

User spotlight

Multnomah County



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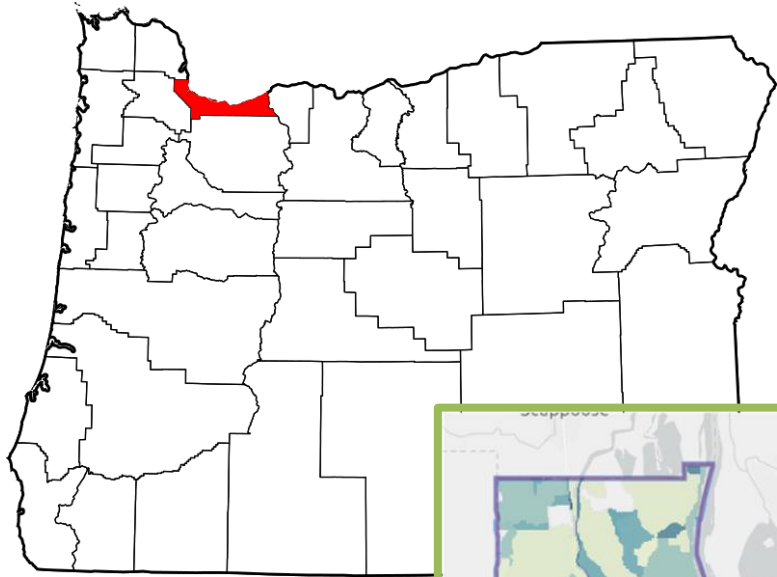
The Archives Contest

Meaningful staff engagement
can be all fun and games

Multnomah County Archives

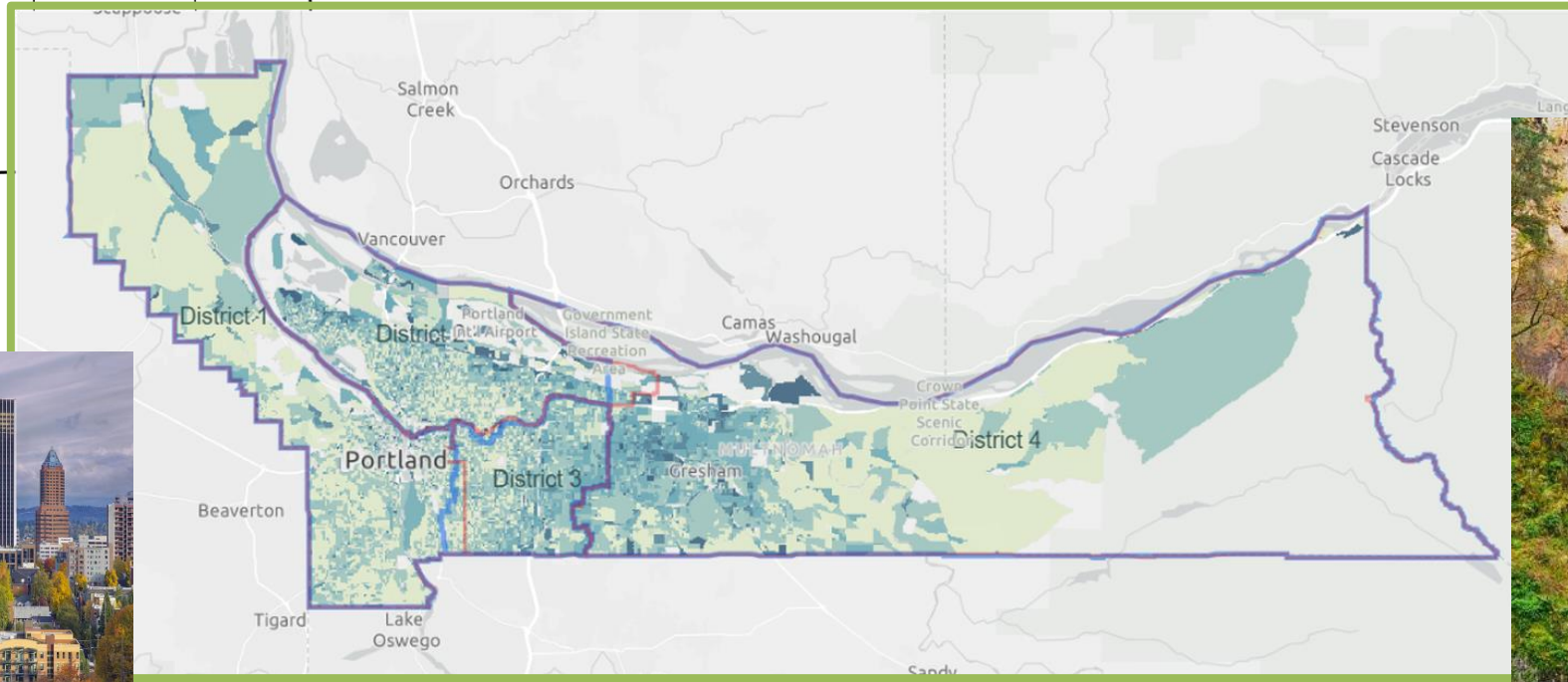
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Multnomah County // About



466 sq mi → ½% of Oregon's area

809,869 → 19.4% of Oregon's population



- Board of County Commissioners
- County Sheriff
- District Attorney
- Auditor's Office
- Health Department
- Library

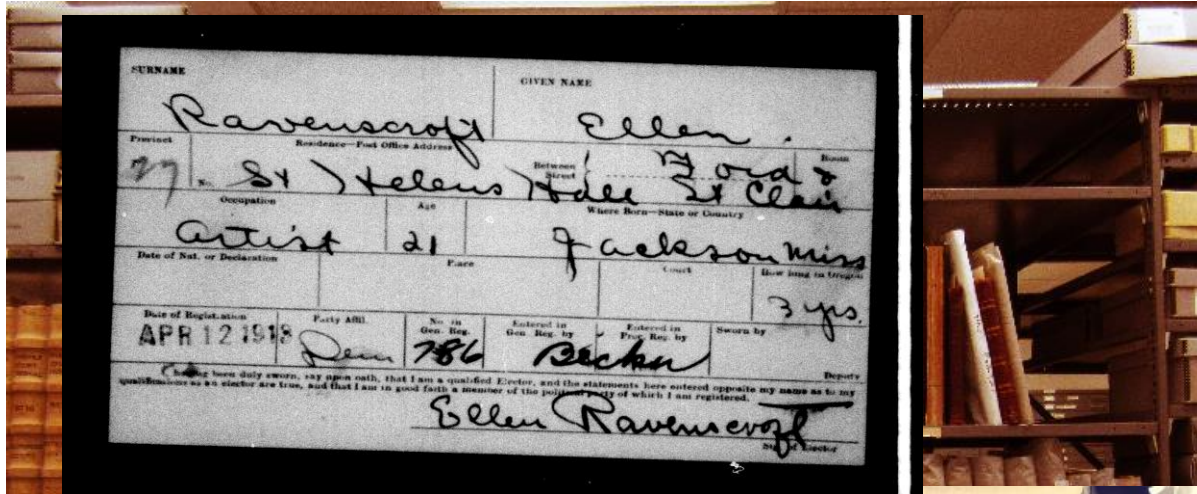


170 years of records
dating from 1849

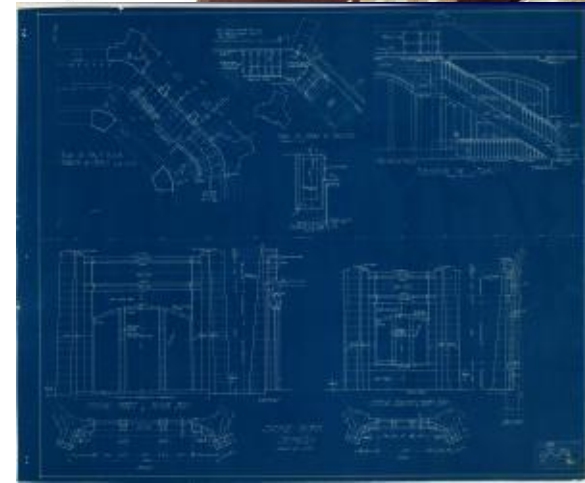
- 6000 employees
- 200 agencies
- Six Records and Archives staff



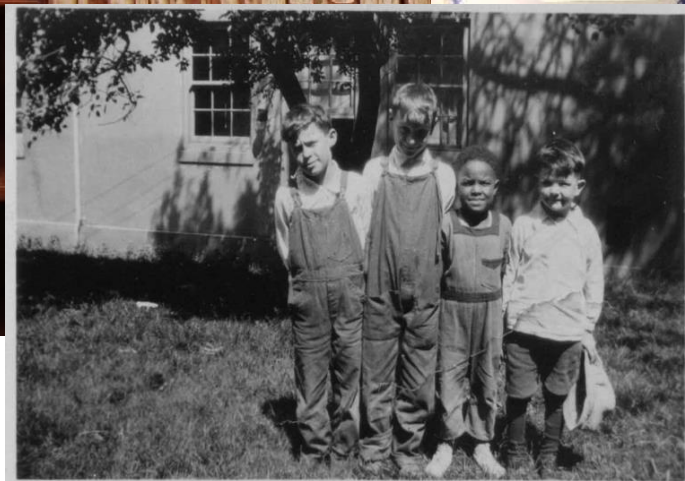
Multnomah County Archives // Our collections



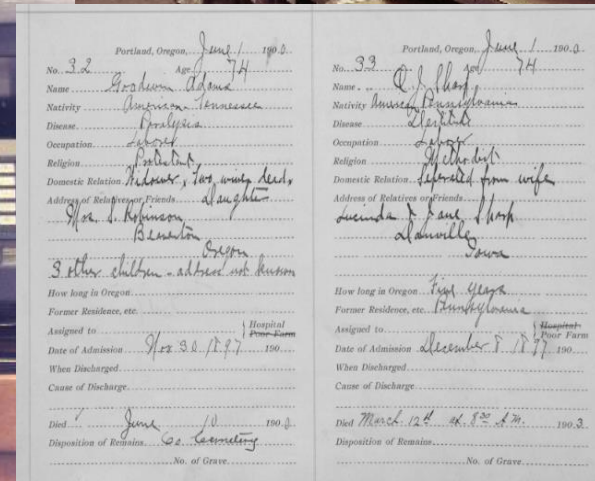
Elections records (1878-2012)



Plans and drawings (1905-1999)



Library records (1864-1999)



Poor Farm records (1900-1989)

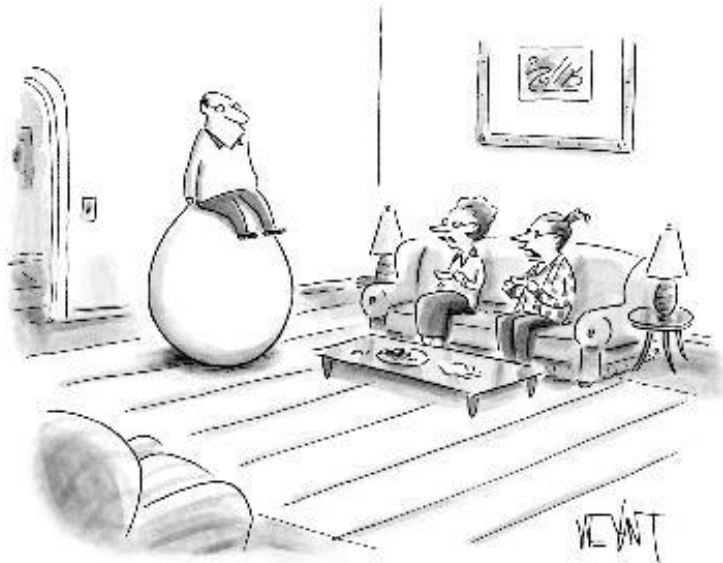


- Visibility
- Levity
- This Work Matters



Roads Department staff in costume at County parade, ca 1950

The Archives Contest



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Records Management Analyst

Paige Monlux, Digital Archivist



- Logistics
- Develop web pages
 - Submission Form
 - Past Challenges
- Find content
- Draft challenges
- Records & Archives staff vet challenges
 - Fist to Five

Episode 12: June 2022 | The Dating Game

Answer: 1982

Gladys McCoy was an Oregon pioneer, serving as the first [Black] member of both the Portland School Board and the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners. In 1986, she was elected as Multnomah County Chair. She was reelected to that office in 1990 and served until her death on April 11th, 1993. McCoy's accomplishments during her tenure were extensive. In 1989, she established a model program for delivering human and justice services at the Columbia Villa housing project (where she had lived early in her residence in Portland). She also stabilized County funding, expanded and met County affirmative action goals, increased citizen participation in government, increased minority representation on County boards and commissions, and standardized the County charitable contribution program.

In this 1982 image, McCoy and Multnomah County Sheriff Don Clark inspect confiscated gambling machines that were likely seized during raids that took place in 1981. The photograph comes from a series of public relations images in the Archives' Gladys McCoy collection.



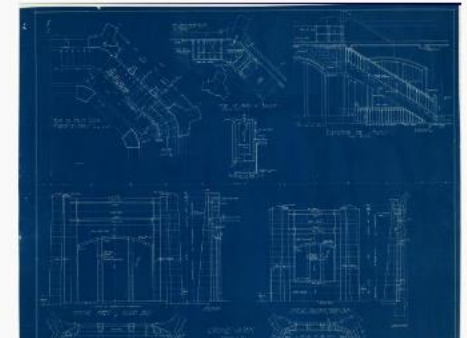
Gladys McCoy and Don Clark inspect gaming machines, 1982

Episode 11: May 2022 | Construction Junction

Plans for the historic Vista House® reside in the Road Services records collection.

The aptly named structure perches 733 feet above the Columbia River. Multnomah County Assistant Highway Engineer Samuel Lancaster proposed an observatory along the newly constructed (but now Historic) Columbia River Highway. It was intended to provide a rest stop for travelers to marvel in the views along and across the river. It also served to commemorate the challenges that early pioneers had endured on their journeys to Oregon Territory. Renowned Architect Edgar M. Lazarus designed the octagonal building in the Art Nouveau style. John B. Yeon, the County's road master supervised its construction with public funding from the County.

Vista House opened in 1918 and has charmed the public ever since. It now hosts a museum. The view remains as magnificent as ever. Visit



Preproduction // How?

- Send a teaser article
- Launch The Archives Contest

Show Time // Episode 1

Archives Contest June edition: The Dating Game

Welcome to the first episode of The Archives Contest! Every month, Multnomah County Archives will present a different photo from our collections along with a challenge. One month we may invite you to submit a funny caption. The next month we may ask you to identify a person in a photo or guess the date a photo was taken, etc. Each month is a surprise!

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to submit your answer by the deadline provided. We will announce the winner(s) next month (prizes are limited to bragging rights) and give you a little more information about the photo. We will also give you a new challenge.

And now onto: Episode 1: The Dating Game.



Wednesday Wire: June 16, 2021



Go to [The Archives Contest page](#) to submit your entry.

We'll announce the correct answer and present a new challenge next month. Questions? Feedback? Do you have an idea for a future challenge? Let us know at records@multco.us.



The Game is Afoot // Episode 3: Comical Captions

Do you have any vegan floats?



I had a bizarre nightmare and decided to turn it into a parade float.

When you and your homies are getting escorted out the club



The Game is Afoot // Episode 6: History Mystery



Proposed development on Columbia River, 1972



"She is called Darlene
She worked in DPA Operations
Kelly Building Basement"
– Shaun Coldwell

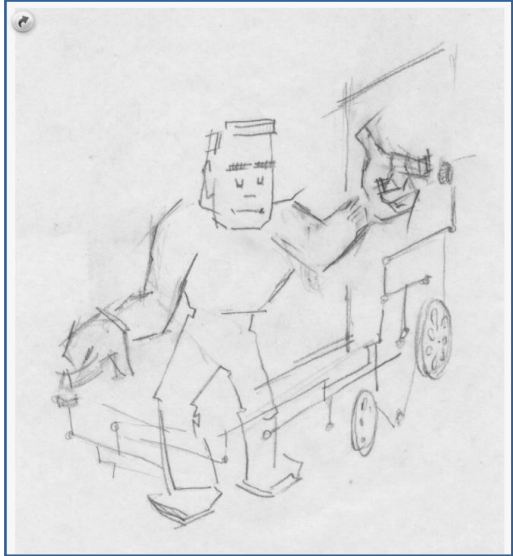


THINK says the sign on the county's giant computer, and Darlene "Sam" Sevier (right), data entry operator, and Virginia "Smitty" Smith, data processing control clerk, have been thinking for the county's Data Processing Authority for 20 years. They were recently awarded their service necklaces by Dennis West, director, Office of County Management.

Data processing with an IBM System/370, circa 1970s



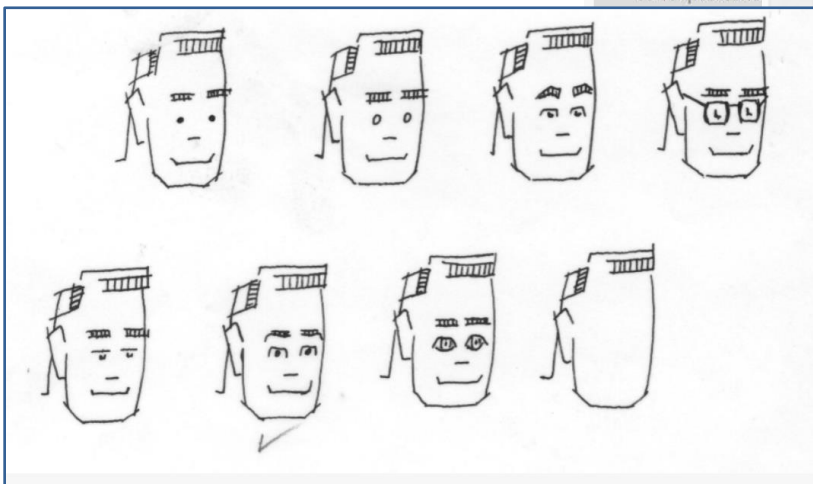
The Game is Afoot // Episode 9: Name That Toon



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Year 1

- 346 participants (5% of total employees)
- 29 haikus
- 26 captions
- 1 Unsolved Mystery



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Thank You!