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Historic JQA Young house to be park

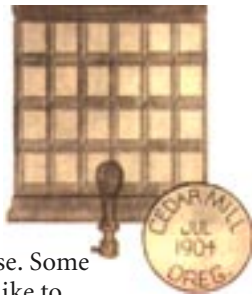
by Virginia Bruce, Editor

A small white salt-box style house sits, rather forlornly, at the edge of a parking lot south of Cornell Road near 119th. It has been boarded up for years. But a lot of Cedar Mill history is embodied in this modest structure. It's one of the oldest buildings in our area, and it's about to be transformed into a community resource after years of effort by local citizens.

Built in 1869 by John Quincy Adams Young, a prominent Oregon pioneer, the house became Cedar Mill's first post office and served as a general store. It is being acquired by Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District, and will be developed as a park. It may become a facility to host meetings and parties, similar to the Fanno Farmhouse. Some residents would like to see it become a history center, perhaps in partnership with Washington County Historical Society. Further along in the process, the Park District will issue a notice seeking members for an ad-hoc advisory committee. Committee members will be selected and appointed by the Board of Directors of the Park District.

John Quincy Adams Young was the youngest of six children when he arrived in Oregon with his family from Ohio in 1847. Near the end of their journey the family was part of a group who were captured and held by Indians during the Whitman massacre in eastern Oregon. After about a week the group was ransomed by Peter Skene Ogden of Hudson's Bay Company at Fort

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Join the CMBA—see page 3

Next Meeting

Cedar Mill Business Association

Tuesday, November 18, 2003. 12 noon

Place: Cedar Mill Community Library

Topic: **Investment Strategies for Business Owners**

Speaker: Roger Greene, Edward Jones

Join us for lunch to find out how to maximize your capital through wise investment strategies

FREE pizza courtesy of Round Table
(bring your own beverage)

Featured Business

Second Edition supports library through sales

If you think Cedar Mill doesn't have a clothing store, you're mistaken. If you think you can't buy furniture or sports equipment here, you've missed a good bet. Tucked away in the northeast corner of the library parking lot is a small shop just filled with quality items waiting for you to buy, and all the profits go to support our private, non-profit Community Library. This year Second Edition Resale will give the Cedar Mill Community Library Association over \$100,000!

And if you think that you have to take your no-longer-needed items to a Goodwill dropoff station, you have a better alternative that will keep the benefits right here in the community. Second Edition welcomes donations of clothing, housewares, toys, sports equipment, home decorations and furniture, all in good condition, of course. Recycling your stuff and benefiting the library – what a deal!

The private, non-profit Cedar Mill Community Library was founded by local residents in 1976. To help support the library financially, a rummage sale “fondly known as M.E.S.S.” – Miscellaneous Etcetera Super Sale – was organized and held annually in the library parking lot.

So many donations were coming in all year for the M.E.S.S. that some of the volunteers wondered if they could

support an established shop. When the lease expired on the old hardware/variety store, which originally occupied part of the library building, library space expanded from 5,000 to 16,000 square feet. The group went to the library Board of Directors with their idea. The Board agreed to share some space and gave a little seed money to get the shop started. It was a good decision. Board treasurer Mark Sleasman, a local attorney, who was dropping off some rugs, said “Second Edition is a big and stable source of funding for the library.”



A dedicated group of over 75 volunteers appraise, clean, mend, price, and ring up merchandise. Mary Cantwell was on sales duty when I visited last week. She has been volunteering for about a year. “It's one way I can help the library, plus I have a good time and I meet interesting people,” she explains. The only

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Vancouver. After this ordeal they made their way to Oregon City, and then finally to the Tualatin plains, where they settled on a Donation Land Claim near Orenco.

By 1869 JQA had married and moved to the Cedar Mill area, where he partnered with William Everson, another Ohio native, to purchase a sawmill from the Jones family, who had established it around 1855. The 32 foot high Cedar Mill Falls powered the overshot water wheel that ran the mill.



Young and his family first lived in a log cabin on the mill site. He then built a salt-box style house nearby, where he and his family lived until around 1874, when he sold his interest in the mill to Everson, and moved his family to a larger house across Cornell.

On January 29, 1894, JQA Young was appointed postmaster for the growing community. *Cedar Mill History* says, “Young’s small store, on the ground floor of his two-story former home, served as the first post office. Here the postmaster constructed a pigeonhole cabinet where patrons received mail delivered weekly from Portland. For his postal duties, Young received a commission based on the number of 2¢ postage stamps and 1¢ postcards sold.”

The post office was later moved to

other establishments, but the house survived. The property was eventually purchased by Stanley Russell, who built a new house next door and rented the salt-box to a Mr. Peterson. It was added to the Washington County Cultural Resource Inventory in 1983.

In 1993 the Russell property was bought by the Cedar Mill Bible Church. The church, which was incorporated in 1945, adopted a master plan for expansion in 1997 which included plans for moving the house off the property.

Members of the community were alarmed to learn that the church had advertised the house to be free to any party who would move it to a different location. They felt that part of the historical value of the house was its location adjacent to the mill site. In November 1997 Sue Conger, who lives

on the old Kieni farm nearby, helped form a group that came to be called “Friends of the JQA Young House.” The group contacted the church to request them to preserve the house. Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District expressed interest in acquiring the house plus the adjacent Cedar Mill Falls in order to develop a unique community park.

Eventually the church decided not to move the house. They are working to acquire land south of the church property to meet future church growth. About two years ago THPRD entered into negotiations with the church to acquire the house. The church has now agreed to donate the house and sell just under two acres of land to the District. “It’s been a good negotiation and is definitely a win-win solution,” says Rich Berry, CMBA Board member and Business Manager of the Bible Church.

As of press time, the land has been surveyed and is currently being appraised. Once the price has been agreed on, the property will be transferred to THPRD. Ron Willoughby, THPRD General Manager, says “It’s our intent,

The Cedar Mill News if the Board agrees, to spend \$200,000 of the \$13.3 million in development fees (SDC) to start renovation of the building and grounds. Cedar Mill Falls is situated on property belonging to the Teufel family. It is hoped that whenever this property is developed, the Falls can be acquired and added to the park,” says Willoughby.

“We’re just chomping at the bit to revitalize our “Friends of JQA Young House” group,” exclaims Sue Conger. “We may be separate from the park district committee – it depends on what they want us to do. We may be able to raise funds as a non-profit better than as an advisory committee,” Conger notes. The Friends group would probably exist as an ongoing support group after the District’s ad hoc committee is done with their work of outlining the Park’s future.

Further developments will be covered in The Cedar Mill News. For more information on the Park District’s role, contact Ron Willoughby at 503-645-6433 or rwilloughby@thprd.org. For more information on the Friends, contact Sue Conger at 503-292-1415 or sue.conger.iyqf@statefarm.com.

An excerpt from JQA Young’s journal is online at www.rootsweb.com/~orgnweb/bios/johnqayoung.html

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Barnes/Cornell Road Project Open House

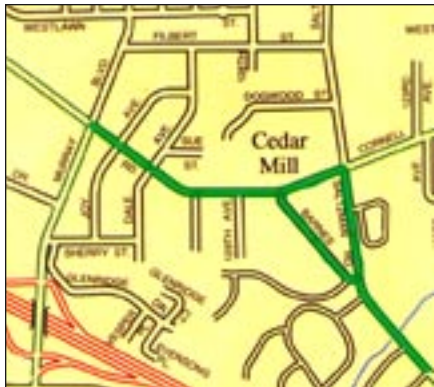
by Pam Reynolds, CPO #1 Vice President

The final meeting of the Barnes Road/Cornell Road project PAC was held on October 1, where we received some excellent news. The utility companies have agreed to place their lines underground on our project site. In addition, there will be a signal light at the Cornell/Barnes intersection near the Shell station. Washington County will eventually be adding another south-

sistent with the goals of the Cedar Mill Town Center.”

The open house will provide an excellent opportunity for neighbors to review the nearly completed final engineering design, and find out about landscaping, wetland mitigation plans, lighting and wall design. Information

The community is invited to an open house for the Cornell and Barnes Road Project
Monday, December 8, 2003
4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m
Sunset Presbyterian Church
14986 NW Cornell Road



bound lane to Saltzman at the Cornell intersection thus providing right-turn, left-turn and straight ahead traffic lanes. These lanes will begin quite a way back on Saltzman in the hope that people will stop using Filbert as a secondary way west. This project is separate from the Cornell /Barnes project and will be funded from another source.

The Cornell and Barnes Road Project affects Cornell from Murray to Saltzman and Barnes Road from Cornell to the future 119 (see map). The emphasis of this project is “to address multi-modal transportation needs on the two roads including features con-

will also be available about construction staging and traffic during and after construction. There will be no formal presentation but Project Advisory Committee members, County staff, and consulting planners and engineers will be available to discuss the project and answer questions. For more information please contact Alex Sander, Washington County Project Manager, 503-846-7817 or alex_sander@co.washington.or.us.

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Cedar Mill Pole update

“We will keep it clean, but probably not take any extraordinary measures,” says Anne Madden, Program Educator with Washington County Land Use and Transportation Department. “We are planning to have two more lights installed to improve nighttime visibility,” she continues.

Native American artist Rick Bartow, who carved the pole, has expressed his view that this is just a part of the life of the pole, like the hole near the top drilled by a Washington D.C. woodpecker while the pole was in the White House garden.

Ed Bonollo, of Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, says that their arson investigation hasn’t turned up any evidence that points to the perpetrators. “We were given some names, and between our investigators and the Beaverton police we interviewed everyone, but the case remains unsolved. It’s open, but ‘cold,’ and at this point the only way to warm it up is for someone to come forward with more information,” he states. “When you go beyond a certain point it becomes difficult. People have had time to think about their stories,” says Bonollo. “We’d be glad to hear from anyone with information. We’d love to solve this thing,” he adds. You can contact Ed Bonollo at 503-356-4715 or edward.bonollo@tvfr.com.

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 employee of the shop, Charlene McKeenan, works half-time coordinating the volunteers.



“Appraising items is an all-important activity,” explains Sue Conger, a founding member of Second Edition. “It sets the value and maintains our high quality.” Library supporters select their very best to donate and are very generous in their giving. “Often children’s clothing has been outgrown before the tags are removed, and many of the women’s items have never been worn at all – sometimes we find the sales slip

in the bag when we receive an item,” Conger notes. The selection turns over quickly. Library staffer Becky Reichard stops in about once a week during her break to find clothes for her daughter.

Treasures turn up regularly. Currently there’s a hand-knotted oriental rug of considerable value. Look for it near the sales desk (if it has not yet sold!). A silver plated soprano saxophone that was played in the Big Band era was rebuilt and sold to a collector. A gold necklace was donated by a jeweler. “When we receive something really interesting or valuable, our policy is to always put it out for sale to our regular customer for at least 30 days. If it hasn’t sold at that point, we may take it to a consignment shop. One of our volunteers is learning how to sell on eBay, so we may do some

of that in the future,” Conger mentions.

Second Edition is open six days a week, from 10 to 8 Tuesday, Wednesday through Saturday from 10 to 5, and Sunday from 12:30 to 4:30. Mondays the volunteers are busy creating new displays and putting out new merchandise for your week’s shopping. Good quality stuff can be brought in anytime they’re open, although they suggest phoning first at 503-644-6395. They’re located at the east corner of the Library building (on the north side of the Milltown Shopping Center at Cornell and Saltzman) and online at cedarmill.org/library/resale_shop.html. Stop by on your next library visit and discover what you’ve been missing!

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