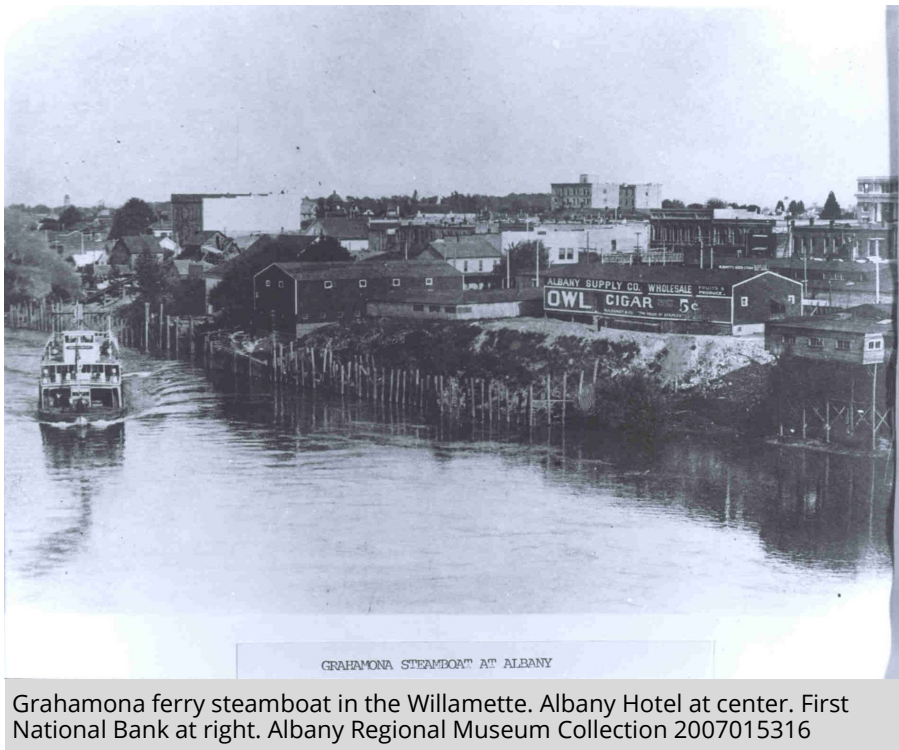


Albany Old Times

Treading Water, Albany's Ferries

By Cathy Ingalls, Museum Board Member

Before there were bridges, towns such as Albany established on navigable rivers depended on ferries to carry goods, wagons, livestock and passengers from one side to the other.



GRAHMONA STEAMBOAT AT ALBANY

Grahmona ferry steamboat in the Willamette. Albany Hotel at center. First National Bank at right. Albany Regional Museum Collection 2007015316

Alexander Rainwater owned a farm on the north bank of the Willamette River just up river from Albany. Starting in the late 1850s and into the mid-1880s, he conducted a ferry service from near the mouth of the Calapooia River.

He also constructed a riverboat landing on his property from which goods could be shipped downriver.

Early ferries carried mostly wagons and people, while the later ferries transported trains and then vehicles.

Ferries were not regulated prior to 1849, according to Albany author Ed Loy in his book "Gem of the Willamette Valley: A History of Albany Oregon."

Before that year, operators charged whatever people would pay. Because of the growing reliance on ferries, the state's new territorial government required owners to get licenses from counties and to limit tolls.

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Events Calendar

Events are returning to the Albany Regional Museum! Below find a list of lectures & more.

Wednesday, May 11

History Bites: Aviation in Albany & the Airport Historic District—Noon

Saturday, May 14

Albany Streetcar Hub City History Tour—
Registration required—10am & 11:30am

Wednesday, June 8

History Bites: "The Lost Films" of the U.S. Bureau of Mines in Albany — Noon

Wednesday, July 13

History Bites: Headstone Preservation at Riverside Cemetery—Noon

Wednesday, July 20

History Through Headstones: 175th Anniversary of Riverside Cemetery—7pm 'til dusk

Wednesday, August 10

History Bites: Migrant Life in Oregon — Noon

Saturday, August 13

LAST DAY Museum is open to public before the remodel work begins. Visit to say goodbye to the current displays. 10 am—2pm

Saturday, August 13

Museum Members Ice Cream Social (members will have time to see current displays before closure and to enjoy ice cream!)— 2pm-4pm

Museum Event room will continue to host History Bites, events, & rentals during closure.

PIONEERING WOMEN IN HISTORY LIVE ON ALBANY EXPLORER APP

MEET THESE PIONEERING ALBANY WOMEN

Mae Yih – the First Women Asian State Representative

Bessie Hale – the First Black Business Owner

Orah Harkness Buel – A Famous Nationwide Chataqua Performer

Evelyn Waldren – One of the first women to earn a Pilot's license in the nation and flight instructor.

Captain Minnie Mae Mossman Hill – one of the first few female Steamboat Captains in the Nation.

Esther Nebergall Ferguson – first women Albany Chamber of Commerce President



Albany Explorer
History Stop
EVERY STOP HAS A STORY

Take a Virtual Tour Now:

1. Download the Albany Explorer app
2. Use QR Code reader in the app to scan here:

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Use the Explorer App to: Take interactive tours of the Downtown Historic Districts & Covered Bridges, discover the best local dining & shopping, local hike trails, and chat with AVA.

SEE CALBANY DISCOVER OREGON

HospitalityVision

These are the Albany women on the State's first "Pioneering Women History Stop" interactive tour, LIVE on the Albany Explorer App showcasing local women in history. This tour was created in partnership with the Albany Visitors Association and HospitalityVision, a local, women-owned app development company, with a grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust.

This is the first Albany (and Oregon's) interactive digital tour with videos focusing only on pioneering women in history while highlighting their achievements. Since it is the first of its kind, we expect it to draw new visitors into a unique historical experience promoting women and minorities.

The Albany Explorer App will be promoted at the PDX Travel Center, all our hotels, local businesses, and the 1-5 Albany Rest Stop.

Our "Pioneering Women History Stop" signs have QR codes that visitors and locals on the tour can scan to access a video about that location, and the pioneering woman it relates to, including a link to a complete walking- guided digital interactive tour map available on the Albany Explorer App

Locals and visitors will notice these "Pioneering Women History Stop" signs incidentally during their daily activities, thus educating, inspiring, and making women's history available to everyone, while integrating this experience into everyday life.

Because of its digital platform on the Albany Explorer App, our women's history can be shared throughout the world on the App Store and Google Play. The Albany Explorer App is free and can be downloaded anywhere. It also features tours of historic downtown and the covered bridges.

As funds allow, more stops will be added to the Tour. For more information contact: Keith Lohse, Albany Regional Museum (541)867-7122 or Albany Visitors Association, (541) 928-0911

Treading Water (Continued from Page 1)

Operators had to keep their landings in good repair, Loy writes, and they were required to post a fee schedule so those using the ferries knew the transportation costs in advance.

In Albany in 1851, the owner charged 75 cents for a wagon and a team, 20 cents for packhorses and mules, 12 ½ cents per passenger, 10 cents for loose cattle, 5 cents for sheep and hogs and 5 cents for 100 pounds of freight.

It is estimated that more than 500 ferries operated in the state during the height of that needed service. Now there are only three: Those are the Canby, Wheatland north of Salem and the Buena Vista north of Albany.

The first recorded ferry in Oregon was the Wheatland on the Willamette River. It was constructed between 1843-44 and run by Jesse Applegate when he was at the former Methodist Mission at Mission Bottom near Salem.

Later, Daniel Matheny started another ferry in the same general area in the 1850s.

Today, the ferry runs on a cable that connects Marion and Yamhill counties. The ferry travels about 580 feet and is powered by two electric motors that are connected to an on-board diesel generator.

The ferry, operated by Marion County, is supported by two steel cables one under the water on the downriver side and the other overhead on the upriver side. The overhead cable also helps steer the craft.



Ferry boat at the Broadalbin dock. Albany Regional Museum collection 2007015314



The Buena Vista Ferry is also a cable craft that crosses the Willamette River between Marion and Polk counties. It travels about 720 feet and was established in 1852.

The Marion County Public Works Department is in charge of the ferry.

The Canby Ferry also operated by cable across the Willamette was established in 1914 and connects Canby with Wilsonville/Stafford in Clackamas County.

The first ferry was purchased in Newberg by Canby Mayor W. H. Bair and Harry B. Evans representing the Canby Business Men's Club. The ferry was driven by the current, and the cable held the craft on course.

Clem Dollar was the first ferry operator and he was paid \$10 a month by the city of Canby.

Edward Kilgallen, who lost an arm in childhood, was the second ferry operator and for some reason his salary was reduced to \$7.50 per month.

In January 1946, rains and a flooded river swept the ferry from its mooring and pieces of the craft were sent over Willamette Falls.

In 1961, the ferry was featured on the cover of Sunset magazine.

More information about ferry operations in Albany can be found in Loy's book on sale at the Albany Regional Museum. The museum at 136 Lyon St. S can be reached at 541-967-7122 or email info@armuseum.com.

The museum is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Our New Beginning

The Albany Regional Museum is excited to announce the remodel of our 1800 sq. ft. exhibition space. Thanks to an in-kind donation of material from the World of Speed Museum our team began planning an overhaul of Museum exhibits. We sought community feedback and quietly applied for grant support while we delayed & pivoted programs due to the Coronavirus. We decided that as we move on from COVID we are not moving into a new normal, we are moving towards a new beginning!

Chinatown

Sponsorships available:

\$2500 x 1

\$1000 x 1

\$500 x 2



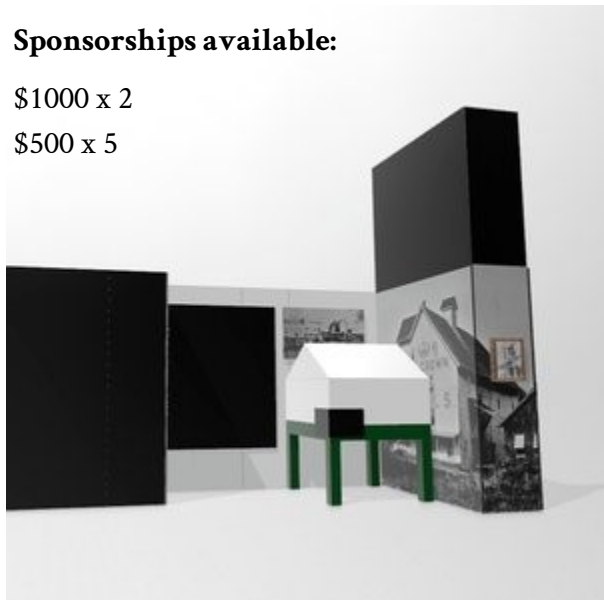
Our Chinatown display will shed a light on a forgotten history connected to the story of our own building and location. This will mainly use printed text panels and large graphics.

Power Sources

Sponsorships available:

\$1000 x 2

\$500 x 5



A smaller display that will highlight the importance of hydroelectric power using large graphics.

Kids Zone

Sponsorships available:

\$2500 x 1

\$1000 x 2

\$500 x 5



Our Kids Zone will have large scale graphics, mounts for derby cars, custom pinewood derby track, magnetic tube ball wall & gears, and seating for parents.

Mercantile

Sponsorships available:

\$1000 x 1

\$500 x 3



Our mercantile display will use large graphics and audio panels to share the stories of local entrepreneurs.

Sponsorships

Through sponsorships you can help the Museum achieve a wow factor like never before. We have 3 levels of sponsorship: \$500, \$1000, and \$2500. At the \$500 level you will be listed on the exhibit webpage as a sponsor and have your name on our New Beginning Plaque. At \$1000 you receive the prior benefits and your name in large lettering on the museums exit archway. For \$2500 you will be placed on our website, our New Beginning Plaque, and have a 3x3 inch label at the entrance of your sponsored exhibit (design will be discussed with museum staff). Each exhibit space has a limited number of sponsorships available. To setup a sponsorship contact Executive Director Keith Lohse at 541-967-7122 or klohse@armuseum.com

Logging & Timber Carnival



In one of our largest sections we aim to provide the history of logging and Albany's favorite event the Timber Carnival. We will have large format photos, directional audio, videos, and if all goes well a reconstructed Timber Jail.

Sponsorships available:

\$2500 x 1

\$1000 x 2

\$500 x 5

To learn more about this project and to see more sponsorship opportunities visit armuseum.com/newbeginning or scan the QR code



Did You Know?

Did you know Albany has a long history of buildings being moved. Recently our friends at the Cumberland Event Center completed the first phase of preserving the historic Cumberland Church by moving the building to its new home on the corner of Santiam and Pine.

Photo Courtesy of Kathy & Larry McFarland - Train crossing tracks as the Cumberland Church is halted during its move on October 17, 2021.



In 2010 the North Palestine Memorial Church, aka North Palestine Baptist Church, had to be moved when the Palestine Cemetery Association approved an expansion. Ownership of the historic church was transferred to Benton County. The Benton County Commissioners approved a plan to move the church 3 miles to its new home on Northeast Birch Lane in Adair Village.

Below you will find a table comparing details of these modern moves.

Photo to the left shows the North Palestine Memorial Church prior to its move. Albany Regional Museum Photo Collection id 2007.059.041.

	Cumberland Community Events Center	North Palestine Memorial Church
Year Built	1892; The second oldest church in Albany	1879; possibly the oldest church in Benton County
Original Name	Cumberland Presbyterian Church	North Palestine Baptist Church
Move date	10/17&18/2021	7/18/2010
Distance moved	1,200 feet	3 miles
Preparation for the move	Powerline adjustments & shut off, cordinating with Pacific Rail Road and train schedules.	Power was shut off; Lines were lifted so the roof and stove pipe could clear; Signs were temporarily removed and mail boxes tugged on.
Cost	\$1 to City of Albany: \$69,000 to mover	Free to Benton County: \$18,000 to mover
Why the church moved	The church was purchased by the city in preparation to install a roundabout to improve traffic flow. It turned out the roundabout was installed and no additional land was needed.	Palestine Cemetery board voted to expand the cemetery from 1 acre to 3 acres. Plus Sonda Peccia stated, The Cemetery has no collateral or endowment-care funds. Funds must be used to maintain graves.
Repurposed	Cumberland Community Events Center date TBD	TBD by Benton County parks...currently at Adair...possible use... community events.
National Register	No...eligible	Yes
What's next	Both are waiting on donations to bring LIFE to these structures	

Oldest standing church today was once moved!

By Kathwren Hayes, Visitor & Member Services Assistant

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church South is the oldest church still standing in Albany. "South" was in the original name because this was a period around the Civil War and many of the residents in the neighborhood were Southern sympathizers.

It was built during the summer of 1875 on land donated by Abe Hackelman. Its original location was the corner of Fourth and Montgomery Street. In 1878, only three years later, the church was moved to Third and Montgomery Street where it has remained. Why it was moved has remained a mystery, especially since Dixie School was once occupying the corner of Third and Montgomery Street.

The first time the 420-pound steeple bell rung at the M.E. Church South (an abbreviation of the original name), the citizens mistook it to be a fire alarm.

Because the M.E. Church South was in the Hackelman district, known to be where the working class lived, the church was referred to as the Working-Class Church.

By the end of 1875, according to the Democrat Register, there were nine church buildings in Albany and five of them were erected in 1875. Those denominations were: Baptist, Evangelical, Catholic, Episcopal and St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church South. This gave Albany bragging rights and was

often referred to as the "City of Churches". On July 23 of 1875 the Democrat Register reported that Albany had "undoubtedly the largest number of churches of any town of equal population on the coast."

The M.E. Church South occupied the building for 43 years. Today there is no steeple nor is there a bell. So what became of those? The Seventh-day Adventists bought the church in 1918 which is when the entry to the basement was completed so the basement could be used for classrooms. The bell was sold in 1937 to finance the foundation and roof repairs. The spire was removed when it fell into disrepair. The Church of Christ removed the belfry around 1957 because it was housing pigeons. The Baptist added today's canopy over the main entry stairs during the 1960s.

C.H.A.N.C.E (Community Helping Addicts Negotiate Effectively) is the current Occupant and Owner of the M.E. Church South. Michelle Shannon, Chair of the Board for CHANCE, stated that the M.E. Church South is currently providing much needed storage space for the organization. She would very much like to continue using the church as a meeting place but because of a leaking roof, broken waterline, and lack of funds it isn't possible, at this time. Services for CHANCE are currently located at the historic 1910 King Griff Building on the corner of Third and Lyon in Albany.





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Hub City Streetcar Tour

The Albany Regional Museum presents the Albany Streetcar Hub City History Tour, Saturday, May 14, at 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Pre-registration is needed for the tour.

Tour guests will hop aboard the Albany Streetcar at the Museum 136 Lyon St S, for a narrated tour by Bill Maddy, Albany Regional Museum docent and Albany historian. For many years Albany has been known as Hub City. The tour will feature the history of how Albany became the Hub City of the Willamette Valley with the arrival of river, rail and highway travel.

Streetcar seating is limited, and reservations are required. Tickets are \$5 for adults and youth, free to Museum members. To reserve your ticket to board, contact the Museum at 541-967-7122 by May 7.

