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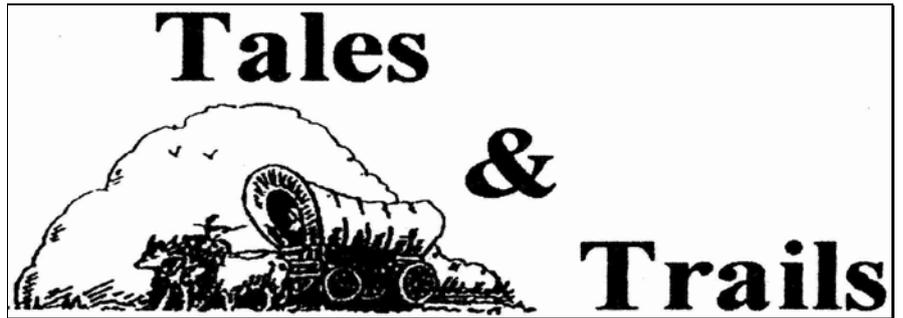
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Washington

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From the Editor

By Jim Bull

Well, here it is - my first effort as editor of Tales and Trails is now published. I'm sure you will note a few changes from previous issues. Hopefully you, the reader, will view them favorably.

As I started to put this issue together I reviewed many past issues and did some thinking. A few questions came to mind and I would appreciate any thoughts the following questions might prompt in the way of an answer from you, the reader. Send those thoughts to jimbull@gorge.net. I'll use them to shape the content of future issues as best I can.

1. What articles/information have you most enjoyed in past issues of Tales and Trails?
2. What type of articles would you like to see in future issues, e.g., general historical, how to, meetings/workshops, people stories, computer tips related to genealogy, etc.?
3. Is there any particular area of the country you would like to see articles about, e.g., New England, Mid Atlantic, Southwest, Rocky Mtns.,

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Dues Due For 2010

**Roy (or Ray)
COVEY Photo
Found**

Shortly after the last issue of Tale and Trails went to the printer member Kay Chestnut received an email from the MOJASPER@Rootsweb.com list. It reads as follows:

I've "rescued" an old photograph of Roy COVEY that was taken at the Gifford Studio in The Dalles Oregon. The photograph appears to have been taken in the early 1900's with Roy likely in his early teens at the time it was taken. In addition to his name, someone has written "This is Polly's boy" and "Leda's Brother" and "Walt's nephew" on the back of the photograph.



"I've found a home!"

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Based on limited research I was able to locate the following information regarding Roy and his family:

Roy or Ray COVEY b. May 1891 in Wasco Co. OR to parents Cyrus Uriah COVEY (b. 9 Apr 1858 in Scotland, MO) and Polly Ann Thomas (b. 1869). Two children were born to this couple. Lida and Roy or Ray COVEY both born in Wasco Co. OR between 1889 and 1891. Census records provide the following information: 1900 Census of Boyd, OR

Cyrus COVEY, age 42 born 1858, married 14 years, parents born MO, a Day Laborer.

P. COVEY, Wife, age 32, born 1868, married 14 years, 2 children/1 living, born OR, Mother born OH

Linda COVEY, dau, age 11 born Feb 1889, Born OR, at Home.

Roy Covey, Son age 9 born 1891, born OR, at Home.

I am hoping to locate someone from the family so that his wonderful old photograph can be returned to the care of his family. If you are a member of this family, or you know someone who might be, please contact me.

Thanks, Shelley Cardiel

[Editor's Note: See update on Page 10, Column 2 for the rest of the story as Paul Harvey would say. JB]

Unmarked graves found in Central Idaho cemetery

The Associated Press • Published November 06, 2009

HAILEY, Idaho – A survey of the Hailey Cemetery using ground penetrating radar has found hundreds of unmarked graves.

Many of the unmarked graves in the 13-acre central Idaho cemetery are in a one-acre area referred to on maps as the "Chinese Cemetery."

Officials say a brush fire in the 1930s destroyed wood markers, and that another fire in town at a later date destroyed burial records.

"The oldest gravestone is from 1879," cemetery clerk Steve Tomkins told the Idaho Mountain Express. "But I am sure there are some older burials than that."

Cemetery officials want to find unmarked graves to avoid digging in occupied ground. Six years ago workers unearthed bones in a spot thought to be vacant.

The \$12,000 survey was conducted last summer by Brad Ford, a Boise State University geophysicist. He's now overlaying an official map of cemetery plots against the results of his survey.

"As you can see, we found things everywhere," Ford said at a presentation on Wednesday to cemetery officials. "Because of the characteristics and depths of them, and the regular spacing, they are definitely burials."

The survey also showed burials under asphalt roadways and in an old canal that once ran through the cemetery but was filled in.

Ford said, based on the ground-penetrating radar, some of the unmarked graves contained metal coffins and concrete vaults, while others could be wood coffins.

About 300 Chinese lived in Hailey during the 1880s, said Teddie Daley, director of the Blaine County Historical Museum. Daley said they worked in mines in the surrounding hills, kept shops and grew crops in what is now a residential area of town.

Cemetery Board Chairman Ray Grosvenor said the board plans to erect a "Memorial to the Unknown" in the "Chinese Cemetery."

Submitted by Renee Briggs 11/8/09

Columbia Gorge Genealogical Resources

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<p>The Dalles FHC 1504 East 15th St West Entrance, basement The Dalles, OR 97058 Phone: 541-298-5815 Director: Chris Knowland Open: Tue., Wed., Thur. 10:30 a.m to 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Goldendale FHC N. Columbus Ave. & McKinley P.O. Box 109 Goldendale, WA 98620 Phone: 509-773-3824 Director Ed Hoyle Open: Tue., Wed. 10:00– 4:00 Thur. 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Hood River FHC 18th & May St. Hood River, OR 97031 Phone: 541-386-3539 Director: Noretta Hornbeck Open: Tue., Wed., Thur. 10:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Stevenson FHC Maple Way & Loop Rd. Stevenson, WA 98648 Phone 509-427-5927 Director: Emerline Andrews Open: Wed. 1:00– 3:00 p.m Thur. 6:00– 9:00 p.m.</p>
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Wamic Hist. Society

P.O. Box 806
Wamic, OR 9706

Wasco Co. Hist. Society

300 W. 13th
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Klickitat Co. Hist. Society

127 W. Broadway
Goldendale, WA 98620
509-773-4303

Sherman Co. Hist. Museum

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Moro, OR 97039
541-565-3232

Hood River Co. Mus.

300 E. Port Marina. Dr.
Hood River. OR 97031
541-386-6722

Gorge Heritage Mus.

202 E. Humboldt
Bingen, WA 98605
509-493-3228

Col. Gorge Interpretive Mus.

990 SW Rock Cr. Dr.
Stevenson, WA 98648
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The Dalles, OR 97058
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4967 Baseline Dr.
Parkdale, OR 97041
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Cascade Locks Hist. Mus.

1 NW Portage Rd
Cascade Locks, OR 97014
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[Editor's note: At the October 10, 2009 meeting member Anne Ward mentioned several errors in the October issue of Tales and Trails about the White Salmon Pioneer Cemetery taken from a 1982 article in The Enterprise. The following reflects the results of Anne's ongoing research since that article first appeared. JB]

[Corrections and additional material for page 7 of October 2009 "Tales and Trails", beginning with paragraph five.] "History Buried in Pioneer Park Corner" by Elaine Greear.

Monroe Allen Ziegler, infant son of Samuel C. and Anna Beemer Ziegler, was born July 17th 1903 and died February 17th 1905. His father arrived in White Salmon in 1894. He was a successful fruit grower and carpenter, building the addition to the Byrnett (Joslyn) residence, Hotel Washington, Groshong's blacksmith shop on Maine Street, and his own home at the foot of the bluff. He also built the stairway that led from his home to the Dock Grade to facilitate his children's attending the White Salmon Schools.

Harry F. Ziegler, also a son of Samuel C. and Anna M. Ziegler, was born May 12th 1901 and died September 7th 1901.

Bethewel Hendryx, born December 12th 1835, died February 15th 1908. He arrived in the White Salmon area in 1887 and homesteaded on Rattlesnake Road.

Reinert B. Hansen, born in Norway November 4th 1849, died April 21st 1884. He came here in 1870 and homesteaded the area halfway from the Congregational Church to the then City Hall. Hansen and Jacob E. Jacobsen owned most of the present town site. His home was located at the site of the present Rainier Bank.

Mary Anna Rankin, also called Anna Mary, died in the Hood River valley December 29th 1899. She was born October 13th 1875, the second daughter of John and Mary Swan Purser. She married W.W. Rankin in February 1895. Her funeral sermon was preached by Elder Wyman at the White Salmon Congregational

church on December 30th, followed by burial in the church graveyard.

Sgt. William Willits, Company D, 6th Kansas Cavalry, came west from Kansas in the mid-1880's. He was in partnership in the dairy business with James Warner until dissolving the partnership in 1874. Shortly after dissolving the partnership, he was found dead on his property from a gunshot wound to the head. To this day it is not known whether his death was an accident, suicide or murder. At the time of his death there was no local cemetery, so he was buried on the hillside near his home. On October 14th 1922, the remains of Sgt. Willits were moved to the White Salmon graveyard. After forty-eight years in a "forgotten" grave he was exhumed and reburied with the respect due a veteran of the Civil War and is the last person known to be buried in the pioneer's graveyard.

Emerson P. Williams was a merchant, liveryman and, beginning in November 1903, the postmaster at Husum Falls. He was born October 28th 1864 and died June 18th 1904. *The Enterprise* article has confused his data with that of his daughter, Lydia, who died of typhoid fever and pneumonia on December 4th 1905, and was buried beside her father in the White Salmon graveyard.

Lloyd C., son of Abram B and Katie M. Johnson Groshong, died in January 1904 at Vancouver, Washington. He was born January 19th 1893, a twin of Clara. His father, Abram, was known as "Judge Groshong." The judge was a member

of the first town council, a charter member of the Missionary Baptist church, and lived in White Salmon until his death in 1950.

Katie M, wife of Abram B. Groshong, died February 2nd 1896, aged 25 years, 5 months, 29 days. Katie was the daughter of J. W. and Jennie Johnson, and was born August 22nd 1870 in Webster County, Kentucky. She and Abram were married November 25th 1888 in North Yakima. "It was hard to give thee up, But Thy will, O God, be done."

Not Ernie, but Emile, son of Rudolf and Wilhelmina Hillje Lauterbach, was born January 17th 1892, and died August 26th 1896 on the Dock Grade, when a load of lumber on a wagon pitched forward onto the team causing them to become unmanageable, with the result that the wagon's occupants were thrown out. Emile was crushed by the wheels, his father suffered injuries and bruises, but his sister Meta escaped unhurt. His father, Rudolf, came to White Salmon in 1892. He established the second mercantile business, was postmaster from 1893, helped build the dock grade, was instrumental in developing the town, gave land for the school was partial owner of the city water works, was a mason and built his own residence on west Jewett Avenue, and was a director of the bank.

Margarethe Freiz, born in Germany, had resided near Fort Worth, Texas before coming to White Salmon. She was the wife of John Lauterbach (1824-1902), and they were the

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parents or four sons, John W., Rudolf, Henry, and August. She died February 12th 1899, aged 73 years. John died June 9th 1902, and is also buried in the White Salmon graveyard.

Harvey Dunn, 1888-1905, was a son of William H. and Ida Waters Dunn, and nephew of Jennie Waters Jewett. His sister Mary married Charles E. Mansfield in 1909. Harvey drowned in Warner Lake (Bingen) on February 13th 1905.

George Swan was born in October 1819, his wife Mary A. Swan in November 1816, both births in England. They were not related to the Wolfards. Both died in White Salmon; Mary on April 1st 1905, and George on March 25th 1906, and both were buried in the graveyard near the Congregational church, of which they were charter members. They were the grandparents of Mary Anne Purser Rankin, mentioned earlier. Insofar as now known, there was no one named Church buried in the graveyard by this church.

John J., born November 14th 1880, a son of John P. and Margaret Hoben Egan, was drowned when he fell overboard from a sailboat at the White Salmon Landing on March 25th 1902. His body was found washed ashore at Bonneville in mid April. His parents came to White Salmon in 1880. Australian by birth, John, Sr. served 3 years as Mayor, 3 years as constable, 12 years as school director, 3 years as county commissioner for the 3rd District, 8 years as justice-of-the-peace, not necessarily in that order. John, Sr. also was one of the men who started Dock Grade road when a landowner at Bingen closed the road across his land and the White Salmon people had no way to get to the dock. He and others procured subscriptions and workers for White Salmon's "wharf road," which for some time was the town's only path to and from the outside world. It began at the Columbia river at the steamship dock/wharf, went across the "flat"

(Palmer's Trail) which was originally the zigzagging Indian trail up the bluff used by Indian Alec who brought the mail from Hood River to the White Salmon post office which was where the Masonic Temple building is now.

Many others, prominent in the historical beginnings of White Salmon, were buried in White Salmon Pioneer Cemetery. Due to lack of record keeping and vandalism much information has, through the years, disappeared.

{Sources for corrections and additional information are the Federal and State Censuses, Klickitat County records, and the early Hood River *Glacier*. Anne M. Ward - 10/22/09}



WS accepts plan to renovate old cemetery

SDS offers proposal

SDS Lumber Co. is offering to pay for a major renovation of the former pioneer cemetery behind Thriftway in White Salmon.

In a presentation to Mayor David Poucher and the White Salmon City Council on Nov. 4, SDS President Jason Spadaro explained that the park, formally called "Pioneer Park," has been overlooked and neglected for many years- and many local residents do not even realize the site is a graveyard.

Currently, the only indication that the lot is actually a cemetery is a relatively small weathered bronze sign facing Thomish Street.

"White Salmon Pioneer Park," the sign reads. And below that, in smaller lettering: "Memory of the Early Pioneers of the White Salmon Valley."

Those involved in the proposal to renovate the site include members of the Gorge Heritage Museum, descendants of pioneers buried in the graveyard, and White Salmon City Council members. The goal is to "provide appropriate recognition and respect for the area pioneers and their resting sites."

Enterprise 11/19/2009
<http://www.whitesalmonenterprise.com/WSENews0.shtml>

Tales & Trails

[Ed.Note-The following will be a regular feature of the newsletter whereby members can share a bit of information about themselves and their genealogical/family history interests. JB]

Getting Acquainted

Jim Bull

Jim was born in Buffalo, NY and moved to the Philadelphia suburb when he was six. While attending Penn State he married Polly, his wife of 50 years, and they have three grown children. Their oldest daughter Carol lives just down the road from their Trout Lake home and daughter Robin is in Vader WA. Son Gary is on Prince of Wales Island in SE Alaska. Grandson Joshua and Granddaughter Nicole round out the immediate family.

Jim's involvement in genealogy started when he retired in 1995 after

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Historical Society Close to Goal of Purchasing The Sherman Co. Journal.

Excerpted From *The Plow* – Fall 2009

In Mid 2009 The Board of Trustees of Sherman County Historical Society determined that a key goal for the year would be to raise \$9450.00 to complete the purchase of the Sherman County Journal which was the last hot lead press to operate in Oregon. Owning the Journal will preserve another piece of Sherman Co. history and also expand the interest base for the museum.

As of Nov. 15, 2009 \$7500.00 has been raised and hopefully the remaining \$1950.00 will be raised by Dec. 31.

Vandalism costs cemetery lost history

By Lou Marzeles
News Editor Goldenda le Sentinel

The markers in the old section of the Mountain View Cemetery date back 130 to 150 years. These are the ones that are still legible, though there are several more that are at least as old with dates that can no longer be distinguished.

Vandals have struck several times in this (as well as the newer sections) of the cemetery. Most of the old stone markers are made of a type of marble. These stones, over time, absorb water and become very brittle. When vandals strike, many of these stones are broken and destroyed, and they become no longer readable.

These stones are not just markers on graves; they show the final resting place of many of the founding families of this area. The town founder, John Golden, the Goodnoe family, the Story family, and many others have graves there. Many of the familiar names in the county are from these families. Recently, some money has been made available to try to clean up the old section of the graveyard. Current funding, however, will just pay for the gas to cut the grass for next year, according to the International Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF), which maintains the cemetery. Repairing the stones, even where possible, is not immediately feasible, with funding being presently insufficient.

The older section is used often by genealogy seekers and those curious enough about area history to just wander through the headstones, so many of which tell a story. Once these stones are broken or become

illegible, their history is gone records correlating to them and supplementing their information were stored in the old court house and have been inadvertently destroyed, according to the IOOF.

The upper section of the cemetery is covered by the perpetual care fund. This is money paid when someone purchases a plot; the older section never had a perpetual care fund program in place, so current money cannot be used for the older section of the cemetery. The IOOF has stated that it intends to maintain and repair this section of the cemetery, though it also acknowledges insufficient funding.

The IOOF and Rebekahs have started a new funding program aimed at installing new well water capacities (the existing well ran dry) and to get the old cemetery back in shape. The organizations are looking to the community to help, particularly in regard to restoring the older cemetery section. With such an effort, the organization hopes that additional vandalism will cease.

Those interested in contributing to this fund can contact Ernie or Mavis Hause at 773-4607.

Submitted by Renee Brigs 11/18/09

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Pacific Northwest, etc., etc.?

4. How do you see the content of the newsletter differing from the content that might appear on Georga Foster's blog? Should one focus on some subjects/topics and the other on something different?

5. I regularly review Dick Eastman's Online Newsletter (EOGN) and occasionally Leland Meitzler's Genealogy Blog. Are you familiar with any other online source that you find particularly useful to your research?

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Eastern Washington Resources Online at State Library

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Good afternoon,

I thought I'd write to a few of the historical and genealogical societies in the eastern part of the state to let you know about some of the resources available for Eastern Washington genealogy and history from the State Library. The following titles are all available full text and free of charge at the State Library's web site www.sos.wa.gov/library. They can be viewed in two file formats, PDF and DJVU. (DJVU is another format like the Adobe PDF that requires the user to download a viewer—like the Adobe PDF viewer.)

In our digital books online collection – *Classics in Washington History* <http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/publications.aspx>

Illustrated history of the Big Bend country.

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/publications_detail.aspx?p=36

This regional history covers the counties and towns of the Big Bend country, including election results, the earliest schools, gunfights and extensive biographical sketches for Lincoln, Adams, Douglas and Franklin counties.

Illustrated history of Spokane County.

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/publications_detail.aspx?p=100

By Jonathan Edwards, this volume deals with the settlement of eastern Washington and the development of the Spokane area as center of commerce. It

describes Spokane's early schools, government and extensive system of fraternal and charitable organizations. The last portion of the book supplies biographical sketches of the county's earliest and most prominent residents.

Illustrated history of Stevens, Ferry and Okanogan and Chelan counties by Richard F. Steele.

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/publications_detail.aspx?p=83

This illustrated volume contains information on general Washington history, as well as regional content on Stevens, Ferry, Okanogan, and Chelan counties. (It also includes the area that would later be Pend Oreille County.) Topics covered in this volume include early discovery, Indian wars, mines and quarries, cities and towns, politics, education, and biographical sketches.

History of Old Walla Walla County, vol. 1

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/publications_detail.aspx?p=29

History of Old Walla Walla County, vol. 2

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/publications_detail.aspx?p=40

Includes Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield and Asotin counties with a history of Southeast Washington's territorial years as well as a wealth of local detail, biographical sketches and photographs.

History of the Yakima Valley by William D. Lyman, vol. 1

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/publications_detail.aspx?p=17

History of the Yakima Valley by William D. Lyman, vol. 2

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/publications_detail.aspx?p=18

Include Yakima, Kittitas and Benton counties and provides a general history of Washington's territorial years as well as a wealth of local detail, biographical sketches and photographs.

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Ka-mi-akin, the last hero of the Yakimas by A. J. Splawn.

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/publications_detail.aspx?p=24

This volume focuses on the life of Chief Ka-mi-akin of the Yakimas and the Indian perceptions of the War of 1855-58. It also includes chapters on early Yakima Valley history and the creation of Ferguson County in 1863.

Lewis and Dryden's marine history of the Pacific Northwest.

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/publications_detail.aspx?p=44

This includes the ships that served on the river systems.

Life, letter and travels of Father Pierre-Jean de Smet, vols. 1-4

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/publications_detail.aspx?p=12

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/publications_detail.aspx?p=13

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/publications_detail.aspx?p=27

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/publications_detail.aspx?p=32

Father De Smet's Life provides an overview of his life and travels among western Indian tribes from 1838-1870. His journals and notes contain some of the earliest records of the life and customs of tribal life in the Northwest.

Report of the construction of a Military Road from Fort Walla Walla to Fort Benton by John Mullan

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/publications_detail.aspx?p=141

River of the West by Frances Fuller Victor.

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/publications_detail.aspx?p=99

An account of exploration and adventure in the Rocky Mountains and Oregon. Details the life of Joseph L. Meek, a trapper and explorer who settled in Oregon in 1840. Following the Whitman massacre in 1847, Meek traveled to Washington,

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D.C. to ask for protection for the people of Oregon.

Army life on the Pacific by Lawrence Kip.

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/publications_detail.aspx?p=47

This is a journal written by a young officer during the expedition against the northern Indians, the tribes of the Cour d'Alenes, Spokans, and Pelouzes, in the summer of 1858.

We also have several items that cover the Whitman Tragedy:

Authentic account of the murder of Dr. Whitman and other missionaries by Fr. J. B. A. Brouillet

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/publications_detail.aspx?p=128

Journey across the Plains in 1836 by Narcissa Whitman.

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/publications_detail.aspx?p=126

This work contains three separate sets of letters from Narcissa Whitman to her friends and relatives, both back east and in the Oregon Territory.

Memoirs of the West: the Spaldings.
http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/publications_detail.aspx?p=71

Eliza Spalding Warren, daughter of pioneer missionaries Henry Harmon Spalding and Eliza Hart Spalding, was the first white child born in the Pacific Northwest. In this memoir she recalls life at the Clearwater Settlement in Idaho and her education at the Whitman Mission. At ten years old, she was an eyewitness to the Whitman Massacre. In addition to her reminiscences, Mrs. Warren includes letters from friends, entries from her mother's diary, and letters and excerpts of lectures by her father.

Waiilatpu: its rise and fall, 1836 - 1847 by Miles Cannon.

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/publications_detail.aspx?p=3

A story of pioneer days in the Pacific Northwest based on research and interviews with survivors of the tragedy at the Whitman Mission.

In our *Historical Newspaper Online* collection

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/news_papers.aspx we have digitized the:

Spokane Falls Review 1883-1886

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/news_papers_detail.aspx?t=6

Spokane Times 1879-1882

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/news_papers_detail.aspx?t=8

Washington Statesman 1861-1864

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/news_papers_detail.aspx?t=7

Walla Walla Statesman 1864-1869

http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/news_papers_detail.aspx?t=4

The Yakima Herald 1889-1892

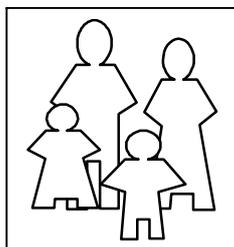
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We hope to digitize more Eastern Washington newspapers as the project goes on. The papers are indexed so that users can search by personal names for births, deaths and marriages.

Researchers can also contact the State Library for reference help using our online reference service at <http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/ask.aspx>. To see what resources the Library has, they may consult the Genealogy page at <http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/Genealogy.aspx>.

I hope some of these items will be useful for you and your fellow historical and genealogical researchers. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Submitted by Renee Brigs 11/24/09



Portland City Archives on the Move to New Home

On Nov. 30, the Portland, Oregon City Archives closed to the public for six months. By May 1, city officials and a contractor will have moved 30,000 boxes, maps, buttons from Fire Bureau dress uniforms and at least one beer bottle to a sparkling new home of more than 25,000 square feet at Portland State University, right on the trolley line.

"The most important thing is that there will be access for people to get to us," said Assistant Archivist Brian Johnson. "You might have noticed that we're a little remote out here [at the present location]. If you're going by TriMet only, it's a little difficult."

Next spring, the city's records -- everything from its first official documents to a police report on a fender bender -- will reside mainly on the fifth floor of the new Student Recreation Center. The city is buying the space for about \$10 million, said Jim Coker, supervising project manager for the city's Facilities Services.

You can read more in the OregonLive web site at http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2009/11/portland_city_archives_on_the.html.

From Dick Eastman's Online Newsletter December 01, 2009

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Finally, please remember that I am the EDITOR -- not the writer -- of articles that will be in the newsletter. I will collect material from various sources -- hopefully you in most instances -- and then put that material into the format of the newsletter for printing and distribution.

I look forward to your responses. Thank you in advance for your thoughts.

Monument Ordered

Dedication Planned for May

By Jim Bull

After many years effort started by member Earline Wasser, the goal of

Landmarks Commission and Dawn Hert of the City of The Dalles were also advised of the progress.

In early November the bid from Vancouver Granite Works, Inc. in the amount of \$5380.00 was accepted by the Board of Directors. This includes, the concrete base, base stone, the memorial stone, all



Doesn't the new fence look great?

Photo by Sandra Ihrig

our society installing a marker at The Dalles Pioneer Cemetery is becoming a reality. Many of the graves are unmarked or have been vandalized so the new monument will contain the names of all known burials.

At our October meeting it became evident that at least one of the bids received was less than the amount in the monument fund that had been slowly growing over the past eight years. Renee Briggs was appointed chair of a committee consisting of Jim Bull, Dennis Radford, and Dennis Davis to confirm all the bids and specifications and recommend an action. Bob McNary of the Historic

engraving, transportation and setting at the Pioneer Cemetery. It also includes the addition of Elizabeth Wilson-Buehler – the last living person authorized to be interred in Pioneer Cemetery – when that time arrives.

Final proofing of the 236 names to be engraved on monument stone has been completed and mailed to Vancouver Granite.

The committee will be looking at ideas for the dedication of the monument over the next 2-3 months with a target date of sometime in May for the event.

From the Sheboygan (Wisconsin) Press of October 22, 1926: "Ancestor Worship is based on the principle of handpicking one's ancestors. Hardly anybody can go back many generations without finding all kinds-- scalawags mixed with the virtuous, morons along with the talented, incompetence as well as achievement. Tracing family pedigrees is merely obtaining an account of one's descent from an ancestor who did not particularly care to trace his own."

Upcoming Events

January 9, 2010

1:00 The Discovery Center
Jan Leininger, Speaker

Her Family Reunion last summer & how she got there.

February 13, 2010

1:30 Old Wasco Co. Courthouse
History Forum Series

410 W. Second Place (behind Chamber of Commerce Bldg.)
Jerry Tanquist on several old Mid Columbia Spur Railroads.

March 13, 2010

1:00 The Discovery Center
Speaker: Jim Bull

Old photos from trips west circa 1921-23 by Jim's mother, aunt and grandparents. Yellowstone, Cutbank MT and much more.

April 10, 2010

1:00 The Discovery Center
Speaker: Sandy Bisset

Is it Genealogy or Family History? Come share your thoughts on the question.

April 24, 2010

Genealogical Forum of Oregon
Spring Seminar

The ABC's of Publishing Your Family History by Ann Carter Fleming, CG, CGL

April 28 – May 1

NGS – Salt Lake City
Family History Conference
Follow Your Ancestral Trail

May 1, 2010

Clark Co. Genealogical Society
Spring Seminar

Details To Be Announced

COVEY – The Rest of the Story

By Jim Bull

At the December meeting Lorna Elliot told me that Shelley Cordiel had mailed the picture to her at the Wasco County Library. Lorna remembered having done some research on the Covey line about ten years ago and went digging into the files. She was able to find the names and addresses of three individuals and initiated contact.

I learned today (12/19) that she had heard back from a Rita Ackerman in Phoenix, AZ and had mailed the photograph and information she had on Roy Covey's death date to Rita. What a great Christmas present! Thanks Lorna.

Prep Work Begins for 2010 Census

From 12/16/09 Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

The 2010 Census doesn't start until March, but preparations are already underway.

The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years. In fact, the census is not conducted for the convenience of genealogists, although some of us may need to be reminded of that fact. Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution of the United States requires a periodic census in order to determine the apportionment of seats in the House of Representatives and for no other reason

The actual enumeration shall be made within three years after the first meeting of the Congress of the

United States, and within every subsequent term of 10 years, in such manner, as they shall by Law direct.

Many other uses for census records have appeared since the Constitution was ratified in 1789, including determining how to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for things like:

- Hospitals
- Job training centers
- Schools
- Senior centers
- Bridges, tunnels and other public works projects
- Emergency services

In March of 2010, census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico. The majority of the country will receive English-only materials. Households in areas with high concentrations of Spanish-speaking residents may receive a bilingual (English/Spanish) form.

Any personal data you provide is protected under federal law.

The 2010 Census will be shorter than past years, just 10 questions long, including:

- Name
- Sex
- Age and date of birth
- Hispanic origin
- Race
- Household relationship
- If you own or rent your home

The 2010 Census form requires less personal information than a typical credit card application. For example,

the 2010 Census does NOT ask about bank account information, salary or income, citizenship or immigration status, and also does not ask you for your Social Security number.

The form must be returned by April 1. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions from the form.

Census data will not be released to any businesses or even to other governmental agencies, such as the Internal Revenue Service or any other agency. By law, the data provided by the census is not allowed to be released to the IRS or to any government entity. Census data is not released until 72 years after it is taken, at which time genealogists will gain access to the data.

Census data are also used for regional planning, economic information and the allocation of federal tax dollars. Such information is released within months or a few years as it contains no personal information about citizens.

The goal for the 2010 Census is more than an 80 percent response rate.

You can view the 2010 U.S. Census form at <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/how/interactive-form.php>.

You can learn more at www.census.gov.

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34 years with the U.S. Forest Service. Both of his grandmother had left behind two trunks and two blanket chests full of family data and artifacts. The task of sorting, organizing, labeling and indexing this material is yet to be completed. He went back to Pennsylvania/New York in 2001 to gather additional information and is planning another trip east in June 2010.

He has served as Program Chair, Secretary, Vice President and President of CGGS. He is currently editor of Tales and Trails newsletter. Other interests include Community Theater, photography, history and travel.

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Be sure to personally "Thank" the contributors of the
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As an aid to researchers visiting our local libraries, our society maintains a book
surnames being researched by our members. The format used is a 3-generation pedigree
chart for each member in a 3ring binder. A browse through the book will quickl
determine if there is a member of our society who is researching the same surname(s)
the visiting researcher. The Surname Book is in the Genealogy section of Th
Dalles/Wasco County Public Library.

A few years ago Rose Denslinger took on the job of updating the book last updated in
1996 by Barbee Hodgkins. As she relates it, "I brought the book Barbee had complic
home and studied it and the method she had used. Then I was planning on going to
meeting in Clark County and knew Leland Meitzler would be there. I took Barbee's boob
and an idea I had. We found some time to look it over. He added some ideas he had se
used that helped people who were doing research. When I had a question I often would
mail him and he would send an answer back. I have about 50 members in this volume and
hope to pick up about a dozen more from the new members."

When pedigree charts are obtained from those newer members copies of the book will
made to place in all the other libraries we serve in the area.

Regional History Forum 2010

Presented By

Original 1859 Wasco County Courthouse

410 West Second Place The Dalles, Oregon 97058

(Behind the Chamber of Commerce building)

- Feb. 6 Marilyn Ericksen on the preservation of the Original Courthouse
- Feb. 13 Jerry Tanquist on other historic railroads in the Mid-Columbia
- Feb. 20 Bibi Gaston on Gifford Pinchot family and his correspondence with early Forest Service workers
- Feb. 27 Barbara Telfer on the centennial of our public library and the Carnegie Library Building

All sessions begin at 1:30 p.m. in the upstairs courtroom. There is also a digital feed to a monitor on the ground floor. To get on the mailing list write c/o Box 839, The Dalles, OR 97058, or contact Karl Vercooteren (541 296-5785 or kjverc@gmail.com) or Sandy Bisset (541-298-1240 or wildflowers@gorge.net).

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