From “Poverty Flats” to “Snob Hill”
In preparation for Metzger’s Centennial Celebration, October 16

Josephine and Herman Metzger one hundred years ago filed a plat naming streets for trees, presidents, and numbers for the Town of Metzger. The plat was approved and officially recorded by Washington County. The Metzgers also donated land for a church and a school. The original Town of Metzger” stretched from areas affectionately known as “Snob Hill” west to “Poverty Flats” (now owned by Washington Square)! Large portions of the “Town of Metzger” have been annexed into the City of Tigard.

The newly formed Metzger Historical Society is planning a Saturday October 16th Centennial Celebration, which will commemorate the approval of the town plat. In preparation the Metzger Historical Society is collecting stories, old postmarks, photographs and other memorabilia from early years of the Town of Metzger area to share at the celebration.

We would also love to hear from people who rode the train to/from the Metzger area to any of the stops/stations including: Tigard, Salem, Garden Home, Capitol Hill, Multnomah, or Portland.

Current hopes and plans for the mid-October celebration include: a parade, speeches; old-time games; guided tours of historical sites and trees of the area; horse/s, a commemorative Metzger USPS postmark cancellation, historical displays; talks by Northwest and local historians, representatives from the area’s early/pioneer families, candidates for elected office, live music and dance, and for the future, a time capsule burial. Everyone is invited to help us plan events.

Do you know of anyone who might want to be in or see our parade? Please contact us about any contributions, suggestions, or sponsorships you may have. Please contact us for more information. Jim Long: 503-647-0021, email: bluepgs@yahoo.com