



Memorial Day Ceremony • May 27, 2013

Siletz Tribal Community Center and Paul Washington Cemetery

Cody Blacketer (above, right) stands with Memorial Day speaker Ed Ben, a Navy and Air Force veteran, after Blacketer accepted an Oregon Honorable Service Medal on behalf of his grandfather, Kenneth Blacketer, a Marine Corps veteran, from Tony Molina.

A stormy morning, as seen in the rain-drops on the wreath (left) at the Veterans Memorial and the rose (right), drove the ceremony indoors to the Siletz Tribal Community Center. See more photos on page 11.



Stineff donates basket, photo of weaver, documentation of hop yard days

By Robert Kentta, Cultural Resources Director

Pat Stineff, retired principal of Sweet Home High School, recently was going through some things that her husband had acquired over the years. She thinks he bought a Siletz basket complete with documentation from a fundraiser in the Monmouth/Independence area. She decided that the purse basket and accompanying info belonged back with our Siletz people and brought it to Siletz on May 19.

Lena Butler-Powell, mother of Clares C. Powell, purchased baskets from Siletz members at the hop yards starting in about 1900. This particular basket, a nice purse basket in pristine condition, was possibly made by a weaver she referred to as "Old Annie" in a photo that was taken at that time, ca 1900-1915. Clares Powell apparently donated the basket to the fundraiser where Stineff's husband acquired it.

In a letter dated Sept. 22, 1975, Clares Powell wrote the following about the basket:

"This Indian basket is from my Mother's collection which she acquired from the Siletz Indians. Starting about 1900 she began trading apples plus cash for baskets which the Indians made. ...

The Siletz Indians came to the Independence vicinity each year, in the early fall to pick hops and usually camped on Ash Creek adjoining Monmouth on the north. ... It was a sort of vacation for them and a way to earn money from hop-picking as well as trading their handwork. ... My mother, Lena Butler Powell, made friends with them, one being "Old Annie" whose picture, taken with a glass negative is attached.

Clares C. Powell
Monmouth, Oregon"

On the back of the photo (which is of a robust, strong-featured older lady) it says:

"Old Annie the ("s" word we won't repeat here) has a painted chin (tattooed chin). The bandana is red, the dress dark calico, the big basket has small red stripes, the others are straw color."

We do not have a photo that seems to match the features of this weaver and now we're looking to narrow possible candidates. If your family has an Anne or Annie in the tree and she would have been about 65-75 years old in 1900-1915, was strong-featured and a weaver, we would be grateful if you had photos to compare with this image so we can positively



Courtesy photo

Pat Stineff holds the basket and photo she so generously donated on her visit to Siletz on May 19.

identify and make a copy for the family to have. Some possibilities are Annie Battise/Gagnier/Logan/Winkler/Orton/Arden/Collins/Cutlip/Thompson.

Call 800-922-1399 or 541-444-2532 and ask for Peter Hatch or Robert Kentta in the Cultural Department to exchange information about the photo.