mason was elected to Grange office. He had been in Deer Park Lumber's logging camp north of Deer Park hauling logs for the Deer Park sawmill.

### 1929

**Friday, August 30, 1929:** *This afternoon I helped get the Grange Exhibit ready for the Interstate Fair and Phil James took the exhibit to the Agricultural building on the fairgrounds in Spokane this evening. I went with him.*

Herbert was active in the Deer Park fair as well as the Spokane Interstate Fair.

**Wednesday, October 16, 1929:** *I helped Alfred Alberthal make an overseers desk for the Grange today. I met a Mrs. Johnson in the Park this afternoon and brought her out home to supper with us. She gave an entertainment in our*

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*Hall this evening and stayed her tonight. She is State Lecturer of Idaho Grange.*

Many Memorandum entries list visiting local Granges and conducting degree ceremonies.

**Saturday, November 2, 1929:** *We were to Grange tonight. The Grange held election of officers for the coming year. Master H. Mason. Overseer W. Bushnell.*

Herbert Mason is elected Williams Valley Granger Master. Nowhere in the Memorandum is the Stock Market crash mentioned even though the Masons and several other families have radios that they listen to on a regular basis.

### 1930

**Saturday, March 1, 1930:** *We were to Grange this evening. In place of our usual lunch we auctioned off 40 pies for \$60.00 thereby starting a building fund for the purpose of putting a basement under the hall in the near future.*

Plans were being made to expand the old Grange hall. It seems to have evolved into the planning for a new and bigger Grange hall. By this time in 1931 plans for a new Grange were being drawn.

**Thursday, July 3, 1930:** *Was to the hall to a talk on Grange power bill by Bro. Fred Chamberlain of Puyallup.*

The Grange Power Bill was an attempt to build a cooperative electric power distribution system in the Spokane County area.

**Saturday, November 1, 1930:** *Grange held our Annual election tonight. I was re-elected Master and Walter Bushnell Overseer. Frank Funkhouser and Mr. McCarthy of Spokane spoke to us on the Grange Power Bill and the Tax Amendment.*

Herbert Mason must have been a good Master to be elected to a second term as Master.

### 1931

**Saturday, April 4, 1931:** *Fred and I were to Spokane to a mass meeting of Grangers and others at the court house this afternoon. The meeting was called by Pomona Grange for the purpose of discussing the possibility of forming a power district in Spokane County. Ernest King and Earl Jones of our Grange were also there.*

**Monday, April 6, 1931:** *I was at Lee Hopples this evening looking over the Grange hall plans.*

New Grange Hall plans had been drawn up and apparently the digging of a basement under the old hall had been discarded. The confidence of the Grange is impressive given the Depression will deepen into 1933.

**Saturday, April 18, 1931:** *I was at the Grange Council Power meeting in the Spokane court house this afternoon. We voted to attempt to organize all of Spokane County (outside of Spokane) into a Power district to be voted upon at the next general election.*

A Grange political action effort so typical of Grange activities.

**Sunday, April 19, 1931:** *I was at the Grange hall with the Building Committee awhile this morning.*

First mention of a "Building Committee" having been formed.

**Saturday, November 28, 1931:** *I attended Pomona Grange at Clayton with Ernest King today. He and I asked for dimits so as to unite with Spokane Pomona.*

I don't know what this represented. They did join the Spokane Pomona by January 9, 1932.

### 1932

**Saturday, April 9, 1932:** *...I went to the Hard Time social at our hall this evening. \$16.10 was realized on 15 cent tickets.*

One of the few mentions of "hard times"!

**Thursday, April 14, 1932:** *I was at the hall this evening to a meeting to devise ways and means for building a new Grange.*

**Saturday, May 14, 1932:** *...was out to the hall to a dance given by the Grange wood cutting committee in honor of their having cut 100 cords of wood to be sold to go toward the New hall fund.*

Fund raising for the new Grange Hall is under way.

**Saturday, November 5, 1932:** *Out to Grange this evening and held our annual election of officers. Jim Trull = Master, Fred Ellsworth Treas., Fred Reynolds Overseer and Nolan Hickle Secretary.*

### 1933

**Friday, January 21, 1933:** *I helped Lee Hopples make a locker for the drums at the Grange hall today.*

Apparently the drums still are in the hall.

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**Saturday, July 29, 1933:** *I was out to our hall to a talk by F. P. Waters, National organizer for the Grange, this evening.*

Surprising that a national officer would visit the Williams Valley Grange.

**Saturday, November 4, 1933:** *...was out to Grange this evening. Ernest King was elected Master and Louis Staffanson overseer.*

### 1934

**Saturday, February 17, 1934:** *Once more the Grange went on record in favor of a hall plan to start work as soon as can be arranged.*

Resolve to build the new Grange Hall reinforced.

**Saturday, February 24, 1934:** *Our Grange, 56 strong, took the traveling gavel to Springdale this evening.*

Nearly 60 Williams Valley Grange people traveled to Springdale in the Winter!

**Sunday, February 25, 1934:** *Building Committee this forenoon. We also inspected the rock quarry 4 miles NW of the hall.*

This rock quarry still exists just south west of the intersection of McDougal and Gibson-Dahl roads in the far northeast corner of Section 3-Township 28 North-Range 41 East. As a boy, and now as a retired geologist, I had always wondered what the quarry had been used for! The Bemis farm became the Drury farm in the 1950s.

**Saturday, August 25, 1934:** *Jim hauled 6 loads of stone for the Grange hall from the quarry above Bemis' place today. Staffanson and Fred Falk an I helped load and unload the truck for him.*

Building plans move into actually gathering material for building the structure.

**Saturday, November 3, 1934:** *Mother and I were out to Grange with Miss Carter this evening. We held election of officers. Ernest King was re-elected as Master, Frank Carlson as secretary and Fred Falk instead of me as executive committee-man for three years.*

### 1935

**Saturday, March 16, 1935:** *Ernest King and I helped Jim get a range from Deer Park and put it in the Grange hall this morning. The Williams Valley home Economic Club purchased the range and gave it to the Hall.*

**Saturday, November 2, 1935:** *I was out to Grange this evening. Jim Trull was elected Master for next year.*

1936 would be a banner year for the Williams Valley Grange with the beginning of building the new Grange Hall.

**Sunday, November 24, 1935:** *Williams Valley Grange broadcast a 60 minute program from Spokane station KFIO at 1 P.M. today. I went with Trulls.*

I wonder if a transcript of what this broadcast was composed of is still in existence.

### 1936

**Monday, September 14, 1936:** *Some of us Grangers started to dig a basement for a new Grange hall today. Those present E. L. Hopple, Tom Chandler, Lou Staffanson, Tom Crowley, Ernest King and H. Mason. (5 hrs for me).*

Construction begins on the new Grange Hall with the excavation of the basement.

**Wednesday, September 16, 1936:** *I used the Fresno for seven hours in the Grange Hall basement. We got it dug all but a little trimming with the shovel.*

The basement excavation is finished.

**Wednesday, September 23, 1936:** *There is a crew putting up forms for the Grange basement.*

Basement wall forms are being built.

**Monday, September 28, 1934:** *I helped load stone at the quarry today. Milner hauled five loads and Fred Reynolds 3 loads about 12 yds altogether (Grange Work).*

Work on assembling materials and construction on the Grange project is happening almost every day with Herbert involved in some way.

**Wednesday, September 30, 1936:** *A crew of 8 Grangers began laying the cement (concrete) wall for the Hall basement today. Mr. Miler hauled sand and cement.*

**Friday, October 9, 1936:** *We finished enclosing the Basement at the Grange with an 8 foot high wall at 4:25 PM today. 11 inches thick. Used 192 sacks (48 bbls) of cement in a 1 to 6 mixture and about 45 yards of stone.*

The construction crew enjoys good weather and finishes the basement and foundation.

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**Sunday, October 10, 1936:** *Ernest King and Jesse Burdette cut 6000 feet of saw logs on Beemis' place today for the Grange and I skidded them with Fred Reynolds team. Roy M. hauled 1 load and Jim two to Burgenhagens Mill. Mr. Beemis gave the logs to the Grange.*

Logs are donated by Mr. Bemis and the volunteer laborers haul them to the saw mill to have lumber made from them

**Saturday, October 17, 1936:** *I banked up dirt against the basement wall and leveled the yard with the Fresno at the hall today and was out to Grange this evening.*

The area around the basement is prepared for the building of the main floor, the walls, and roof of the new Grange Hall.

**Friday, October 23, 1936:** *Ernest King and I cut some Posts for the Grange basement on sec 9 (Koehlers) and hauled them this forenoon and we piled grange timber at Bugenhagen Mill this afternoon.*

Lumber has been cut from the donated logs and scaffolding for the floor supports has been cut.

**Friday, November 6, 1936:** *4 of us worked at the hall today. All of the studding is up and most of the east side is shiplapped.*

The main level floor has been completed and the sides of the hall have been erected.

**Tuesday, November 10, 1936:** *I took my team and hauled rafter timbers from the Bougenhaugen Mill to the Grange hall today. We raised the first rafters this afternoon (Front set).*

The roof begins to take shape.

**Friday, November 13, 1936:** *A crew of us worked at the hall. Louis Staffanson and I got a load (1000 ft) of shiplap at the Deer Park Lumber Co today (this PM) on a trailer pulled by his car.*

Siding material is purchased and delivered to the new Grange Hall.

**Tuesday, November 17, 1936:** *I was in Spokane with Ernest King today. We were there to purchase corrugated galvanized iron to roof the new Grange hall.*

Roofing is purchased and hauled to the building site.

**Thursday, November 19, 1936:** *A fair sized crew of us worked on the hall today. We started laying the galvanized roofing at 2:30 P.M.*

By Saturday, November 21, 1936, the roof is almost completely finished.

**Sunday, November 22, 1936:** *At the election of Grange officers last evening, Louis Staffanson was elected Master, Walter Bushnell Overseer. Helen Chandler Lecturer and Elsie King Secretary.*

**Monday, November 23, 1936:** *Ernest King and I sorted some Grange lumber and made a trade with Mr. Lemley for some that is seasoned this forenoon and Fred Pruffer and I were to Clayton and bought 300 cull face bricks (at \$15/100) for the Grange hall chimney this afternoon. (They were a \$64 brick if they had been No. 1's.)*

More construction lumber is acquired and chimney bricks purchased and hauled to the construction site.

**Sunday, November 29, 1936:** *I was at the hall a while today and kept fire to dry the new chimney.*

By this date Fred Pruffer had finishing building the chimney with Lee Hopple, Guy Edwards and Herbert Mason carrying hod and helping.

**Sunday, December 13, 1936:** *Mr. Fred Ellsworth was here awhile this afternoon. I turned the check that we got for the old hall, over to him. the Building Committee sold the old hall to Carl Jacobson for \$200.00 last Monday.*

The old Grange Hall is sold. Herbert Mason does not record when it was moved away or demolished.

**THE DECEMBER 25, 1936 ENTRY HAS THIS WRITTEN AT THE END OF IT: "(Bert's last Christmas with us)" IT MUST HAVE BEEN WRITTEN AFTER HERBERT WALKED AWAY LATER IN 1937.**

**1937**

**Monday, January 4, 1937:** *I was at the hall about an hour late this afternoon. Lee Hopple, Ernest King & Frank Kline worked there today.*

Herbert Mason worked on the Grange Hall for many days prior to this entry!

**Wednesday, February 10, 1937:** *Ernest King and I were up at the Grange hall awhile today. first time any of us had done any work in the new hall since Jan. 4th. Lee Hopple was there cleaning the old hall up for awhile this forenoon.*

One of the possible reasons for not working on the new Grange Hall was the extreme cold in January. It was below zero for over 20 days in

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January, the lowest being 42.5 below on Wednesday January 20 (recorded on the Government Thermometer that Herbert had been given by Doctor Slater). After the cold weather it snowed and blew snow into the roads making them impassable.

**Monday, February 22, 1937:** *5 of us Grangers worked at the hall. got the ceiling on all but 2 slabs which we were shy of. Ordered them.*

The ceiling was covered with 4'X12' Celotex sheets and the stage wall was lathed . The

ceiling was finally finished on February 26.

**Sunday, February 28, 1937:** *Six of us Grangers worked at the hall today. Pete Ericson put the first coat of plaster on the stage and Henry Anderson, Fred Falk and myself tended him. Ernest did carpenter work. Jim helped him this forenoon.*

**Monday, March 1, 1937:** *I went with Jim to the Mill (Deer Park) to get some lumber for the Grange hall this forenoon. Had to have it run thru the planer so was late getting home. Ernest, Louis and Lee worked at the Hall.*

**Wednesday, March 3, 1937:** *Five of us Grangers worked at the hall today. finished ceiling the anteroom and boxing up the balcony. only the top floor and second coat of plaster on the stage, and casing and hanging of the doors remain to be done in the main floor.*

**Sunday, March 7, 1937:** *A crew of 7 of us worked at the hall most of today. Finished plastering the Stage and put a 13 1/2 inch casing (made from galvanized hot water tanks) down the well.*

**Monday, March 8, 1937:** *4 of us worked at the hall. Lee hung 2 doors in the anteroom and Ernest and Jim and I put a pump in the well and baled it out several times.*

**Tuesday, March 16, 1937:** *Ernest and I worked at the hall part of today put a layer of small rock*



**Figure 3: The first Williams Valley Grange with the partially completed new Williams Valley Grange to the left sometime possibly in late 1936. (Betty Burdett Picture)**

*on the kitchen floor preparatory laying a cement floor.*

**Thursday, March 25, 1937:** *We finished laying the floor in the Main hall of the Grange today and got it smoothed with planes. just remaining to be sanded.*

After buying select coast fir flooring the main floor was installed and finishing it began.

**Wednesday, April 14, 1937:** *A crew of us Grangers lay cement floor in the hall today.*

The basement cement floor is finished.

**Saturday, April 17, 1937:** *I was out to Grange this evening. We held our last meeting in the old hall. tonight after supper we went into the New hall and danced an hour to break it in.*

**Tuesday, April 27, 1937:** *....Nolan and I went to Spokane and got some copper wire (8 gauge) and insulators and Bulbs for the hall. The light and Executive Committee's met at the Hall last evening and decided to get juice form Harris' new 2000 watt generator.*

**Saturday, May 1, 1937:** *We held Grange in the new Hall for the first time with a good attendance. All officers were present. Irene, Charlotte, Trudie, and Jimmie took the first and second degrees put on by the Degree team. The hall was lighted by electricity furnished by Victor Harris' (Continued on page 429)*





**Figure 4: The Williams Valley Grange Hall on April 10, 2009. (Pete Coffin Photograph)**

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*2000 plant situated 700 feet from the hall on Sec. 13 and it did a perfect job.*

First Williams Valley Grange meeting in the new Grange Hall under electric lights!

**Sunday, May 23, 1937:** *I worked at the Grange hall all day. helped wax the floor awhile and then helped clean of the trash where the old hall had stood. Ernest King ran a buffer on the waxed floor most all day.*

The floor had been sanded by Ernest King, Lew Staffanson and Herbert Mason on May 12th and 13th. On the 13th the floor was oiled and turpentine.

**Friday, May 28, 1937:** *I used the team at the Grange hall today and smoothed part of the yard for parking space. I was out to the Big opening dance in the new Grange Hall tonight.*

The Friday May 28, 1937, entry is the end of Herbert mason's "Memorandum". The last page with this last entry is written on the back inside cover of the bound ledger book.

The 2011 Clayton/Deer Park Historical Society Cookbook, "A Collection of Recipes and Stories" is now available ... pick up your copy from two locations in Clayton---The Pizza Shoppe and the Clayton Drive-In, both on Railroad Avenue and three locations in Deer Park--- GardenSpot Floral on First Street, and **Odynski's Accounting** on Main Street, and the Salty Dog on South Main Street. This 60-page cookbook has over 200 recipes and is full of historical information. The purchase price is \$10.00. Cookbooks will also be on sale at Winterfest, **Settlers' Day**, Brickyard Days, and the Clayton Fair. All profits go to the C/DPHS, a non-profit organization.

## Winterfest and Winter Happenings



Peter Coffin and Mark Wagner pose among our history items on display at the Community Art Center during the Deer Park Winterfest on Saturday, January 22, 2011.

Sharon Clark, Grace Hubal and Penny Hutten in a similar view. The Society notebooks are displayed on the table in front and maps and posters of interest behind them.

The C/DPHS members came out in force to Winterfest 2011. The team arrived at 7am and made short work of setting up. Space was limited and we were pretty jammed in. Our new cookbook was put on sale. Grace was busy delivering the pre-sold volumes. I was pleased to see all the history items that Grace included in the cookbook.

Lorraine Nord brought the “quilt and pillow set” to be raffled. Lorraine’s mother, Violet Zimmerer, made them up from the soft and cuddly plush eagle fabric. We sold raffle tickets and cookbooks, passed out free literature, and did a lot of talking and visiting with people attending Winterfest.

The raffle will be at our meeting in March. The tickets are available from our members and at our February meeting.

We have been invited to the Williams Valley Grange’s social hour immediately after our February meeting. They are planning for their 100th anniversary and we want to share information with each other.

Sharon Clark, Editor

**Clayton/ Deer Park Historical Society**  
**“EAGLE BLANKET AND PILLOW”**  
**RAFFLE**

*Blanket folds into the pocket of the blanket*



**TICKETS \$1 EACH**  
**DRAWING: SATURDAY, MARCH, 12, 2011 @ 9-10 AM**  
**WHERE: CLAYTON DRIVE-IN**  
**SOCIETY'S MARCH MEETING**  
**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN**

Clayton/ Deer Park Historical Society Minutes, January 8, 2011

In attendance: Grace Hubal, Pete Coffin, Bill Sebright, Mark Wagner, Sharon Clark, Warren Nord, Lorraine Nord, Kay Parkin, Marilyn Reilly, Lonnie Jenkins, Ella Jenkins, Cliff Meyer, Karen Meyer, Bob Gibson, Betty Burdette, and Sue Rehms.

Society president, Bill Sebright called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

Update on Bob Clouse, in his words: “Enter Deaconess Hospital Wed. morn the 19<sup>th</sup>, Undergo tests Wed or Thurs., Surgery Friday the 21st. Then I get to lounge around the Hospital for 10 days to two weeks. Then over to St. Luke’s Convalescence for another two to three weeks.”

Treasurer, Mark Wagner reported that there is \$2562.70 in checking. Activity included \$490.00 deposit and a \$500.00 check to Clayton Drive in for landscaping. Mark talked to Taffy about the CDPHS paying an amount each year to help with the maintenance of the Eagle Area. She said it would be good if we would pay the approximately \$100 for spraying the weeds. Mark is stepping down as treasurer. Also Grace Hubal is now a signer on the checking account. Mark reminded us that our yearly dues of \$20 per family were due January 1.

Secretary, Grace Hubal reported: The cookbooks will be bound together on Monday. There was a misquote on the printing estimate. The difference after subtracting the advertisement fees from the actual printing cost is \$1,265.15, of which I will be responsible. The printing cost of each cookbook is \$5.30. By selling the cookbook for \$10 each, the Society will profit \$4.70. Next step: Grace has a call into Dr. Becky Cooke (DPSD Superintendent) to discuss the possibility of giving us a better rate. Grace and Bill are hoping to meet with her Monday or Tuesday. Prayers are needed. The cookbook will be on sale at Winterfest on January 22, 2011.

Print Editor, Sharon Clark handed Mortarboard #33. She can make more copies for Winterfest. Sharon needs more stories for future publications. She joined the Westerners. They published a book, in their periodical, The Pacific Northwest-erner Volume 54, Issue 2, October 2010, “*The Indomitable Francis H. Cook of Spokane: A Man of*

*Vision* by Doris J. Woodward. Sharon also shared another book by Jack Nisbet called The Collector. The last book she shared was The Mill Town Buckeye, Washington and Surrounding Area 1889 to 1912 by Kathryn Schoedel Ringo. Peavine Jimmy was mentioned in this book.

Vice President, Pete Coffin reported on Winterfest. He has rebuilt and painted some of the display easels. He has made some new displays for Winterfest. He passed around a sign-up list for working at Winterfest on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. Lots of members volunteered to staff the booth. Pete also borrowed and copied Mason diaries from about 1900 to 1937 from Mike Layton. He plans to type some up for future Mortarboards. Pete made cookbook sign display stands for selling cookbooks at stores and our CDPHS displays. Pete shared the periodical, “Silverado Express.” Pete took pictures of businesses in Deer Park and will be doing the same for Clayton. He is trying to find what the business was in 1950.

Sharon Clark added to her report that Ann Fackenthall of the Williams Valley Grange has contacted her via e-mail (see “Note to Editor in January 2011 *Mortarboard*) regarding a joint meeting in February. She also requested we put “Want Ads” requesting information and photos of the Williams Valley Grange and the grange orchestra for their 100 year birthday. The 100 yr anniversary occurs in February but they will celebrate in April. Pete Coffin mentioned two things 1) He has the journal of Herbert Mason who was a charter member of the grange and mentions Pete has digitized and printed a hard copy of it. 2) The Society is interested in the minutes and records of the Williams Valley Grange. Pete would like to borrow them to scan/digitize them. Sharon will follow-up with Ann Fackenthall.

Bob Clouse reported that about 2200 distinct addresses visited the Website in December.

As directed at last month’s meeting, Bill talked to Denny Lippert about the possibility of having museum space in Deer Park City Hall or the Community and Arts Center (was Civic Center). Denny said it wouldn’t work for several reasons:

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mainly insurance, money, space, security. He would like to see it happen, but there's no chance for museum space.

Lorraine Nord suggested selling quilts as a money making projects for the Society. Her mom, Violet, is running out of sewing projects. A raffle was suggested. Violet and Lorraine will have one or 2 ready for sale at our Winterfest booth.

Bill received an e-mail stating that Susan Stewart Rumble would like to donate the Kelso family pump organ to the CDPHS. Space is a prob-

lem. LLHS doesn't have room for it. Betty Burdette has the old pump organ from the Clayton Community Church. She will donate it when we get a museum.

Betty Burdette mentioned that if anyone gets a chance they should go out to the Raspberry Ridge Retreat out in the Airway Heights area and check it out. She said she went out there and really had a great time.

Next meeting- February 12, 2011

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted by Grace Hubal, Secretary

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## Society Want Ads

**WANTED:** Information and photos regarding the history of Trysil/Zion Lutheran Church.

**WANTED:** Any stories and photos from Williams Valley #452 and Gardenspot #278 Granges

**WANTED:** Any stories, photos, or examples of traditional methods of quilt making.

**WANTED:** Any stories and photos of your family's history in connection with their occupations and settlement in the Clayton/Deer Park Area.

**WANTED:** Any information on the Williams Valley Grange Orchestra  
Contact: Ann Fackenthal, WVG (Rollosdotter@gmail.com)  
466-3564.

**FOR SALE:** The 2011 Clayton/Deer Park Historical Society Cookbook, “A Collection of Recipes and Stories” (see our ad on page 417 for details.)

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