

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION AND

ORDER No. 94-10-12-1

)IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGING AND
)SHOWING APPRECIATION FOR THE
)BEQUEST MADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE
)LANE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM BY
)JOSEPH ALLEN HOLADAY.

WHEREAS, Joseph A. Holaday made a bequest in excess of \$100,000 to the Lane County Historical Society for the benefit of the Lane County Historical Museum, and this has been established as an endowment for the museum. It is deemed proper and fitting that this gift be acknowledged by a permanent plaque displayed in the museum and through this public resolution.

Joseph Allen Holaday, educator and civic activist, was born on October 18, 1905 in Deer Island, Oregon. As a child, he attended school in Pendleton, graduating in 1925 and going on to the University of Oregon in Eugene, from which he graduated in 1929.

Holaday taught at Corvallis and Klamath Union high schools before returning to Eugene in 1932 as supervisor of social studies at University High School. During World War II, Holaday served in the military. Afterward, he established the Holaday Nursery, a nursery and garden shop that specialized in rare shrubs and trees. In 1950 he married Gladys Chase, managing partner of Chase Flowers and Gifts.

Holaday's dedication to Lane County history is evidenced by his membership in the Friends of the Lane County Historical Museum, the Lane County Historical Society, and the Oregon Genealogical Society. Holaday was also a member of several civic and social organizations, including the Willakenzie Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, Theta Chi fraternity, and the Scottish Society.

In addition to local history, Holaday was actively interested in environmental issues such as land use, alternative energy, and conservation. In 1969 the Eugene Water and Electric Board announced plans to build a nuclear power plant. In response, Holaday co-organized the Eugene Future Power Committee and led the committee's successful petition drive to put an initiative delaying nuclear plant development on the May 1970 ballot. The initiative passed by a narrow margin, placing a four-year moratorium on the development of the nuclear plant.

Holaday enjoyed writing, and extracts of his memoirs have been published in various historical journals. Recognizing the importance of preserving the written word, he donated a significant manuscript collection to the archives of the Lane County Historical Museum. Subjects in the collection include development of alternative energy, environmental issues, land use, local parks, schools in Lane County, and horticulture, as well as his personal memoirs.

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BY *Pat Duke*

Joseph Holaday died at the age of 86 on September 21, 1992 in Eugene, Oregon. He will be well remembered for his lifelong contributions as an educator, historian, and environmentalist.

WHEREAS, his generosity and interest in the museum will have a long-term, significant benefit for the citizens of Lane County,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Lane County Board of Commissioners show its appreciation of Joseph A. Holaday.

DATED this 12th day of October, 1994.


Chair, Board of County Commissioners