

END OF THE LINE

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Heigho Albums Will Enhance Labor Day Exhibit This Year

Virginia Heigho was a collector of photographs and newspaper articles. She was a daughter of Colonel Edgar and Nora Heigho and had a twin sister named Katherine and brother Cedric. New Meadows streets Katherine, Virginia, Nora and Heigho are named for this family.



Dorothy Simpson

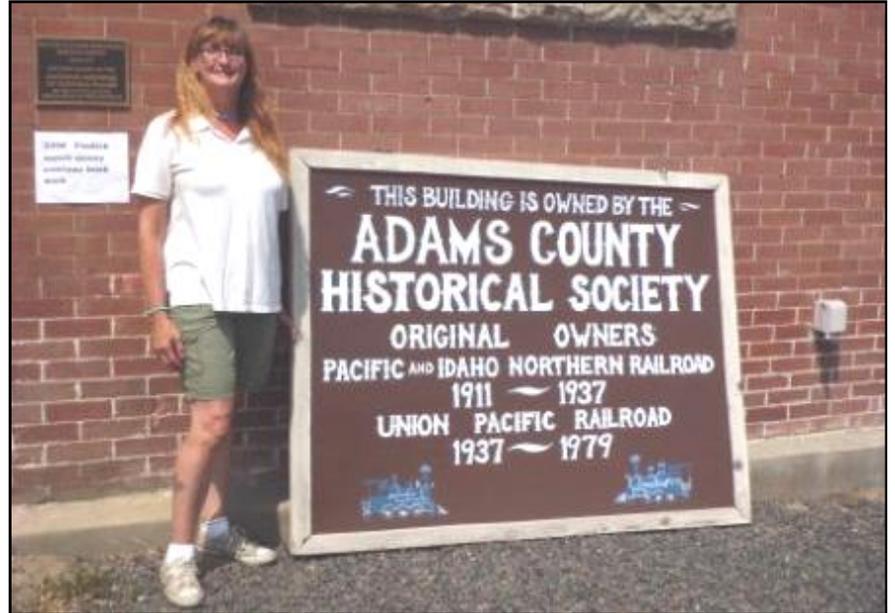
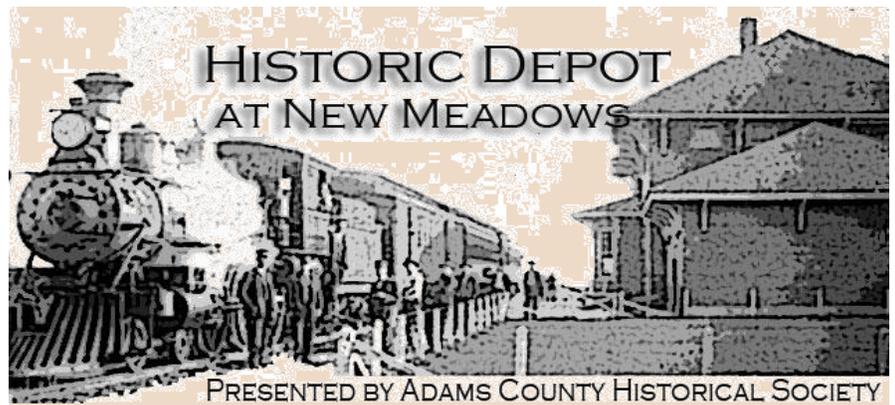
She lived in Chicago in the late 1920s and 1930s, married Donald Payne and had a daughter, Dorothy. When Dorothy was four years old Virginia left her family. Dorothy kept in contact with her mother and while living in Salmon, Idaho, in the 1980s, was contacted by her mother to come see her in Bloomfield, Michigan, as she was very sick. During this visit Virginia gave Dorothy two albums and some personal pictures. One of these albums is full of newspaper articles describing important events in the Heigho family's life. The pictures are of places the Heigho's lived and visited.

Dorothy had not heard of New Meadows, or the part the Heigho family played in developing the town until she was given the albums. This year with the help of her daughter she contacted the ACHS and sent us the albums. What a treasure they are. The pictures and newspaper articles are from the first part of the 20th century; pictures of the inside and outside of their residence, (Heartland Inn), pictures of building the railroad from Weiser to New Meadows, pictures of the family, the depot and lots more.

These albums and pictures will be on display during our Labor Day exhibit. We wish to thank Dorothy Simpson and her daughter for their help in getting these to us. Please enjoy the picture of Dorothy Simpson, and a picture of the Heigho family on the lawn of their residence.



Heigho Family at Home



Michelle Marshall saw a sign at the depot that needed to be restored and set to work. When she went to C&M for assistance with paint, she met Mark Rivers, who informed her that he was the original maker of the sign. He was able to recommend the correct paint for the job and eight months later Michelle, with help from her husband Larry, completed the sign in time for the annual ACHS meeting. Look for this sign on the outside of the depot as you pass by. Thank you, Michelle, for becoming a part of the restoration of the depot.

Tamarack Station Sign Donated

Evergreen Forest recently donated a "Tamarack" railroad sign to the depot. Jim Wassmuth, Resource Manager, found the sign in some brush behind one of the cabins on Evergreen Forest property. We believe the railroad sign is a later sign as it is made of aluminum. Thank you Evergreen Forest!

Depot Event Calendar - Some Upcoming events:

July 18 – Household Sale - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You may drop off your donated sale items at the depot on Friday, July 17, from noon to 6 p.m. No clothing, please. If you need the items you are donating for the sale picked up, please call Carolyn at 347-4074. Thanks for contributing and for shopping!

September 5-6 – "Those Who Served", a free Capital Exhibit from the Idaho State Historical Society will open at the Historic P&IN Depot from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and thereafter with an announced schedule. The exhibit will honor men and women of Idaho from early Idaho territorial days to today and will feature military artifacts and display panels. The Adams County Historical Society will collect Adams County and Meadows Valley veteran photos, stories and general information from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 18th and August 8. Collected local data will be shown along with the ISHS exhibit. Check historicpindpot.com and Adams County Veterans Scanning Project for more information.

President's Room Restoration

Helped by a grant from the Idaho Heritage Trust, we at Adams County Historical Society have undertaken to restore the President's room on the second floor of the P&IN Railroad Depot. This is the first restoration work to be done on the second story, and it continues the fulfillment of decades of hopes and dreams of turning the beautiful building back into an active part of the valley where people can gather, celebrate, learn, and appreciate the value of the unique history of Adams County. The President's Room, where Colonel Heigho sat when he was officiating from New Meadows over the Pacific and Idaho Northern Railway Depot (P&IN), will become an accessioning center where museum items and information are formally cataloged.

The work involves replacing the plaster ceiling with drywall, repairing the plaster walls, replacing the windows, upgrading the electrical wiring, adding data circuits, new lighting, and ceiling insulation. The project also includes updating the lighting in the adjoining closet and in the mezzanine vault.

The grant from IHT must be matched from our own funds and only covers a portion of the total cost. We greatly appreciate the grants we receive which allow us to stretch the money we have available for restoration projects.

Annual Meeting Held in May

The annual meeting was held at the Depot on May 12th, with our usual potluck dinner. This is the meeting where all the membership is encouraged to attend and find out the latest happenings of your Historical Society. We're glad for those who came and missed those who could not attend, but maybe next year! There was great food and all enjoyed a time of visiting among friends.

Rich Nine gave an excellent presentation on how the accessioning process works, and a "hands on" demonstration of the new software program that is amazing! It will allow us retrieve all accessioned items very quickly with all pertinent information at the click of a button. This system will prove to be a valued asset to the community for many years to come.

We're always looking for more actively involved volunteers to participate with us in the day to day operation of the Society. Please feel free to call any of your board members for information, or simply show up at the Depot, second Tues. of each month, 6 p.m. and sit in on a meeting. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Fosdick Appreciation Reception

A reception was hosted at the depot on Saturday, June 27, to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Fosdick Benefit and to express appreciation for the funds given to the various non-profit organizations in the valley. Recipients of Fosdick funds were among those present, each expressing their heartfelt appreciation for Fosdick funds over the years. Special recognition was given to the many volunteers, each receiving a custom -made button to wear at this year's Fosdick events. Approximately 45 people were in attendance.

I Remember When...

When we were kids, we'd go down by the depot and cross the highway heading to the stockyards. We liked to "help" the sheepherders with the sheep (or what we thought was help). Some sheep were loaded in railroad cars and shipped out while others were trailed by herders back down to the low country for winter.

Then came the cattle – we were too little to "help" but we'd sit up on the corrals as the cowboys would run them up the chutes and into the cars. A few years later I got a little job shoveling sand into the stock cars and that was my first introduction to the depot agent, Cliff Evans. He and his wife Marie lived in the first white house south of the depot, just across the tracks from the old water tower. (This reminds me of the times we'd put pennies on the tracks. When the big engines rolled by, they flattened the pennies and we thought that was pretty neat.)

In the 1950s and '60s the railroad crew was Ernie Judd and Gene Hemminger who were rail car repairmen (in Union Pacific lingo – "car toads"). The section crew had Mel Lloyd as the foreman with Jim Widner and Ed Dunn, my uncle, as the crew. I'm writing this in June and it reminds me of the National Old Time Fiddlers' Contest going on now in Weiser. Jim Widner was a two-time Grand Champion for that contest.

In 1971, I was loading lumber for Salmon River Lumber Co., working at the old "pea-packing" shed which was north of where the "Senior Citizen" building is today, when Earl Ratcliff offered me a job with the Railroad, working out of New Meadows as a sectionman. Earl was the Foreman and Jim McGuinness was the other sectionman. We were the last section crew to work out of New Meadows.

Every day we'd set the motor car on the rail, back it up to the depot and get the train schedule from the agent who was Andy Anderson. He and his family lived upstairs in the depot.

If it were not for the PIN, there would have been no depot or rail service and, really, no "New" Meadows.

J.R. Barnett 6/15/15

The ACHS has received permission from the Idaho State Historical Society to reproduce and sell the picture of the depot, taken in the early 1900s from the collection of Clifford Peake.

Prices are as follows.

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| 3x5 | \$3.00 |
| 4x6 | \$4.00 |
| 5x7 | \$5.00 |
| 8x10 | \$10.00 |
| 11x14 | \$20.00 |
| 16x20 | \$60.00 |



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Our website, historicpindepot.com, includes forms for rentals, donations and membership as well as information about the Depot.

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**Please consider renting the depot
for your special event.**

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