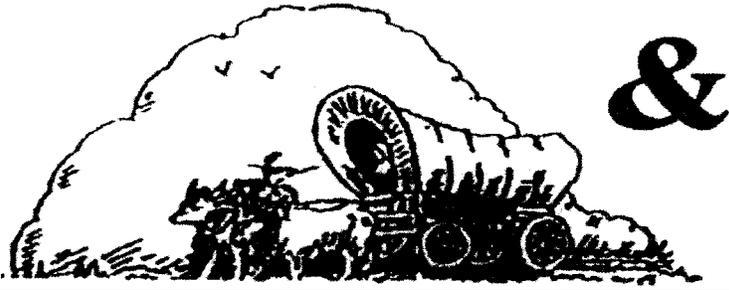


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## Historic Shaniko School Open to Visitors, Receives Historic Flag

### How Many Stars?

By Judith Drew

It all started the summer of 2008 with a question: If the Shaniko Schoolhouse was built in 1901, and had a flag in its classroom, how many stars would have been on that flag?

Debra Holbrook, Shaniko's historian, knew something about Oregon's pioneer days. Judith Drew, weaver and docent of the school's living history wool and weaving displays, had lived in New Mexico for 40 years and knew that New Mexico and Oklahoma were among the last to join up, in the last of the 20<sup>th</sup> century someplace. We were guessing and began quizzing visitors as they came in to see the newly renovated school. With grant money and some private funds, plus a lot of hard work, the school had just been reopened in its authentic restoration.

Visitors were puzzled, too; nobody seemed really certain as to the correct 1901 number of stars we should be looking for. We wanted to replace the current flag with one that was correct to the opening year of the school.

The question piqued the curiosity of one of our local guests, Gene Harris, who owns a seed production farm just north of Madras on Hwy 97. After visiting our "museum" exhibit on wool and the history of Shaniko, Mr. Harris went home and asked his wife if she knew the answer. Monica then went straight to the computer and got history on the progression of US flags. She found that 45 would have been the correct number for just a short time. Utah, received statehood in 1896 and Oklahoma in 1907. The odds of finding a flag with 45 stars was unlikely, and if found would be very expensive. So, Gene and Monica did a kind and neighborly deed:

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they ordered one custom-made from a business in Illinois whose specialty is in historic flags. They have donated this flag to the Shaniko Schoolhouse, complementing the historic accuracy of the restoration.

The flag was formally dedicated on Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Shaniko Schoolhouse at 1 P.M.

The school is now open for 4-day weekends (Friday through Monday) over the summer. Guests are welcome 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 P.M., June through September. The educational exhibit room includes a Weaver's Workshop with antique equipment, wool products and books, the Sheep to Shawl exhibit, the school room exhibit (under construction) and Shaniko history. Admission is always free.

The following information will be displayed with the flag along with a picture commemorating the dedication day:

#### FLAG OF 1900

In 1896 Utah joined the Union and became the 45th state. The first school class in Shaniko was under a subscription session in 1900 in a small building near the present Shaniko School building that was built in late 1900 and opened in 1901. School children saluted the 45-star United States flag for seven years. In November of 1907 the Oklahoma Territory become the 46th state in the Union. The historically accurate flag that is displayed here was custom-made for the newly restored Shaniko School in 2008, and was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Harris. The flag was dedicated to the school on June 14, 2009.

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### SOCIETY SURNAME LIST

The surname list is compiled by Surname, Date, Place of Birth and Death of ancestors done on a pedigree chart and turned into Rose Denslinger, 541-296-4140. If you need blank pedigree charts to fill out, contact Rose.



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When submitting your pedigree chart, there should be a year(s) and an area (county and state) associated with the surname. If these are unknown when you submit a pedigree chart, we count back 20 years from the birth of the first descendent. That date will be used with a question mark. The same area as the birth of the first child will be used for the area.

The compiled Surname Lists are on the shelves of the Genealogy cases in The Dalles/Wasco County Public Library. New charts will be filed in the Additions Section.

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### Welcome New Member

Beverly Stockhoff

### Cemetery Fundraiser Success

A recent yard sale to raise money for the Pioneer Cemetery Monument Fund brought in \$400.00 in sales and donations. We are very grateful to all who participated; Rose Denslinger, Mary Watts, Donna Holycross, Barbara Pashek, Mark and Bill Adams (Verneice), Karen Polehn, Barbara Adkinson, Renee Briggs, Luann , Pauline Caufield, Kathy Pierce, and Erik & Jennifer Anderson. Thank you all very much.

If each Society member could donate just \$10.00, this could very well put us over the top, and then we could proceed with the Pioneer Cemetery Monument.

### Photos & Stories Wanted

Do you have an old family photo and/or a story that you would like to share? We would love to see your photos and hear about your family history.



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### Don't Overlook Historical Societies!

If you think you have searched everywhere for that "lost" ancestor - think again! Small local Historical Societies can provide just that one piece of information you need.

“A family tree can wither if nobody tends it’s roots.”

## RESOURCE CENTERS

### **The Dalles-Wasco County Library**

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722 Court Street  
The Dalles, OR 97058  
Phone: 541-296-2815

#### Hours:

Tuesday & Wednesday: 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
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Saturday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Sunday & Monday: Closed



### **The Family History Centers**

#### **The Dalles FHC**

1504 East 15th Street  
The Dalles, OR 97058  
West Entrance, basement  
Phone: 541-298-5815 Director: Chris Knowland  
Hours:  
Tuesday, Wed., Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

#### **Goldendale FHC**

North Columbus Avenue, & McKinley  
Director: Rex Welch  
P.O. Box 109  
Goldendale, WA 98620  
Phone: 509-773-3824  
Hours:  
Tuesday, Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday Only: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

#### **Hood River FHC**

18th and May, Hood River, OR  
Director: Linda Colton  
Phone: 541-386-3539  
Hours:  
Tuesday, Wed., Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. 5pm -8pm

#### **Stevenson FHC**

Maple Way and Loop Rd., Stevenson, WA  
Director: Richard Haskew  
Phone: 509-427-5927  
Hours:  
Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday & Thursday: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### **William G. Dick Library**

The Discovery Center & Wasco County  
Historical Museum

5000 Discovery Road  
The Dalles, OR 97058

Phone: 541-296-8600, x. 219

Hours: M-W-F: 11 to 3, and by appointment

E-mail: library@gorgediscovery.org

### **Dufur Historical Society**

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### **Wamic Community Historical Society**

P.O. Box 806  
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Those who have any questions regarding returned checks or have had a check returned to the Society are encouraged to contact us as soon as possible. (Telephone: 509-767-2316)

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



We just passed the longest day of the year but still have a lot of long days to enjoy. As those of you who attended the June meeting are aware, we will not meet again until September. Verneice Adams passing took the joy out of planning a picnic, and we have a possibility of a good scanning workshop in the fall or winter so your Board decided to cancel July and August meetings. Hope you have a great summer and have lots of genealogy adventures to share in the fall.

The logistics of the April meeting got a little complicated. We notified everyone except the Discovery Center that we changed the date, for which I can take the blame. Anyway, between Helen and Glenna we had a very nice meeting at NORCOR (Northern Oregon Corrections) Juvenile Facility. Nancy Zopf gave an interesting presentation on the history of the hospitals in The Dalles, and brought some of the Pioneer Association picture boards for us to see. A special thanks to helpers Ed McCargar and David Zopf, Ed for coming with Glenna to assess the facility, and David for helping Nancy move all of her props in and out.

Accolades to Dennis Radford for pulling together the May clean-up at The Dalles Pioneer Cemetery. The city had hired the "weed whacking" done and we cleaned up brush and limbs, cleaned around the bases of grave markers, and did some light cleaning of the stones. Mary Watts, Lorna Elliott, Paulette Brook, Donna Holycross, Dennis and his wife, Anne (who came to cheer us on), and yours truly spent most of the day there. Bob McNary of The Dalles Historic Landmarks Commission also spent some time with us. Thanks to all of you.

I was unable to attend the June general meeting and program, but I have heard from a number of folks that, Google's presenter, Brian Derr did a good job in demystifying "googling." He passed out a cheat sheet which can be accessed at <http://www.google.com/help/cheatsheet.html>. It lists all of the operations that can be used to short cut the search process. I thought I was pretty savvy but found

things that I didn't know. In addition he provided a list of Helpful Links to which he added comments.

Our plans for a table at the Wasco County Pioneer Reunion did not work out, but we will be more organized next year and apply earlier. We hope to have a booth at Historic The Dalles Days in September, and of course the library display in October.

Your Board of Directors had a very productive executive board meeting this past month. It was recapped at the June meeting and here are the high points, all approved by unanimous vote: 1) Summer meetings were cancelled 2) The Certificate of Deposit at Columbia River Bank will be rolled over when it comes due 3) A letter was sent to The Dalles Historic Landmarks Commission outlining what we have done and will do, also to be sent to all members 4) Formal bids for the monument will be requested of Odd Fellow Cemetery, The Dalles Marble & Granite, and Vancouver Granite Works using the form that was used by Pioneer Monument 5) The Federal 501 (c)(3) application process will proceed 6) 2009 Workshop profits will be divided evenly between the General Fund and the Monument Fund 7) Mail distribution protocol was firmed up 8) Ken Leibham was approved as pro-bono financial auditor for 2008 9) The Executive Board (excluding the President) will act as the nominating committee for the nomination of officers for 2010. In addition, the following amendments to the organizational by-laws will be presented to the membership for consideration in September, and for vote in October: 1) proposal: two year terms for all officers 2) proposal: staggering of terms so that President and Vice President elections are on even years, with Secretary and Treasurer elections on odd years. 3) proposal: that four additional positions be added to the Executive Board, namely the chairmen of Membership, Publicity, Newsletter, and Program. 4) proposal: that Membership and Publicity chairmen be elected on even years, and Newsletter and Program chairmen be elected on odd years.

Finally a thank you to Renee Briggs, her friends and neighbors for staging a yard sale for the purpose of collecting funds for the cemetery monument. Every dollar helps.



## Verneice Adams

Alice Louise (Verneice) Smith Adams, 78, died at Mid-Columbia Medical Center May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009. She was born February 08, 1931, at Rose Lake, Kootenai Co., ID. She was one of five children born to Charles Vernon and Lola Hazel Wilcox Smith.

Verneice was a 64 year pioneer member of the Washington State Grange, was an avid Genealogist, a former rock hound, and antique bottle hunter. She enjoyed creating ceramics, loved painting, and raised many litters of Toy Poodles.

On January 15, 1949, Verneice married Thomas Clark Adams at Vancouver, Clark Co., WA. While raising their three children, she and Tom worked for wheat ranchers from 1952-1967 in Jefferson, Sherman and Wasco counties in Oregon. From 1967-1969 they lived in Goldendale, Klickitat County, WA where she taught ceramics in the local community center. In 1969 the family moved to Wasco, Sherman County, OR. In 1971 Tom became a millwright with Harvey Aluminum Company in Goldendale, WA. They moved to The Dalles, OR in the late 70's and lived there until moving to Dallesport, Klickitat County, WA in 1980.

Verneice wore many hats in her lifetime. She worked for Montgomery Ward in Portland, OR. Vancouver, WA. and The Dalles, OR. She was a homemaker, a 4-H Leader and assistant for sewing, knitting, cooking and horsemanship, maintenance mechanic, dispatcher, wheat truck and chemical truck driver. She helped start and run the Dal-gold credit union for both aluminum plants, and worked at Equitable Savings and Loan. She was the past president of the Dallesport Water Association and also past president of the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society.

Verneice never met a stranger in her life and over the years helped many others when they needed it. This shows in the many friends that she has left behind.

She was preceded in death by her husband Tom in 1994, her parents, and her brother Lloyd. Her brother Fred died June 19, 2009. She is survived by her children Mark and Bill of Dallesport, her daughter Nancy of Wasco and her brother Leon Smith and sister June Smith-McCullough.

Private cremation was held at Win-Quatt Crematory in The Dalles with Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home in care of arrangements. The family will have a memorial at a later date, and will notify friends and family of the date. For those people whom we are not aware of, that would like to attend, please contact the family at the following address.

Mark L Adams P.O. Box 234 Dallesport, WA 98617-0234, e-mail: [mladams@gorge.net](mailto:mladams@gorge.net)

## Legislature Approves U.S. Hwy. 97 WW II Veterans Historic Highway Designation

~ From material provided by Dick Tobiason, LTC US Army Retired

**Chairman, US Highway 97 WORLD WAR II  
VETERANS HISTORIC HIGHWAY Committee**

The World War II Veterans Historic Highway Committee reports that this regional tribute to veterans of a specific war, WW II, in this case, is a first for Oregon... from the Washington line to the California line. It complements the existing Blue Star Memorial Highway designation given to U.S. 97 many decades ago. Oregon will join more than a dozen states in honoring WW veterans with highway signs.

In developing SB 449, the World War II Veterans Historic Highway Committee received almost 100 letters of support from boards of county commissions and county courts, city councils, State legislators, State officials, county historical societies, veterans groups, military historians, museums, and private citizens.

Governor Kulongoski's signature will create a law to allow ODOT to install "WORLD WAR II VETERANS HISTORIC HIGHWAY" signs on Highway 97 and S.R. 126 near eight (8) WWII training facilities at Biggs/Rufus, Madras, Prineville, Redmond, Bend, Sunriver, and Klamath Falls (2 sites). The costs to create, install and maintain the signs will be paid for by the private sector – no tax payer funds will be used.

Once SB 449 becomes law, the Committee will meet with local ODOT officials to draft the necessary agreements to implement SB 449 and begin raising funds to pay for the signs and create plans for dedicating them.

The signs will:

- honor regional WWII veterans - the 10,400 who served, the 261 who died, and the 3,500 living from the 6 counties served by U.S. 97 and S.R.126
- educate the traveling public about the vital WWII training sites on or near U.S. Highway 97
- the historic aspect.

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# **HISTORY OF THE DALLES CHERRY INDUSTRY AT THE DALLES, OREGON**

**A story in connection with the observance of National Cherry Month during February 1969.**

Henderson Lewelling 1847 to Oregon, Milwaukie  
Rotherseth Lewelling to Oregon 1850. Developed Bing and Lambert Varieties.

## **The First Orchard in Eastern Oregon.**

The Biography of George and Martha Snipes says "We arrived in The Dalles in 1853 and first worked for Dr. C.W. Shaug on his ranch west of The Dalles. In 1854 we went to Rowena to live. I started the first fruit orchard on my donation Land Claim at Rowena in 1859. We sent to the Lwelling Nursery at Milwaukie, Oregon for the trees and planted that same year apples, pears, peaches and cherries from the pits. The orchard had good crops for 62 years (1854-1918). These are what is left of the first fruit trees planted in all of Eastern Oregon. In 1862 we came back to The Dalles from Rowena and have lived here (in Snipes Acres) ever since (1862-1918).

"While in Rowena in 1855 the snow was 5 feet deep! One moonlight night in 1856, during the Yakima Indian War, our dog came whining and scratching at the cabin door. I looked down at it in the darkness to discover that it had arrows in its body! I told Martha to get up and load the guns with buckshot, that Indians were outside the cabin and had shot the dog. While she was loading the guns with buckshot I scratched the calking from between the logs and in the moonlight I could see 5 or 6 Indians. I blazed away and noticed one of them fall. I could here arrows strike the side of the cabin. I fired the second gun and another Indian fell. They considered this enough and retreated with their dead and wounded. The next day we left for the security of the garrison at the Old Fort Dalles Where we remained until spring." (The Snipes cabin was just east of the Rowena School).

Snipes Acres on Chenoweth road was the 1847 Donation Land Claim of Nathan Olney, first merchant and settler of The Dalles in 1848 at 105 W 2<sup>nd</sup> street where he had a log store on the banks of Mill creek and traded with the Indians, emigrants and soldiers. Olney sold his ranch and store to Dr. C W. Shaug in 1852 who continued to operate the store and home as the 2<sup>nd</sup> merchant of The Dalles. Snipes bought the 640 acres from Dr. Shaug, one of the first physicians of The Dalles. Snipes Continued,

"On Snipes Acres I plowed the first furrows ever turned on the old Olney-Shaug place. I split and hauled the rails for the first fence on the place. In 1854 we mad a garden and sowed some grain as fast as we could get the ground broken up. I did this with a yoke of oxen that Mr. Luce left with me when he went to the Willamette Valley. In 1866 Dr. Shaug set out an orchard, including some cherries from Rowena and planted locus trees for shade (2<sup>nd</sup> orchard in The Dalles). That same year (1856). 'Shoo-fly' Brown, who lived on Browns creek (Branch of Chenoweth) planted fruit trees (3<sup>rd</sup> orchard at the Dalles)."

## **Denton's Treaty Oak Nursery**

As early as 1853 Chas. W. Denton settled on his "Treaty Oak" Donation Land claim on Mill Creek property now (1969) known as the Nielsen Place, where he established the first nursery at the Dalles and set out the first orchard on Mill creek which included apples, pears, plums, cherries, grapes and shade trees. Many of the old shade trees we see in and around The Dalles came from his nursery.

Chas Denton was an old Indian Scout and fighter. In those early days the officers of Old Fort Dalles paid a "bounty" on Indian scalps to be counted and there was a white man's scalp among them! "How come?" the officers wanted to know, "The white scalp among Indian scalps?" "Well," replied Charlie, "All I know is that when we silenced the Indians and went to get the scalps, there lay a dead white man with the Indians, so we took his scalp too!"

Treaty Oak, on the Denton-Nielson place, was where the Indian Treaty of 1855 was signed by the Indians and Joel Palmer, Indian Agent, who signed for the government. The signing was witnessed by Chas Denton. The Treaty Oak still stands on the Nielsen place. The first cherry and other fruit trees from the Denton Nursery would hardly be considered worthy of orchard classifications by today's standards, but they were the "grandfathers" of some of the old fruit trees in and around The Dalles today.

## **Seufert Cannery Orchards**

Frank Seufert, owner of the Seufert Cannery and orchards 4 miles east of The Dalles, was born in N.Y. (1856) Where he went to school and learned the butcher trade. In 1878 he went to San Francisco where he worked at his trade until he came to The Dalles with the coming of the railroad in 1882 and opened a meat market and shipped fish and fruit by rail to Chicago via Spokane with the completion of the railroad. He then purchased the small Whitcomb Fish Cannery near the mouth of 15 Mile creek in 1884 expanding it to 1500 cases of fish and fruit by 1896.

He leveled off the sand dunes between 3 mile creek and 15 mile creek and in 1886 he planted the Seufert Cherry Orchards, some 40 acres which can be considered the first commercial cherry orchard at The Dalles. He purchased the nursery stock from the pioneer Sellimeier Nursery at Forest Grove, according to Francis and Edward Seufert.

He hauled all the manure he could get from the livery stables in The Dalles to fertilize the orchards. He then put a dam in near the mouth of 15 Mile creek and irrigated the orchards, the first to be irrigated at The Dalles on a large scale. It remained a profitable orchard from 1896 until 1952,

harvesting from 40 to 100 tons of cherries per year. Some of the crop was shipped to fresh market (first cherries of The Dalles to be shipped to fresh markets) and some were canned, (being likewise the first cherries canned at The Dalles.)

In addition to this Seufert canned and shipped up to 300 tons of cherries every year which he bought from other orchardist's of the Dalles between 1884 and 1952. The legislation authorizing the building of The Dalles Dam provided for acquisition of the Seufert Cannery and orchards which were turned over to Wasco County for public park purposes. Wasco County has since sold some of the orchard land to the State of Oregon for office building purposes and the county now wants the people to provide another park at the mouth of Chenoweth Creek.

### **Sunset Hill Orchards**

Leading orchardist of the Sunset Hill area, now known as Sorosis Park was Emil (Amiel) Schanno, Native of France who came to The Dalles in 1860 with his brothers Charlie and Joe and started the Columbia Brewery at the foot of Brewery Grade on E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Until the coming of the railroad the beer business was not very good so he sold out in 1877 to August Buchler, Native of Switzerland, and acquired his orchard property on Sunset Hill.

This was before Seufert had planted his orchards and fruit trees on dry land were in the experimental stage. After the establishment of the Oregon Agricultural College horticulture department at Corvallis, he obtained from them some cherry trees for his experimental orchard on Sunset Hill. There were a lot of unknown problems with the growing cherry trees in the 1880's and 1890's and Mr. Schanno's correspondence with the horticultural department of the college grew to be as thick as Sears-Roebuck's catalogue.

In addition he spent money, time, work and travel pioneering the cherry industry on the dry lands of The Dalles. He sold his cherries to Seufert cannery, some being shipped to the fresh markets and some were canned, and some he shipped by Railway Express. He Married Eliza Schuster of Dallesport and his son Leo went into partnership in the grocery business with his brother-in-law Henry Meier. The Dalles Directory listed him as deceased in 1910. Sunset Hill became the location for the Ed Williams, M.Z. Donnell and George C. Blakeley orchards, in addition to the Schanno orchards.

### **The Pacific Fruit Co.**

The Dalles Directory of 1900 stated that Ed Kurtz was manager of the Pacific Fruit Co. which shipped 83,000 boxes of fruit from The Dalles, about 34 cars, with cherries bringing \$.08 per pound. He was buyer for several small companies and had an orchard of his own out 3 mile way. The Pacific Railway Express Co operated from 1882 to

1908 then it became the American Railway Express and in 1937 The Railway Express. Mr. Kurtz had been a Railway Mail Clerk and transferred to the Pacific Railway Express as a messenger. In 1896 the Express office was robbed of a \$14,000.00 gold shipment to French & Co. Mr. Kurtz helped solve the robbery and was made agent at The Dalles serving until 1910 when he quit to handle fruit shipments for orchardist's as agent to the Pacific Fruit Co. as stated above; another one of the methods by which orchardist's used to market their fruit in addition to selling to the Seufert Cannery or other fruit buyers, or packing it and shipping it independently as individuals, thru Mr. Kurtz as agent.

### **Dr. G. E. Sanders Orchards**

Dr. G. E. Sanders, native of N.Y. and graduate of the University of Michigan school of Dentistry came to The Dalles in 1892 and opened a dental office in the IOOF building at 423 ½ E. 2<sup>nd</sup> where he remained until the fire of 1914, then moved to the Vogt Block. Being interested in horticulture he bought an orchard on 3 Mile which had some cherry trees on it in 1908 that were bearing fruit. In 1910 he got in touch with Prof. C.R. Gardner of the Oregon Agricultural College in Corvallis and he came up with a number of his students to examine the trees. Their conclusions were that the trees were sterile from lack of pollenization. They grafted some Tartarian pollenizers but they failed to live. In 1911 they came up again and "brushed pollenized" the trees by hand and those brushed bore fruit. In 1912 they planted some seedlings, Waterhouses and Republicans pollenizers and as they get to maturity the orchard commenced to bear cherries and has remained in bearing for 57 years to date. This proved the need for pollenizers in cherry orchards and the pattern for their planting was established, which is in use today.

### **The E. P. Roberts Orchard**

Rev. E.P. Roberts was an early 1868 settler on Dry Hollow at the edge of the city and Frank Seufert helped him plan his orchard in 1886 with trees from the Seddlemeier Nursery at Forest Grove, where Mr. Seufert had obtained his trees for the Seufert orchard. His neighbors "thot he was crazy" for trying to grow an orchard on those dry hills, but as they watched his trees grow into a producing orchard they could see the wisdom and foresight that Rev. Roberts had and commenced planting small orchards themselves. Rev. Roberts was a teacher and Congregational church Circuit Rider and father of A.S. Roberts, father of the Grange Market Road law which lifted the farms of Oregon out of the mud.

*Submitted by Karen Polehn*

To be continued in the October newsletter.....

## ON THE WEB

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The period covers the early years of the Dominion of Canada from 1872 through to the end of the First World War, when immigration to North America was increasing Canada saw the majority of migrants arriving from Britain and Ireland which accounted for a large proportion of the Government Service Lists. In 1870 this influx reached its highest level.

The earliest Returns detail the origin and creed of those in the civil service. Canadians were described as French or British or even Irish and German but these distinctions eventually disappear.

[http://www.familyrelatives.com/post\\_search.php?sr=Canada](http://www.familyrelatives.com/post_search.php?sr=Canada)

### 150 Oregon Books for the Oregon Sesquicentennial

Celebrate Oregon's 150th birthday than curling up with a good Oregon book. This will link you to 150 books, carefully selected by librarians at the Oregon State Library in Salem. The list includes books for readers young and old. It includes fiction, non-fiction, history and poetry. Some of these books are in-print and available at bookstores and some are long out-of-print classics. Your local library should have many of them.

<http://www.oregon.gov/OSL/docs/booklist.pdf>

### Genealogy Blog

In the past we have talked about our society starting a Genealogy Blog. Here is an example of what we could do. <http://blog.internet-genealogy.com/>

### Helpful Links (Submitted by Sandy Bisset)

<http://www.dmoz.org/Society/Genealogy/>

The "open directory project" Lots of useful links to web pages, user groups and more

<http://www.daviddrumsey.com/gmaps.html>

Overlays of historic maps over current satellite maps

<http://www.google.com/Top/Society/Genealogy>

Similar to dmoz directory, but done by Google (and customers)

<http://www.googleyourfamilytree.com/>

Has a Google Tips blog:

[http://www.googleyourfamilytree.com/google\\_tips\\_blog\\_for\\_genealogy.php](http://www.googleyourfamilytree.com/google_tips_blog_for_genealogy.php)

I haven't read the book so I can't personally recommend it.

<http://tinyurl.com/anlujb>

Describes how to get email alerts for your common searches

## Historic The Dalles Days

The Dalles, Oregon will be celebrating **Historic The Dalles Days** the third weekend in September 2009 with museum tours, music, food, art and cultural activities for children and adults. We are an official [OREGON150 PARTNER](#), celebrating Oregon's Sesquicentennial anniversary of entry into the union, February 14, 1859.

Horse-drawn wagon rides, historical building tours, visits to [Fort Dalles](#), the Original Wasco County Courthouse, the talking downtown murals, and antique cars, all add up to a



celebration of an old west frontier town that was the center of activity for pioneers, Native American trade, militia, gold miners and mountain men in the wild west. But the highlight in 2009 will be the arrival of the [Ben Kern Wagon Train](#), a live wagon train traveling from Huntington to The Dalles, along the [historic Dalles Military Road](#).

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## American Overseas Military Cemeteries

There are **124,913** U.S. war dead interred in America's overseas military cemeteries, including **30,921** from **World War I**, **93,242** from **World War II** and **750** from the **Mexican War**. In addition, **5,857** American personnel are interred in the Mexico City and Corozal American cemeteries in Mexico and Panama. Another **90,120** U.S. service members, listed as missing in action or lost or buried at sea during the World Wars and the Korean and Vietnam Wars, are commemorated individually by name on stone tablets at the World War I and II cemeteries and three memorials in the United States.

Use of the World War I and II sites as permanent burial grounds for U.S. military personnel was granted in perpetuity by the host countries concerned, free of charge and taxation. Burial in these cemeteries is limited to members of the U.S. armed forces who died overseas during both world wars. American civilian technicians, Red Cross workers and entertainers serving the military were treated as members of the armed forces as far as burial entitlement was concerned.

Each grave site in the permanent American World War I and II cemeteries on foreign soil is marked with a headstone of pristine white marble. The headstones of those of the Jewish faith are tapered marble shafts surmounted by a Star of David; stylized marble Latin crosses mark all others. Annotated on the headstones of World War I service-members who could not be identified are the words: "HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY AN AMERICAN SOLDIER KNOWN BUT TO GOD." The words "AMERICAN SOLDIER" were replaced with the words "COMRADE IN ARMS" on the headstones of the World War II service members who could not be identified.

The Netherlands cemetery is the fifth largest U.S. military cemetery overseas and the third largest World War II military cemetery. **More than 51,000 U.S. military personnel are buried in the four largest cemeteries--- at Manila, Meuse-Argonne, Lorraine and Normandy.**

\*Manila cemetery. Located six miles southeast of the city of Manila, Republic of the Philippines, the 152-acre Manila cemetery contains the largest number of graves of U.S. military dead from World War II, a total of **17,206**, most of whom gave their lives during operations in New

Guinea and the Philippines. The names of another **32,282** are recorded as missing on rectangular piers, which make up the two large hemicycles located on a wide terrace in front of the

cemetery's chapel. Twenty-five large concrete mosaic maps commemorate the achievements of the American armed forces in the Pacific, China, India and Burma.

\*Meuse-Argonne cemetery. Located east of the village of Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, France, the Meuse-Argonne cemetery covers 130 1/2 acres and contains the largest number of U.S. military dead in Europe, a total of **14,246**. Most of those buried here gave their lives during the Meuse-Argonne offensive of World War I. The immense array of headstones rises in long regular rows upward beyond a wide central pool to the chapel, which crowns the ridge. On either side of the cemetery's chapel are memorial loggias containing the names of **954** missing, including those of the U.S. expedition to northern Russia in 1918 and 1919.

\*Lorraine cemetery. Located 3/4 mile north of the French town of St. Avoird, the Lorraine cemetery covers 113 1/2 acres and contains the largest number of graves of our military dead from World War II in Europe, a total of **10,489**. Most of those buried here lost their lives fighting in this region. Their headstones are arranged in nine plots in a generally elliptical design extending over the beautiful terrain of eastern Lorraine and culminating in a prominent overlook feature. The names of another **444** Americans are inscribed on the Tablets of the Missing. A large figure of St. Nabor, a martyred Roman soldier, overlooks the silent host.

\*Normandy cemetery. Perhaps the best known and most widely visited of America's military cemeteries overseas, the Normandy cemetery is situated on a cliff overlooking Omaha Beach and the English Channel, just east of the French town of St. Laurent-sur-Mer and northwest of Bayeux in Colleville-sur-Mer, 170 miles east of Paris. The cemetery covers 172 1/2 acres and contains the graves of **9,386** of our military dead, most of whom gave their lives battling their way off assault beaches on D-Day and breaking out of the beachhead. The names of 1,557 missing are inscribed on the walls of the semicircular garden on the east side of the cemetery.

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