





## Lucy Owens 96th Birthday

Mrs. Lucy Owen, a resident of Dayton the last five years, but also a pioneer of this community because she first came here in 1886, observed her 96th birthday at her home on Spring street February 6. As on all of her birthdays since she has been back here, the day was marked by calls and remembrances from old friends and flowers from friends in her former home of Roseburg, Oregon, which this year included a beautiful orchid.

Mrs. Owen receives hundreds of greeting cards on every anniversary, and her birthday picture was taken with a box of these which she treasures highly and reads again and again. In the background of this photograph is a lovely old organ which has been a treasure of the Owen family since just before the Civil War. Mrs. Owen, who was born in St. Louis, Mo., February 6, 1852, was left an orphan in early life and she grew up in the Owen family to which she was later related by marriage. She received her first educa-

tion in music on this instrument and it came west with her when she came to Dayton in 1886 as Mrs. Frank Owen. When the family moved to Roseburg in 1891 they left it with the late Kit Robinson with the idea that he would sell it for them, but they later had it shipped to Oregon and it has since accompanied Mrs. Owen wherever she has lived.

The late Mr. Owen was a shoemaker, and the couple purchased the home on Oak street which is now the McCubbins property. Their early neighbors were the Peabodys, the Dexters, the Robinsons, the Throns, the Sol Livengoods and many others now long gone. They sang in the choir of the Methodist church and Mr. Owen, who was devoted to music, belonged to the band and played in an orchestra. When they moved to southern Oregon there was quite a fever among local residents to go into the fruit business near

Roseburg, and a Mr. Applehoff, leader of the local band at one time, pioneered in this. The Owens' invested everything in a promising tract near Roseburg, and many others would soon have followed, but he honestly told his old friends here how much over-rated most of the land had been, and how difficult conditions were there.

After years on the small farm which meant little but hard work with meager returns Mrs. Owen founded a florist shop in Roseburg. She was well past middle life by that time, but had always grown magnificent roses and other flowers in great profusion. She was one of the first to cultivate the long-stemmed California violets, and one who was a child then remembers the boxes of these and the clusters of holly and mistletoe she always sent her old friends in Dayton at holiday time. She also used her artistic ability in the making of bright scrap-books for children and through the years turned out dozens of little gift books that still rival in interest the most beautifully colored picture books for children published today.

Mrs. Owen operated her shop for perhaps 15 years and although she



disposed of it long ago, it is still doing a flourishing business under present management.

Mrs. Owen has come smiling through many serious and tragic happenings. She has lost two daughters, has been in serious accidents which have resulted in broken bones, and shortly before she came here, her home in Walla Walla was destroyed by fire. After that, an apartment in the home of the late George Lamb, a half-brother, was offered her, and there she now makes her home, with her nephew, Walter Lamb and his wife looking after her as much as she will allow them. She is very independent and does much of her own housework, but kind friends and relatives see to it that she wants for little.

Knitting and crocheting have always been great hobbies with her, she has always read a great deal, and until lately, she intensely enjoyed working cross-word puzzles. Like an arm-chair traveller who sees the world through reading, she visits lovely scenes created by piecing together bits of colored card-board.

## Ex-Resident, 103 Dies In Seattle

Mrs. Lucy Owen, one-time resident of Dayton, died in Seattle recently at the rare age of 103.

The information was brought to the Chronicle-Dispatch Tuesday by Lewin Parker of 600 J street, Dayton. Mr. Parker's information came to him through the Roseburg (Ore.) paper to which he subscribes. This is the town where he lived before coming to Dayton three years ago.

### In City Long Ago

He had known Mrs. Owen during some of the 50 years that she had lived at Roseburg. It was many years ago that Mrs. Owen had lived in Dayton and there are few around now to recall it.

Mrs. Owen was born Feb. 6, 1851, in Missouri. She was nine years old when the Civil War broke out and her lifetime spanned four major American wars and a host of historical happenings. She had lived through more than half of the total lifetime of the nation.

### Starts Florist Shop

In Roseburg she had sold flowers on the streets for several years and then opened the Fern florist shop in 1916, operating it until 1922, when she sold it.

She was married twice. Her first husband, Frank, died many decades ago, only a few weeks

after the couple had moved to Washington. Later, she married her brother-in-law, who likewise preceded her in death.

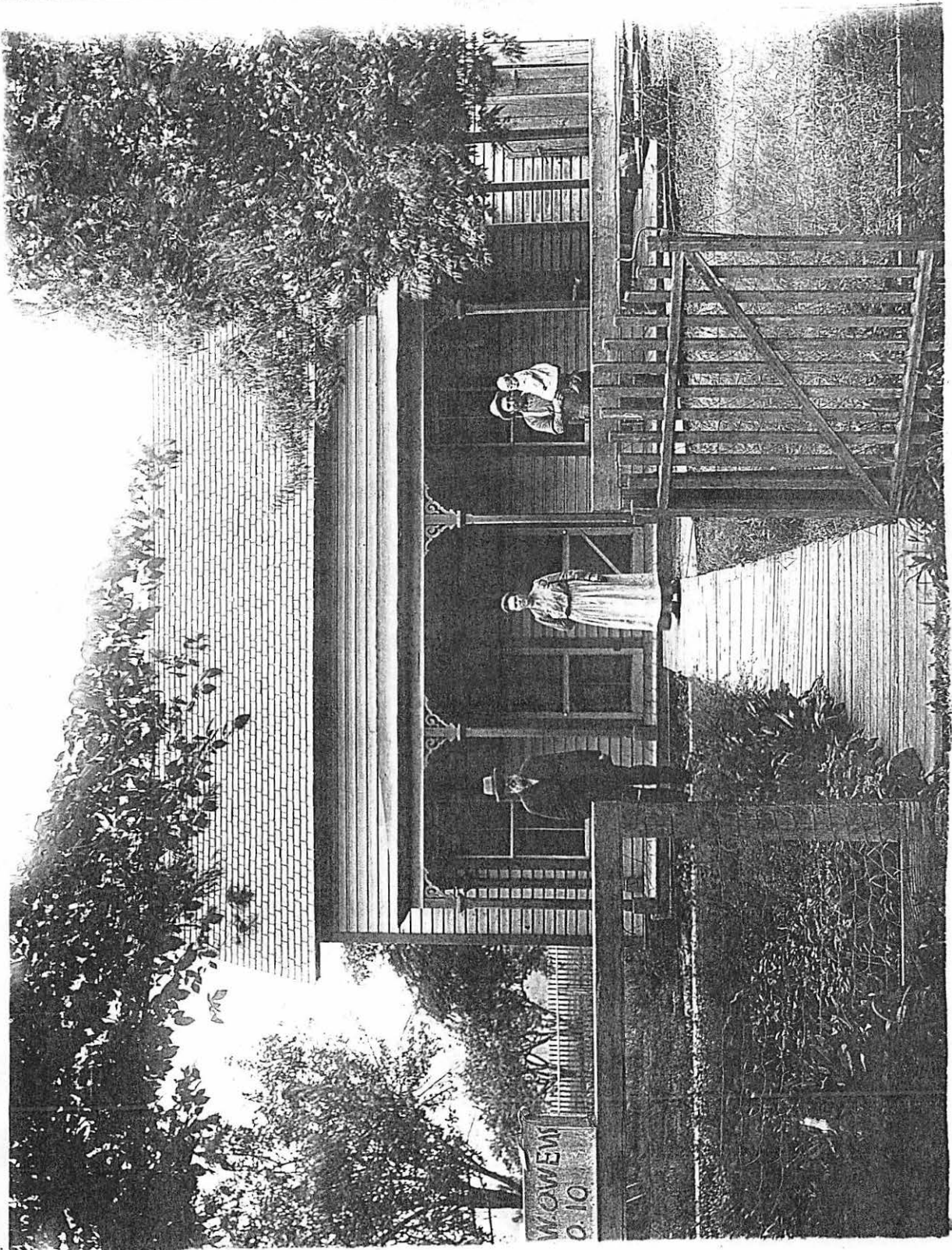
For the past seven years she had been ill at the Crown Hill cemetery.

### A Second Centenarian

Mrs. Owen is not the only centenarian that Mr. Parker has known. Now a very youthful 70 himself, and looking a couple of decades younger, he recalls the passing exactly on his hundredth

birthday of his own great grandfather. Mr. Parker remembers the great grandfather telling his son, "I've seen the sun rise and set 100 years today." Those were the centenarian's last words.







# SOCIETY ITEMS

## Palmer Ayres Enjoyed 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Ayres enjoyed their 50th wedding anniversary celebration Sunday. Friends and relatives during the open house from 2 to 5 p. m. came to extend congratulations and best wishes for a continued happy life. Many beautiful cards, etc., were received by the couple.

The serving table was centered with a beautiful floral piece containing white mums and yellow rosebuds, and a wedding cake beautifully decorated for the occasion.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ayres were born and raised in Dayton and were married here by the late Justice John Holman in a simple ceremony, September 21, 1904. They have spent practically their whole lives here and farmed.

Children of the couple are Emil Ayres of Tacoma; Mrs. Bert (Thelma) Balding, Mrs. Roy (Altha) Bell, and Mrs. Margaret Black, all of Dayton; Mrs. Etta

Gunnoe of Milwaukee, Oregon, and Gene Ayres of Denver, Colorado. All the girls were here for the celebration.

Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. John Walls, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ayres, Mrs. Fred Halley, Mrs. Lillian Cox and Mrs. Cora Saunders, all of Eugene, Oregon; Mrs. Gunnoe and daughter, Susan, of Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Alyward of La-Grande, Oregon; Mrs. W. R. Thompson of Yakima; Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Hackney of Hardin, Montana; Mrs. Edgar Barclay of Clarkston; Mr. and Mrs. John McCaw and son, Clyde, of Wenatchee; Ruth Young, Mr. and Mrs. Max Young, Alice Beale, Mrs. Mary Rose, Miss Margaret Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Duncan, Eddie Addison, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson, Mrs. Stella Romaine, and Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Bessett, all of Walla Walla, and Mrs. Kate McCulloch of Prescott.

A friend of Mr. and Mrs. Ayres contributed the following verses: Fifty years ago there was

No silver in your hair.  
But many years have passed  
since then,  
And time has put it there.

And so today we bring to you  
Some little gifts of gold,  
In memory of the vow you took  
Back in the days of old.

The years have come and gone  
since then,  
With dark and light entwined,  
But through it all, staunch and  
secure,  
Your true love has remained.

Today you stand and look ahead  
To that bright Golden Shore,  
Where every dream will sure  
come true,  
Forever and evermore.



Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Ayres who celebrated their wedding anniversary, Sunday. The couple are native Columbia county and have spent most of their married lives here.—Pix by Pat.



## OWENS

Robert Wesley Owens

b-4 Aug 1835 New York  
d- Nov 1914 Dayton, Columbia Co., Wash  
buried-22 Nov 1914 Dayton Cem.  
79yrs-Plot E

Lucy Morgan

b- 1853 Michigan  
d- July 1898 Columbia Co., Wash  
buried- July 1898 Dayton Cem.  
Plot E

Married-

Father-  
Mother- Sarah (1800-1888)

Father-  
Mother-

Mark Wesley Owens-Born-7 Jan 1867 Mason City, Iowa  
Married-Mrs. Anna (Bauman) Schuman 1918  
Died-2 July 1943 Pomeroy, Garfield, Wash-76 yrs.  
Buried-5 July 1943 Dayton Cem-Plot K

Sarah Elizabeth Owens-Born-4/7 Sept 1873 Iowa  
Married-Millard F. Huston 19 Jan 1892 Columbia Co., Wash.  
Died-25 March 1913-39 yrs, 6 mo., 21 days  
Buried- Plot C Dayton Cem.  
(Note: Dayton cemetery records have her name as Rosetta)

Alba Owens-Born- 1875 Iowa  
Died-15 June 1884 Columbia County, Washington  
Buried-Plot E-9 yrs.

Walter H. Owens-Born-23 May 1877 Iowa  
Married 1st-Eva Crall 3 Nov 1901 Columbia Co., Wash. (died young)  
Married 2nd-Anna Craft or Beliens (?)  
Died-between 1943-1957 (Note: was living in Portland, Ore 1943)

Edith May Owens-Born 1 May 1879 Iowa  
Married-William M. Culbertson Jan 1900  
Died-6 Aug 1960 Dayton, Columbia Co., Wash-81 yrs  
Buried-9 Aug 1960 Dayton Cemetery-Plot F

Lillie Grace Owens-Born 26 April 1881 near Mason City, Iowa  
Married 1st-Jacob Henry Myers Sept 1901 at residence of parents, Columbia Co., WA  
Married 2nd-Ira C. Gary 8 Sept 1938  
Died-9 Aug 1958 Dayton, Wash-77 years  
Buried-11 Aug 1958 Dayton Cemetery-Plot K

Carrie "Maude" Owens-Born 16/27 Dec 1883 Columbia County, Washington  
Married-Palmer Ayers Sept 1904 Dayton, Columbia Co., Wash  
Died-3 June 1957 Dayton, Wash.-73 yrs.  
Buried-6 June 1957 Dayton Cem.-Plot H

Amy L. Owens-Born 13 July 1886 Dayton, Columbia Co., Wash  
Married- Rose  
Died-before 1957



Owen

BLOCK E  
LOT 14

12 Sarah E Owens	Elva Owens	1
11 Lucy Owens		2
10 R. W. Owens	Amy Larkay Inf Owens	3
9	Josias M. Roberts	4
8 Celia Nicolson	Elizabeth Roberts	5
7 O. W. Nicolson		6
15		13
16 Clara O. Leonard		14



Overs

- BLOCK 6  
LOT 7

12		1
11	Margaret Benton	2 Ray Raggett
10	Ulysses Abramson	3
9	Mary Abramson	4 Etta Cummins
8	Charles Abramson	5 Eugenia Abramson
7		6 Ray Black Abramson
15		13
16	George Overs	14

BLOCK 6  
LOT 27

12		1
11		2 Robert M. Russell
10		3 Harold Russell
9		4 Miles Russell
8		5 Golly Overs
7		6 James Overs
15		13
16		14



had been discovered that bore evidence of having been occupied in pre-historic days. It seems the cave-men had left forked sticks, ashes and a moc-casin. These were sent to the Smithsonian Institute.

On the homestead on the Pataha, now known as the Wesley Steele place, we had a race track for training and race meet purposes. Some of the finest horse-flesh of the period capered over that track. Of all the horses I owned, Bob Mill, sired by Jim Miller, out of a strain of Kentucky runners, brought to Salem, was the favorite. Faster horses then than now? Sure. More interest and better horses.

For many years beginning with 1869 the Pataha homestead was headquarters for our family. When we came out of the Grande Ronde Valley in 1884, my farm on the Pataha was in Garfield county, the new county cut out of Columbia county in 1881. I paid taxes on the same piece of land in three counties.

In 1883 Asotin county was formed from the eastern end of Garfield. Each time there was a division I wondered whether the new county would ever "stand alone" but the past fifty years have proved that no worry was necessary.

I might say that I have voted during 73 years, voting the first time at the mines when I was 18 years old, with two guns held over me.

*Historic Sketches  
Of  
Walter Walla, Whitman,,  
Columbia & Garfield Cos  
1882.  
J. D. Gilbert  
Garfield Co*

HENRY OWSLEY: lives five miles west of Pomeroy; is a farmer and stock raiser; owns 800 acres of land; address is Pomeroy. He was born in Clairborne Co., Tennessee, December 3, 1818; came to Dayton, Columbia Co., in 1860, and to this county the same year.

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Owen

BLOCK E  
LOT 14

12 Sarah E Owens	Elva Owens	1
11 Lucy Owens		2
10 R. W. Owens	Amy Lockay Inf Owens	3
9	Josias M. Roberts	4
8 Celia Nicolson	Elizabeth Roberts	5
7 O. W. Nicolson		6
15		13
16 Clara O. Leonard		14



Overs

- BLOCK 6<sup>th</sup>  
LOT 7

12		1
11	Margaret Benton	Ray Raggett 2
10	Ulysses Abraham	3
9	Mary Abraham	Etta Cummins 4
8	Charles Abraham	Eugenia Abraham 5
7		Ray Beck Abraham 6
15		13
16	George Overs	14

BLOCK 8<sup>th</sup>  
LOT 27

12		1
11		Robert M. Russell 2
10		Harold Russell 3
9		Wiley Russell 4
8		Polly Overs 5
7		James Overs 6
15		13
16		14



BLOCK E  
LOT 68

12	Lucy Owens		1
11	Eva Owens		2
10			3
9	Richard Brames		4
8	Helen M. Brames	Cornie Brown	5
7	Elijah H. Brames		6
15			13
16			14

BLOCK J  
LOT 8

12		Nora Kendrick	1
11		Ira Owens	2
10		Henry Owens	3
9			4
8	Edna Groves	Devian Thompson	5
7	Oliver Groves	Albert Thompson	6
15			13
16			14



BLOCK J  
LOT 60

12	Martha Owens		1
11	Mary Turner		2
10	James Turner		3
9			4
8	Mandy Redford		5
7	John B Redford		6
15	Alta Price	Leslie Bowman	13
16	James Price	Wesley J Bowman	14

BLOCK K  
LOT 13

12	William Hughes	Thomas Hughes	1
11	America Hughes		2
10	C. C. Hughes		3
9	Mark Owens	Albert Bowman	4
8	Anna Owens	Christopher Bowman	5
7	Jacob Schuman	Inf. Schuman	6
15			13
16			14



8 Sept 1888

DOING WELL.—Grandma Owens, mother of Robert Owens, who was thrown down and trampled upon by some cows she was feeding last week, is doing as well as could be expected. Her left hip bone was fractured and it will be a miracle if it ever unites as the sufferer is 88 years of age. Dr. Day has hopes that the limb may yet be serviceable.

13 Oct 1888

**DIED.**

OWENS—In this city, Oct. 11, 1888, Mrs. Sarah Owens, aged 83 years.

21 June 1884

**DIED.**

STORY—In this county, June 14th, of heart disease, Mrs. Mary Story, aged about 47 years.

OWENS—Near Dayton, June 15th, Alba, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Owens, aged about 9 years.

ROBINSON—In this county, June 14th, of consumption, George Robinson, aged about 84 years.

22 July 1898

DIED ~~Mr.~~ Mrs. Robert Owens died at her home just below town. Sunday evening. The funeral occurred from the Christian church Monday at 1 o'clock p. m. and the remains were interred in the Dayton cemetery. A husband and several children, one a baby a few weeks old, survive her.

25 Mar 1914

**Pioneer Dies.**

R. W. Owens died at the home of his son-in-law, W. M. Culbertson, southeast of Dayton, Friday night from the effects of a paralytic stroke.

The deceased came to Columbia county from Iowa in 1882 and resided here until his death. His occupation was farming.

The funeral was held from the Christian church at 2 p. m. Sunday, Rev. J. Elliot Slimp officiating.

The deceased is survived by the following children: Mark Owens, Walter Owens, Lillie Myers, Edith Culbertson, Mauda Ayres, Amy Henkey, Anna Owens, George Owens.

8 July 1943

**Mark Wesley Owens**

Mark Wesley Owens, 76, died at Pomeroy Friday night following a heart attack. Funeral services were held from the Hubbard Rogg chapel of this city Monday at 2 p.m., with the Rev. George Martin of the United Brethren church in charge.

Born in Mason City, Iowa January 7, 1867, Mark came here with his parents when 11 years old, and had made this his home almost continuously until a year ago when he went to Garfield county. He visited here in the early spring and said at that time that he was planning to return soon.

He was married in 1918 to Mrs. Anna Schumann who died 11 years ago. Survivors include two brothers, Walter Owens, Portland, and George Owens, Dayton; four sisters, Mrs. Wm. Culbertson and Mrs. Ira Gray, Dayton, Mrs. Palmer Ayres, Walla Walla, and Mrs. Will Thompson, Yakima; and nine stepchildren.

27 July 1933

**Mrs. Annie M. Owens  
Dies After Operation**

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie M. Owens, wife of Mark Owens of North Cherry st., who died at the Brining hospital Tuesday evening following a major surgical operation, will be held from the Hubbard-Rogg chapel this afternoon at two o'clock with the Rev. W. C. Gilmore of the Congregational church in charge, and interment will be made at the Dayton cemetery.

The deceased was born in Illinois May 3, 1869 but she had spent the greater part of her life in this country. For a long period she made her home on Tucanon, but for a number of years she had lived in Dayton. Besides her husband, Mark Owens, she is survived by ten children: Charles Schuman, Dayton; Edward Schuman, Ferry, Wash.; Alvin Schuman, Tacoma; Jake Schuman, Belmont, California; Dan Schuman, Mrs. R. E. McNeill, Mrs. R. H. Brown, Mrs. A. L. Bales and Miss Esther Schuman all of Dayton; and Mrs. Ross Watson of Clarkston. She also leaves three brothers: Dan Bauman, Clarkston; Len Bauman, Ferry, Wash. and Chris Bauman, Dayton.



29 March 1913

#### Mrs. Huston Dies.

Mrs. Sarah Huston passed away at her home on the Touchet Tuesday morning, aged 39 years, 6 months and 21 days. The funeral was held from the Christian church at 2 p. m. Wednesday, Rev. F. T. Porter officiating. Those surviving are the husband, Millard Huston; three sons, Harry, Pleasant and Crescent Huston; three daughters, Cora, Leona and Leila; father, Robert Owens; three brothers, Walter, Mark and George Owens; five sisters, Mrs. Lillie Myers, Mrs. Edith Culbertson, Mrs. Amy Rose, Mrs. Maud Ayres and Miss Annie Owens.

6 Dec 1945

#### Millard F. Huston

Millard F. Huston, 89, who had been bedfast for three years, died at the Brining hospital Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Tentative funeral arrangements were made for this Friday pending the arrival of relatives from California.

Millard Filmore Huston was born

in Davis county, Iowa August 30, 1856, and came here 69 years ago. He was married to Sarah Owens of this county, and first engaged in farming on Payne Hollow, later buying a ranch on the South Touchet that later became the Lee O. Brown place. Following his wife's death many years ago, Mr. Huston maintained his own home until his health failed. He was a member of the Christian church and the Odd Fellow lodge.

Surviving are seven children: Mrs. Mabel Rennewan, Dayton; Harry Huston, Aromas, Cal; Mrs. Cora Elwell, Dayton; P. M. Huston, Manteca, Cal; Mrs. Leona Dodge, Redding, Cal; Cres Huston, Portland, Oregon and Mrs. Leila James, Walla Walla; 18 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

26 Apr 1934

#### W. M. Culbertson Dies In Spokane Last Friday

William M. Culbertson, resident of Columbia county since the early eighties, died in Spokane, Friday after a long period of failing health. Funeral services were held from the Hubbard-Rogg chapel Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with the Rev. W. C. Gilmore of the Congregational church in charge.

William Culbertson was born in Missouri, October 27, 1869. He came to this country with his parents when he was but 14 years old, and early became interested in farming, which he followed for many years. He was married to Edith Owens in 1900, and to this union were born nine children, one of whom died in infancy.

Surviving are: the widow, Mrs. Edith Culbertson, five daughters, Mrs. Irene Osborne, Mrs. Lela Arthurs, Mrs. Ethel Koschmeder, Miss Erma Culbertson, and Mrs. Wanda Harting; three sons, Joe, Robert, and Will Culbertson, all of Columbia county; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Ellis of Spokane and Mrs. Lizzie Ellis of Oakesdale; two brothers, Thomas Culbertson of Auburn, Wash. and Robert Culbertson of Dayton; and one half sister, Mrs. Jess Canwright of Portland.

11 Aug 1960

#### Culbertson Final Rites Held Tuesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Edith May Culbertson, 81, were conducted Tuesday, August 9, at 10 a. m. at the Dayton Christian Church, the Reverend C. M. Foust officiating.

Interment was in the family plot at the Dayton City Cemetery. DeWitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Culbertson died Saturday, August 6 at a local nursing home. She had been in ill health several years.

Mrs. Culbertson was born on May 1, 1879 in Iowa. Her family moved to Dayton when she was four years old, and she spent the remainder of her life here.

She was a member of the Dayton Christian Church, and the Ladies Aid Society of that church.

Mrs. Culbertson was married to W. M. Culbertson in January 1900 in Dayton. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include eight children, a sister, 23 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

The children are Mrs. Glen (Irene) Osborn, Seattle; W. L. (Bill) Culbertson, Seattle; Mrs. Arlie (Lena) Arthurs, Springdale, Arkansas; Mrs. G. E. (Erma) McNeil, Ellensburg; Mrs. Ray (Ethel) Hatfield, Dayton; Joe Culbertson, Dayton; Mrs. Albert (Wanda) Harting, Dayton; and Robert A. Culbertson, Walla Walla.

The surviving sister is Mrs. Anna Thompson, Seattle.



14 Aug 1958

## Lillie Gray Last Rites Held Tuesday

Lillie Grace Gray, 77, long time resident of this area, passed away Saturday, August 9, at her home in Dayton following an illness of several years.

Funeral service was conducted at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday, August 11, from the Christian church. The Rev. Tom Stratton of Waitsburg officiated. Interment was in Dayton City Cemetery.

Mrs. Gray, the former Lillie Grace Owens, was born April 26, 1881, near Mason City, Iowa. She came to this country with her parents at the age of three. She was married in September, 1901, to Jacob Henry Myers. In 1902 they returned to Iowa for two years and then returned to the west, living in Idaho for some time. To this couple one daughter was born.

On September 8, 1938, she was married to Ira C. Gray. He survives at the family home at 321 W. Clay.

Other survivors include: one daughter, Mrs. Ed Simerman of Dayton; one brother, George Owens, of Walla Walla; two sisters, Mrs. Ann Thompson of Seattle and Mrs. Edith Culbertson of Dayton; and several nieces and nephews.

4 Aug 1960

## Attack Takes Ira C. Gray

Ira C. Gray, 84, resident of Columbia county for over 60 years, succumbed to a heart attack at his home in Dayton Tuesday, July 26.

Funeral services are pending.

Mr. Gray was born August 3, 1876, in Indiana. He came to this county as a young man and lived over 60 years in the county. He farmed, worked in warehouses and spent several years in masonry work.

He was married to Lillie Myers in September, 1938. She preceded him in death in August, 1958.

Survivors are a sister, Mrs. Nellie Wright, of Rensselaer, Indiana; and four step-daughters, Mrs. Georgia Buckley, Courts Madera, Calif., Mrs. Carrie Fletcher, Yakima, Mrs. Eva Simpson, Seattle and Mrs. Hazel Simerman, Dayton.

## Hazel Simerman

Hazel Simerman, 80, of 218 E. Dayton Ave., died June 28, 1990, at Dayton General Hospital.

The funeral was 2 p.m. Monday at the Hubbard-Rogg Chapel, 111 So. Second St., Dayton. The Rev. David Bruce officiated. Cremation followed the service. Inurnment was in the family plot at Dayton City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Columbia County Ambulance Fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

Mrs. Simerman was born Feb. 5, 1910, in Dayton to Jacob and Lillie Owens Myers. She graduated in 1929 from Dayton High School.

On Nov. 10, 1930, she married Ed Simerman in Walla Walla. she worked as a dental assistant for Dr. George McCauley for about 20 years. She was later employed for 12 years as supervisor of housekeeping at Dayton General Hospital.

She is probably best known for her 25 years as secretary-treasurer of the Columbia County Ambulance. She was a 44-year member of Schuyler Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include her husband, at home; and five cousins, Wanda Bushong and Margaret Black of Dayton, Bill Culbertson of Pasco, Frank Thompson of Seattle and Letha Bell of Sequim, WA.

## Palmer Ayres Dies Tuesday At Eugene

Palmer Ayres, 85, native son of Columbia county, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly Tuesday afternoon, March 17, at Eugene, Oregon, where he was visiting with his cousin, Mrs. Lillian Cox.

Tentative funeral arrangements have been planned for Saturday afternoon, March 21, pending arrival of the family.

Mr. Ayres was born September 14, 1873, in Columbia county. He was the son of the late William E. and Martha Ayres, who homesteaded in the county.

### Married in 1900

He and the former Maude Owens were married in Dayton on September 19, 1900. Mrs. Ayres passed away in June, 1957. He maintained his home at 412 South Fourth street in Dayton.

A retired farmer, Mr. Ayres had lived nearly all his life in Columbia county. He spent several years in Walla Walla where he was employed at the Washington State Penitentiary. He was a member of the Walla Walla Farm Bureau.

Surviving are six children: Robert Emil Ayres of Tacoma, Palmer Ayres of Golden, Colorado, Mrs. Albert (Thelma) Balding of Dayton, Mrs. Margaret Black of Dayton, Mrs. Ray (Etta) Osborne of Ellensburg, Mrs. Roy (Alethea) Bell of Sequim; two sisters, Mrs. Sherman Martin of Dayton and Miss Mary Ayres of Portland; six grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

March 26, 1959

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## Ayres Funeral Held Saturday

Funeral services for Palmer Ayres, 75, native son of the county, were held at 11 a. m. Saturday, March 21, from the Congregational church with the Rev. Marvin Jordan officiating.

Mr. Ayres passed away unexpectedly Tuesday afternoon, March 17, while visiting in Eugene, Oregon. He was born September 14, 1883, in Columbia

county and had lived nearly all his life here.

Survivors include six children: Robert Emil Ayres of Tacoma, Palmer Gene Ayres, Golden, Colo., Mrs. Albert (Thelma) Balding of Dayton, Mrs. Margaret Black, Dayton, Mrs. Ray (Etta) Osborne of Ellensburg, Mrs. Roy (Alethea) Bell of Sequim; two sisters: Mrs. Sherman Martin of Dayton, Miss Mary Ayres of Portland; six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.



27 Aug 1959

6 June 1957

## Mrs. P. Ayres Funeral Rites Set Thursday

Mrs. Palmer (Carrie Maude) Ayres, 73, of Dayton, passed away Monday morning, June 3, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Bell, in Dayton.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a. m. Thursday, June 6, at the Methodist church. Officiating minister will be the Rev. Lynnton Elwell of Eugene, Oregon. Interment will be in the Dayton City Cemetery. DeWitt Funeral Home of Walla Walla is in charge of arrangements.

### Native Daughter

Mrs. Ayres is a native daughter of Columbia county. She was born December 27, 1883, in Columbia county, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Owens. She and Palmer Ayres, who survives, were married in September, 1904.

She has made her home in Columbia county for most of her life.

Survivors are her widower, Palmer Ayres, at the family home at 412 South Fourth street in Dayton; two sons, Robert and Mil Ayres, Tacoma and Palmer Gene Ayres, Golden, Colorado; four daughters, Mrs. Bert (Thelma) Balding of Dayton, Mrs. Margaret Black of Dayton, Mrs. Ray (Etta) Osborne of Ellensburg and Mrs. Roy (Alethea) Bell of Dayton; one brother, George Owens of Dayton; three sisters, Mrs. Edith Culbertson and Mrs. Ira Gray, both of Dayton, and Mrs. Ann Thompson of Seattle; six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

## Geo. Owens Dies Tuesday At Hospital

George E. Owens, 61, native son of Dayton, passed away Tuesday, August 25, at the Veterans Hospital in Walla Walla where he had been a patient for the past five years.

Funeral services are pending.

Mr. Owens was born June 26, 1898, in Dayton, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Owens. He and the former Etta Johnson were married at Dayton in 1925. The family home was at 509½ E. Washington street.

He lived in Dayton most of his life and was employed as a chef for about ten years during his earlier life. He was employed as a farm worker the last part of his life here.

### World War I Vet

Mr. Owens was inducted into the army on May 4, 1914, in Dayton and was discharged as a private on February 15, 1919, at Camp Lewis following overseas service. He was a member of the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Mark and Walter, and by four sisters, Lily, Amy, Sarah and Maude.

### Wife Survives

Survivors include his wife, Etta, in Walla Walla; a son, Robert W., in the service in Germany; three daughters, Miss Erma Owens of Pendleton, Oregon, Mrs. Ellis Welch of Kennewick and Mrs. Lloyd Gehrke of Payette, Idaho; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Culbertson of Dayton and Mrs. Ann Thompson of Seattle; and six nieces of Dayton, Mrs. Wanda Harting, Mrs. Hazel Simerman, Mrs. Art Bales, Mrs. Ray Hatfield, Mrs. Thelma Balding; a nephew of Dayton, Joe Culbertson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

3 Sept 1959

## Owens Funeral Held Saturday

Last rites for George E. Owens, 61, were held Saturday morning, August 29, from the Hubbard-Rogg chapel with the Rev. Arlie Whybark officiating.

Members of Frank E. Bauers Post, American Legion, participated in the concluding service. Interment was in the family plot at Dayton City Cemetery.

Mr. Owens, native son of Dayton, passed away Tuesday, August 25, at the Veterans Hospital in Walla Walla where he had been a patient for the past five years.



# STEWART

## 1870 Census

Pg 5-11 June 1870-Canyonville, Douglas Co., Oregon-P.O. Canyonville

John Stewart	37M	Farmer 2500/1150	Indiana
Cordelia Stewart	22F	Keeping house	Mo
Etta Stewart	6F		Ore
Cora Stewart	4M		Ore
Jefferson Stewart	2M		Ore
Robert Stewart	22M	Farm Laborer	Mo

## 1880 Census

Pg 12-11 & 12 June 1880-Douglas County, Oregon

John Stewart	45M	Head	Married	Farmer	Ind	Tenn	Ky	
Maria C Stewart	33F	Wife	Married	Keeping house		MO	Va	Ky
Etta Stewart	16F	Dau			W.T.	Ind	Mo	
Cora I Stewart	14F	Dau			Ore	Ind	Mo	
Jefferson "	12M	Son			Ore	Ind	Mo	
Henry L Stewart	9M	Son			Ore	Ind	Mo	
William A "	6M	Son			Ore	Ind	Mo	
Chas S Stewart	8mM	Son	born in Sept		Ore	Ind	Mo	

## 1900 Census

Sheet #7A-14 June 1900-Perdue, Douglas Co., Oregon

Residences: Perdue, Canyonville and Cow Creek, Precincts  
Douglas County, Oregon

M.C. Stewart (8/7)	52F	Head	Jan 1848-widow	Mo	Va	Ky
Charles S. Stewart	20M	Son	Sept 1879-Farmer	Ore	Ind	Mo
Edward Stewart	18M	Son	Sept 1881-Farmer	Ore	Ind	Mo

# OWSLEY

## 1880 Census

Pg 16-10 June 1880-Columbia Co., Wash.-T12N-R41E

Ambrose Owsley	39M	Head	Farmer	Mo	Tenn	Ky
Emma Owsley	27F	Wife	Keeping house	Kan	Va	Ky
Alma Owsley	10F	Son	At Home	W.T.	Mo	Kan
Laura Owsley	8F	Dau		W.T.	Mo	Kan
Eddie Owsley	6M	Son		W.T.	Mo	Kan
Hill Owsley	3M	Son		W.T.	Mo	Kan



1900 Census

Sheet #12A-1900-West Pomeroy, Garfield County, Washington

Ambrose Owsley	59M	Head	Mar 1841	Mo	Tenn	Ky	
Emma Owsley (7/4)	48F	Wife	Nov 1861	Kan	Ky	Tenn	
Alma Owsley	31F	Son	Jan 1869		Wash	Mo	Kan
Eugene Owsley	17M	Son	Aug 1882	Wash	Mo	Kan	
Fred Owsley	7M	Son	June 1891	Wash	Mo	Kan	
Henry Owsley	82M	Father	Jan 1818		Tenn	Tenn	N.Y.

1910 Census

Sheet #10B-4 May 1910-W. Pomeroy, Garfield County, Washington

H.B. Owsley	32M	Head	Farmer-marr. 12 yrs	Wash	Mo	Kan	
Minnie Owsley	32F	Wife	(2/2 children)	Kan	Ky	Tenn	
Eula Owsley	11F	Dau		Wash	Wash	Mo	
Gopal Owsley	5F	Dau		Wash	Wash	Mo	
Al Owsley	41M	Brother	Farmer	Wash	Mo	Kan	
Eugene Owsley	28M	Borther	Farmer-Own Farm	Wash	Mo	Kan	
Fred Owsley	18M	Brother	Farm Hand	Wash	Mo	Kan	
A.A. Owsley	69M	Father	Own Income-widow	Mo	Mo	Ky	
A.J. Johnson	32M	Hired Man-Farm hand	gen'l	Mo	Mo		
L.D. Brace	41M	Hired Man-Farm hnad	gen'l	Mo	Ky	Tenn	

1920 Census

Sheet #71A-Jan 1920-Pomeroy, Garfield Co., Wash-Precinct #1

Hill B. Owsley	43M	Head		Ore	Mich	Mich	
Josie E. Owsley	32F	Wife		Ore	Mich	Eng	
Opal M. Owsley	14M	Dau		Wash	Ore	Ore	
Lynn Miller	12M	S-son		Ore	Wash	Wash	
Lester Miller	9M	S-son		Ore	Wash	Wash	

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1900 Census

Sheet #14A-2 July 1900-Mountain Precinct, Columbia County, Washington

George May	68M	Head	Jan 1832	Widow	Ind	Ky	
		Ky					

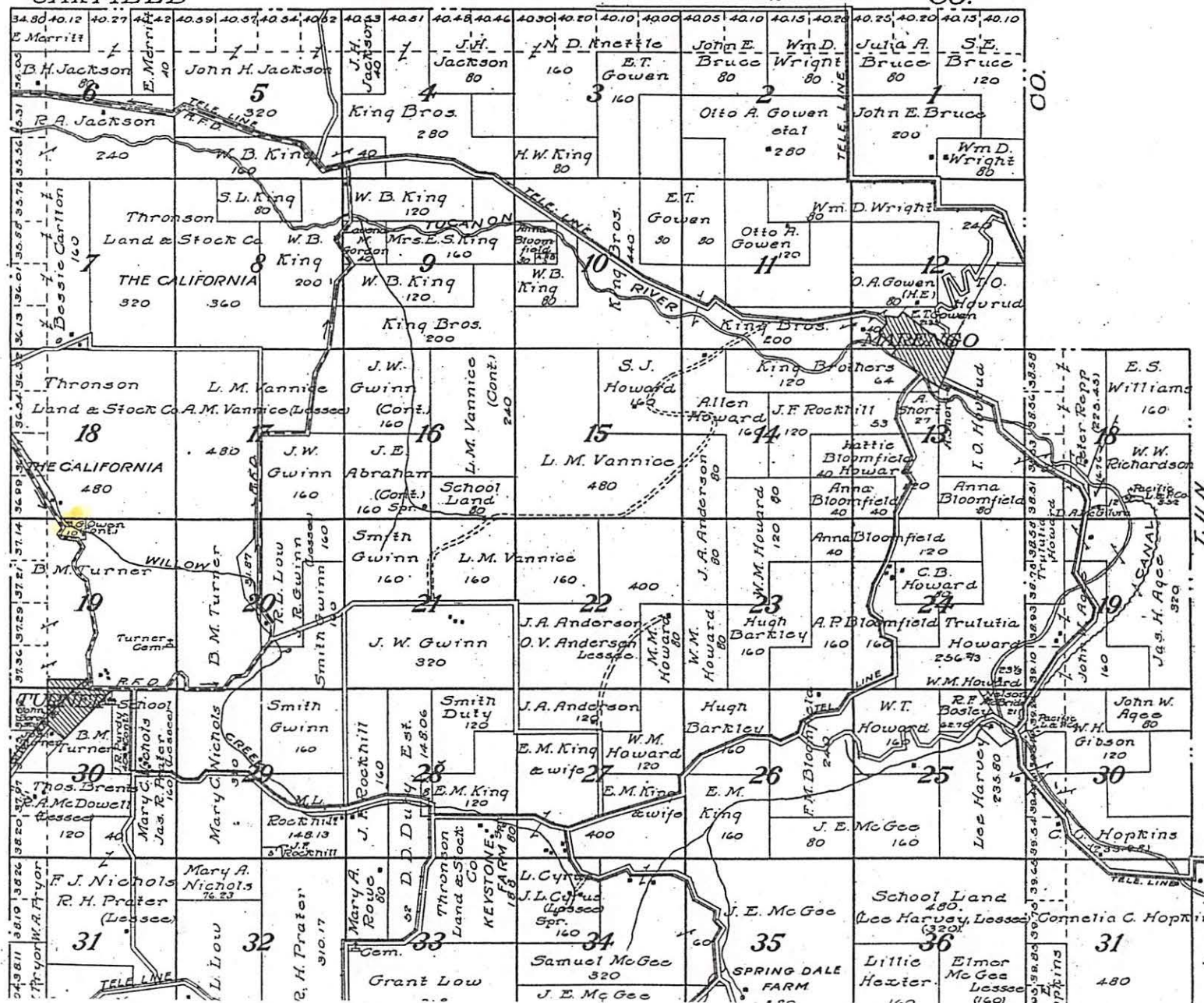


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# Ancestor Chart

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Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Chart No. 1

b. Date of Birth  
 p.b. Place of Birth  
 m. Date of Marriage  
 d. Date of Death  
 p.d. Place of Death

4 Robert Owsley (Father of No. 2)  
 b. 1802  
 p.b. Claiborne, Tenn  
 m.  
 d. 1858  
 p.d. Morgan, MO

2 Henry A. Owsley (Father of No. 1)  
 b. 3 Dec 1818  
 p.b. Claiborne Co, Tenn  
 m.  
 d.  
 p.d. Bur, after 5 May 1905

5 Nancy Elizabeth Miller (Mother of No. 2)  
 b. 1803  
 p.b. Tenn  
 d. 1887  
 p.d. Crosswinters, Hickory, Mo

1 Andrew Owsley  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 m.  
 d.  
 p.d.

6 Barnett Bruce (Father of No. 3)  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 m.  
 d.  
 p.d.

3 Sarah Emeline Bruce (Mother of No. 1)  
 b. about 1820  
 p.b. Chest Orchard, Clark Co. Ky  
 d.  
 p.d.

7 Luciana "Lucy" Tompkins (Mother of No. 3)  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 d.  
 p.d.

Emma Lilla  
 (Spouse of No. 1)  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 d.  
 p.d.

8 John Owsley (Father of No. 4)  
 b. 6 Nov 1757  
 p.b. Goose Creek, Loudoun, VA  
 m.  
 d. 19 Dec 1845  
 p.d. Claiborne, Tenn  
 Burr Hill, Claiborne, Tenn

9 Charity Barton (Mother of No. 4)  
 b. 13 Feb 1760  
 p.b. Rowan Co., N.C.  
 d. 20 Feb 1848  
 p.d. Claiborne, Tenn  
 Buried - "Grain," Tenn

10 Martin Miller (Father of No. 5)  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 m.  
 d.  
 p.d.

11 E. Liddings (Mother of No. 5)  
 b. about 1782  
 p.b. Tenn.  
 d.  
 p.d.

12 \_\_\_\_\_ (Father of No. 6)  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 m.  
 d.  
 p.d.

13 \_\_\_\_\_ (Mother of No. 6)  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 d.  
 p.d.

14 \_\_\_\_\_ (Father of No. 7)  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 m.  
 d.  
 p.d.

15 \_\_\_\_\_ (Mother of No. 7)  
 b.  
 p.b.  
 d.  
 p.d.

16 John Owsley (cont)  
 b. about 1730 VA (Father of No. 8,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 m.  
 d. 14 Sept 1764 Loudoun, VA

17 Ann Stephens (cont)  
 b. about 1735 VA (Mother of No. 8,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 d. after 1810 Tenn

18 John Barton  
 b. 1730-40 N.C. (Father of No. 9,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 m.  
 d. after 1781 Tenn

19 \_\_\_\_\_ (Mother of No. 9,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b.  
 d.

20 \_\_\_\_\_ (Father of No. 10,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b.  
 m.  
 d.

21 \_\_\_\_\_ (Mother of No. 10,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b.  
 d.

22 \_\_\_\_\_ (Father of No. 11,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b.  
 m.  
 d.

23 \_\_\_\_\_ (Mother of No. 11,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b.  
 d.

24 \_\_\_\_\_ (Father of No. 12,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b.  
 m.  
 d.

25 \_\_\_\_\_ (Mother of No. 12,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b.  
 d.

26 \_\_\_\_\_ (Father of No. 13,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b.  
 m.  
 d.

27 \_\_\_\_\_ (Mother of No. 13,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b.  
 d.

28 \_\_\_\_\_ (Father of No. 14,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b.  
 m.  
 d.

29 \_\_\_\_\_ (Mother of No. 14,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b.  
 d.

30 \_\_\_\_\_ (Father of No. 15,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b.  
 m.  
 d.

31 \_\_\_\_\_ (Mother of No. 15,  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 b.  
 d.







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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 1

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1. Ambrose A Owsley was born ABT 1841. He was the son of 2. Henry A Owsley and 3. Sarah Evelyn Bruce.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 2

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2. Henry A Owsley was born 3 DEC 1818 in „TN, and died 5 MAY 1905 in Garfield,,WA. He was buried AFT 5 MAY 1905. He was the son of 4. Robert Owsley and 5. Nancy Elizabeth Miller.

3. Sarah Evelyn Bruce was born ABT 1820 in Crest Orchard,Clark,KY. She was the daughter of 6. Barnett Bruce and 7. Luciana (Lucy) Lampton.

Children of Sarah Evelyn Bruce and Henry A Owsley are:1. i. Ambrose A Owsley was born ABT 1841.  
ii. Nancy A M Owsley was born 1844/1845 in ,Cooper,MO.  
iii. Thornton Owsley was born 1847/1848 in ,Cooper,MO.  
iv. Mary (Dolly) Owsley was born ABT 1849 in ,Putnam,MO.  
v. Alcemy Owsley was born ABT 1857 in ,Cooper,MO.  
vi. Breckenridge Owsley was born ABT JAN 1860 in ,Putnam,MO.  
vii. Jane Owsley was born 1864 in Walla Walla,,WA.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 3



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4. Robert Owsley was born 1802 in ,Claiborne,TN, and died 1858 in ,Morgan,MO. He was buried 1858. He was the son of 8. John Owsley and 9. Charity Barton.

5. Nancy Elizabeth Miller was born 1803 in „TN, and died 1887 in Cross Timbers,Hickory,MO. She was buried 1887. She was the daughter of 10. Martin Miller and 11. E Giddings.

Children of Nancy Elizabeth Miller and Robert Owsley are:2. i. Henry A Owsley was born 3 DEC 1818 in „TN, and died 5 MAY 1905 in Garfield,„WA. He married Sarah Evelyn Bruce 24 MAR 1840, daughter of Barnett Bruce and Luciana (Lucy) Lampton. She was born ABT 1820 in Crest Orchard,Clark,KY.

ii. Owsley was born BEF 1820.

iii. Louisa (Lucy) Owsley was born 1824 in „TN, and died 24 JUL 1911 in Spokane,„WA. She married James White 1841 in „MO. She married Enoch McCormack 1862 in on Oregon trail.

iv. Emmanuel M Owsley was born 9 OCT 1826, and died 20 MAR 1892 in Cross Timbers,Hickory,MO. He married Sarah Minerva Cox 12 MAR 1846 in ,Osage,MO. She was born 1829. He married Cordelia Cauthon 1877. She was born 1829.

v. Hannah Owsley was born 6 APR 1830 in ,Putnam,IN, and died 20 SEP 1918 in Hill City,Graham,KS. She married Ephraim White 1844 in ,Morgan,MO, son of Paul White and Mary Wheery. He was born 30 APR 1825 in ,Delaware,OH, and died 1869 in ,Morgan,MO.

vi. Martin Miller Van Owsley was born 1832 in ,Putnam,IN, and died 20 MAY 1899. He married Jane S Greenstreet. She was born BEF 1836 in ,Putnam,IN. He married Martha Hatcher. He married Catherine Coats.

vii. William Owsley was born 1834 in ,Putnam,IN, and died 6 APR 1864 in Vicksburg,Warren,MS. He married Mary Ann Crider 9 JAN 1852 in ,Gasconade,MO. She was born BEF 1831 in ,Gasconade,MO.

viii. Elijah Benton Owsley was born 2 JAN 1836 in „IA, and died 3 MAR 1914 in Pittsburg,„OK. He married Elizabeth Williams.

ix. David A Owsley was born 25 FEB 1844 in ,Morgan,MO, and died 3 MAR 1915 in Jefferson City,Cole,MO. He married Jemima Ann Brall 16 JUL 1865 in ,Putnam,MO. She was born BEF 1848 in Morgan,„MO. He married Rebecca Tipton 21 MAR 1875 in ,Morgan,MO. She was born 1854 in ,Morgan,MO. He married Nancy 1881. She was born 1860 in ,Morgan,MO. He married C R Burke 30 DEC 1882 in ,Pettis,MO. She was born 1861 in ,Pettis,MO. He married Sarah C Newman Baughman 13 NOV 1883 in „MO. She was born ABT 1850 in ,Morgan,MO, and died ABT 1936.

x. Elias H Owsley was born 1846 in Morgan,„MO, and died 22 NOV 1892. He married Delila Anderson 4 FEB 1866 in ,Putnam,MO. She was born BEF 1845 in Morgan,„MO.

6. Barnett Bruce.

7. Luciana (Lucy) Lampton.

Child of Luciana (Lucy) Lampton and Barnett Bruce is:3. i. Sarah Evelyn Bruce was born ABT 1820 in Crest Orchard,Clark,KY. She married Henry A Owsley 24 MAR 1840, son of Robert Owsley and Nancy Elizabeth Miller. He was born 3 DEC 1818 in „TN, and died 5 MAY 1905 in Garfield,„WA.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 4

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8. John Owsley was born 6 NOV 1757 in Goose Creek, Loudoun, VA, and died 19 DEC 1845 in ,Claiborne, TN. He was buried AFT 19 DEC 1845 in Goin, Claiborne, TN. He was the son of 16. John Owsley and 17. Ann Stephens.

9. Charity Barton was born 13 FEB 1760 in ,Rowan, NC, and died 20 FEB 1848 in ,Claiborne, TN. She was buried AFT 20 FEB 1848 in Goin, Claiborne, TN. She was the daughter of 18. John Barton.

Children of Charity Barton and John Owsley are: i. Tabitha Owsley was born 15 MAR 1780 in ,Rowan, NC, and died JUL 1849 in ,Claiborne, TN. She married William Drummonds AUG 1805 in ,Loudoun, VA. He was born 1779/1780 in „NC, and died AUG 1832 in ,Claiborne, TN. She married James Blackburn. He was born ABT 1776.

ii. Jonathan John Lynch Owsley was born 17 MAR 1783 in ,Loudoun, VA, and died 7 NOV 1811 in Tippecanoe, Indian Territory. He married Rachel Johnson 1805 in ,Claiborne, TN. She was born ABT 1784 in ,Claiborne, TN.

iii. Isaac Owsley was born 27 APR 1786 in ,Claiborne, TN, and died 1886 in ,Monroe, TN. He married Judith Brock BEF 1813 in ,Claiborne, TN. She was born ABT 1792 in ,Claiborne, TN. He married Sarah Stephens 1815 in „VA. She was born 2 MAY 1787, and died 1857/1860 in ,Monroe, TN.

iv. Stephen Owsley was born 24 JUN 1787 in ,Claiborne, TN, and died 1881 in ,Claiborne, TN. He married Rhoda Johnson 1810 in ,Claiborne, TN, daughter of Johnson. She was born 1789 in „TN, and died BEF 1870.

v. Matthew Owsley was born 23 SEP 1789 in ,Claiborne, TN, and died 21 APR 1862 in Maynardville, Union, TN. He married Sarah (Sally) Keck 1811 in „TN, daughter of Frederick Conrad (Coonrod) Keck and Mary Ann Butcher. She was born 25 DEC 1790 in ,Orange, NC, and died 2 DEC 1850 in ,Union, TN. He married Susannah Collins 19 AUG 1857 in ,Claiborne, TN. She was born 1812 in „VA.

vi. Joseph Owsley was born 1790 in ,Claiborne, TN, and died 1879 in ,Campbell, TN. He married Phoebe Longmire 1813 in „NC, daughter of John Longmire and Nancy Marshall. She was born 1797 in „NC, and died 1880 in ,Campbell, TN.

vii. Anna Owsley was born 28 DEC 1792 in ,Claiborne, TN, and died 2 APR 1868 in ,Claiborne, TN. She married John D Keck ABT 1812 in ,Claiborne, TN, son of Frederick Conrad (Coonrod) Keck and Mary Ann Butcher. He was born 1795 in ,Orange, NC, and died 7 MAR 1859 in ,Claiborne, TN.

viii. William Owsley was born 9 APR 1796 in ,Claiborne, TN, and died 11 MAR 1875 in ,Johnson, MO. He married Mary Sharp 1815 in ,Claiborne, TN. She was born 1797 in ,Claiborne, TN, and died 1855. He married Sarah Watson 1855/1860 in ,Claiborne, TN. She was born 26 JUN 1800 in ,Claiborne, TN, and died 13 JUN 1884 in ,Johnson, MO.

4. ix. Robert Owsley was born 1802 in ,Claiborne, TN, and died 1858 in ,Morgan, MO. He married Nancy Elizabeth Miller 1818 in „TN, daughter of Martin Miller and E Giddings. She was born 1803 in „TN, and died 1887 in Cross Timbers, Hickory, MO.

10. Martin Miller.

11. E Giddings was born ABT 1782 in „TN.

Child of E Giddings and Martin Miller is: 5. i. Nancy Elizabeth Miller was born 1803 in „TN, and died 1887 in Cross Timbers, Hickory, MO. She married Robert Owsley 1818 in „TN, son of John Owsley and Charity Barton. He was born 1802 in ,Claiborne, TN, and died 1858 in ,Morgan, MO.



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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 5

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16. John Owsley was born ABT 1730 in ,Prince William,VA, and died 14 SEP 1764 in ,Loudoun,VA. He was buried AFT 14 SEP 1764. He was the son of 32. Thomas Owsley and 33. Ann.

17. Ann Stephens was born ABT 1735 in ,Stafford,VA, and died AFT 1810 in „,TN. She was buried AFT 1810. She was the daughter of 34. Robert Stephens and 35. Ann Dent.

Children of Ann Stephens and John Owsley are: i. Ann Owsley was born 1750/1760 in ,Loudoun,VA. She married Matthew Adams 20 FEB 1780 in ,Rowan,NC, son of John Adams. She married Peter Helton.

ii. Sarah Owsley was born 1752/1755 in ,Loudoun,VA, and died 1830/1840 in ,Linn,MO. She married Joshua Botts 1760 in ,Loudoun,VA, son of Moses? Botts and Sarah Chamberlin. He was born ABT 1746 in ,Loudoun,VA, and died 1852 in ,Linn,MO.

iii. Mary Owsley was born 1752/1759 in ,Loudoun,VA. She married William Rice in ,Loudoun,VA.  
8. iv. John Owsley was born 6 NOV 1757 in Goose Creek,Loudoun,VA, and died 19 DEC 1845 in ,Claiborne,TN. He married Charity Barton 16 AUG 1778 in ,Rowan,NC, daughter of John Barton. She was born 13 FEB 1760 in ,Rowan,NC, and died 20 FEB 1848 in ,Claiborne,TN.

v. Robert Housley was born 1759/1761 in ,Loudoun,VA, and died ABT 1839 in ,Jefferson,TN. He married Lydia Ann. She was born BEF 1763 in „,VA.

18. John Barton was born 1730/1740 in ,Wilkes,NC, and died ABT 1781 in „,TN. He was buried ABT 1781.

Children of John Barton are: i. Isaac Barton was born 1750/1760 in „,NC, and died 1827 in ,Grayson,VA. He married Abigail Ward, daughter of Wells Ward and Rebecca. She was born ABT 1775, and died 11 MAY 1859 in ,Grayson,VA.

9. ii. Charity Barton was born 13 FEB 1760 in ,Rowan,NC, and died 20 FEB 1848 in ,Claiborne,TN. She married John Owsley 16 AUG 1778 in ,Rowan,NC, son of John Owsley and Ann Stephens. He was born 6 NOV 1757 in Goose Creek,Loudoun,VA, and died 19 DEC 1845 in ,Claiborne,TN.

iii. John Barton was born 1760/1765 in ,Rowan,NC, and died 3 JAN 1839 in ,Grayson,VA. He married Patty Harden BEF 1790. She died BEF 1793 in ,Wilkes,NC. He married Elizabeth Pennington 4 SEP 1793 in ,Wilkes,NC, daughter of Micajah Pennington and Rachel Jones. She was born 10 AUG 1774 in „,NC, and died AFT 1857 in ,Grayson,VA.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 6



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32. Thomas Owsley was born BEF 27 MAR 1697/1698 in ,Stafford,VA, and died 25 JUN 1751 in ,Fairfax,,VA. He was buried AFT 25 JUN 1751. He was the son of 64. Thomas Owsley and 65. Anne Harris.

33. Ann was born 1707 in ,Stafford,VA, and died 1751 in ,Stafford,VA. She was buried 1751.

Children of Ann and Thomas Owsley are:16. i. John Owsley was born ABT 1730 in ,Prince William,VA, and died 14 SEP 1764 in ,Loudoun,VA. He married Ann Noble ABT 1755 in ,Stafford,VA. She was born ABT 1734 in ,Stafford,VA. He married Ann Stephens 1755 in ,Loudoun,VA, daughter of Robert Stephens and Ann Dent. She was born ABT 1735 in ,Stafford,VA, and died AFT 1810 in ,,TN.

ii. Thomas Owsley was born 1731 in ,Prince William,VA, and died 1 NOV 1796 in ,Madison,KY. He married Mary Middleton 1746 in ,Fairfax,VA. She was born 1730 in ,,VA, and died 1 SEP 1808 in ,Madison,KY.

iii. William Owsley was born ABT 1732 in ,Stafford,VA, and died 14 OCT 1762 in ,Loudon,VA. He married Jane.

iv. Newdigate Owsley was born ABT 1734 in ,Stafford,VA, and died APR 1797 in ,Hancock,GA. He married Mary Ann Davis ABT 1757 in ,Stafford,VA. She was born ABT 1738 in ,Stafford,VA.

v. Sarah Owsley was born ABT 1736 in ,Stafford,VA, and died 1808.

vi. Pointz Owsley was born ABT 1738 in ,Stafford,VA, and died 7 FEB 1813 in ,Loudoun,VA. He married Ann. She was born ABT 1742 in ,Stafford,VA.

vii. Weldon Welding was born ABT 1740 in ,Stafford,VA, and died AFT 1814 in ,,GA. He married Sarah.

viii. Elizabeth Owsley was born ABT 1742 in ,Stafford,VA.

ix. Ann Bayne West Owsley was born 27 SEP 1744 in ,Fairfax,VA, and died 5 FEB 1823 in ,Laurens,SC. She married Edward Garrett 2 JUN 1759 in Cameron Parish,Fairfax,VA, son of Edward T Garrett and Elizabeth Catlett. He was born 31 AUG 1733 in Stafford,New Kent,VA, and died 23 AUG 1794 in ,Laurens,SC. She married Isaac Kent.

34. Robert Stephens was born ABT 1712, and died SEP 1773 in Faiquier,,VA. He was buried SEP 1773. He was the son of 68. Robert Stephens and 69. Elizabeth.

35. Ann Dent was born ABT 1714 in ,,NJ. She was the daughter of 70. Dent.

Child of Ann Dent and Robert Stephens is:17. i. Ann Stephens was born ABT 1735 in ,Stafford,VA, and died AFT 1810 in ,,TN. She married John Owsley 1755 in ,Loudoun,VA, son of Thomas Owsley and Ann. He was born ABT 1730 in ,Prince William,VA, and died 14 SEP 1764 in ,Loudoun,VA. She married Matthew Adams 20 FEB 1780 in ,Rowan,NC, son of Matthew Adams.



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## Ambrose A. Owsley

*Dick Owsley relates  
his experiences during the  
terrible winter of 1861-62.*

I landed at Walla Walla on August 25, 1861. From there I went to Whetstone in what is now Columbia county and met Tom Whetstone, one of the earliest settlers of that region. He was living in a tent, and desiring to build a house. I contracted to construct it for him. We went from his place up to the mountains on what is known as the Eckler mountain. We wintered right where the Eckler mill was afterwards located for the purpose of getting out logs and timber. A little while before New Years we made a big sled and took a load of shingles to Walla Walla; myself, Bill McCormick and Jake Hybarger, who came across the plains with me. We made the shingles ourselves. We split them out with a frow from pine timber and shaved them with a drawing knife. We made ten thousand. The snow started to fall and we supposed it would be good sledding, so we put the shingles on the sled with five hundred pounds of dried deer hams, ten bushels of wheat and some feed corn, and started to Walla Walla with three yoke of cattle. The deer were thicker there than cattle ever have been since. You could kill all the deer you wanted--could go out any time and get one in an hour.

The first day out we went as far as Dayton to the crossing of the Touchet. The weather was bitter cold. We drove into the creek, and the pine sled, having no shoes, as soon as it struck the rocks it stayed right there. We got out in the water and unhitched the team and packed the shingles and hams to the other side. It took us all night. Next morning we hitched up and drove to the mouth of Whiskey creek, on the Coppei. McCormick froze his ears and Jake froze his feet. This was done in the daytime. I was lucky enough not to get frozen. We camped on the Coppei that night with Bill Bunton at the Bunton house. We put our cattle in his corral and packed corn fodder down to feed them. It snowed all night. Jake didn't know his feet were frozen until they began to thaw in the house. We took his shoes off and had him place his feet in a tub of ice water. After that he danced and hopped around all night. The next morning we struck on to Walla Walla. Jake was suffering terribly and could not wear his shoes. He tied gunny sacks on his feet and went with us. The snow was just up to the top of the sled then,



about 2½ feet deep. We unloaded the shingles and went on to Walla Walla with the wheat and deer hams. The next night we camped on the flat between Dry creek and Walla Walla. We put the cattle in a large house, just built, the first house on that flat. The next day we went to the mill out south of Walla Walla. It was the first mill there, I think it was the Reynolds mill which is now owned and operated by J.H. Coyle.

We sold our deer hams in Walla Walla for 25 cents a pound, got our wheat ground at the mill, and the next day we started back. It had been snowing all the time and was still very cold. We got back as far as Dry creek and there we had to leave the sled and the load of provisions for the winter with a man by the name of Kimble. We took the cattle and started on that evening and got up in the hollow above Dutch Charley's, where Dixie is now located. There our cattle mired in the snow and couldn't get any further. I unyoked them, racked the yokes up and left them there. The outlook was gloomy and we had little hope of ever reaching home. We put the cattle up on the hillside where there were a few weeds sticking up out of the snow and went back down to Dutch Charley's and called there to get shelter in his cabin. By this time you could track Jake Hybarger by the blood from his feet that dripped through the gunny sacks, and McCormick was having quite a time with his ears. We made arrangements to stop at Dutch Charley's cabin that night. We cut wood out of the creek and packed it up to the house after dark.

The cattle followed us down to the house along the creek. The next morning I found them back down at Kimbles. I got some corn from Kimble to feed them and we stayed there for ten days. We found Dutch Charley a pretty nice man after we got acquainted with him. Every day we fed the cattle a sack of corn. There were some old straw stacks there and there were dead cattle around those stacks so thick that you couldn't walk through them. The corn I fed my cattle kept them all right.

The tenth day, father and the expressman from Florence, Idaho, came through on snow shoes. They supposed we had perished. If you had been close enough you could have seen a few tears as we met. The snow was then five feet deep all over the Walla Walla valley. The next morning after father came through we packed two of our steers with our camp outfit. One went ahead to break trail, following the high ridges. It was very hard work, but we managed to get over to Coppei that day and stopped with Sam Gilbreath who had a public house at Coppei. If ever I thought I was in heaven it was that night around the hot stove. Gilbreath gave us a good hot toddy and we had a good meal and a good rest. The next morning we struck on over to the Touchet and made it there. Our bill at Gilbreath for four of us and six steers was \$20.00, and we had not a cent to pay with. We gave him a lien on the shingles over the hill from his house.

We found when we got back up to Stubb's ranch, where Dayton now stands that three or four pack trains were snowed in there, and the community would have suffered if those trains had not been there. They were

loaded to go to Colville and they let everyone have provisions, to be paid for in the spring or when they could. We got provisions, flour, coffee, etc., and packed them up to where we were wintering and where our camp was.

When we got there we found the snow about twelve feet deep. Mother, Barney and Belle had stayed there all the time supposing that we were all lost, the old man and all the rest. They had plenty of meat to eat, but had nothing else for ten days. They could get neither in or out, the snow was so soft. We packed our provisions, walking on clumps, broad pieces of wood which we tied on our shoes. We went down to Stubbs' after another load of provisions and the wind blew a little, and when we got down on the ridges the snow wasn't quite so deep. All the side of my face was frozen and blistered by the wind. We packed about fifty pounds apiece, and got back home about midnight. All the rest gave out on the road. Ben Hurley gave out and father had to kick him around there to keep him from freezing. I sent Barney out with a pine torch to meet them. He went about a quarter of a mile and the old man hallooed when he saw the light, and Barney located them and brought them into camp. Barney was about seventeen years old then.

We managed to stay there in that cabin, packing our provisions in until about the 20th of March. The snow crusted then so mother and Belle could walk out. They went out on top of the snow and we took them down to Forsythe's, below Dayton. Hybarger had lost the front half of his feet, they came off all but the sinews, and I cut them off with a razor. He suffered intensely and begged me to shoot him; when I refused he begged me to give him the pistol so he could kill himself.

The last day of March we all went to Florence. The snow was gone on the Tucanon and the Pataha, but there was about four feet on the Alpowa ridge. It snowed there the day we crossed it and I never saw it snow harder. We left the Pataha and went up the hill right where the road leaves now. It went right up that back bone. The trail came down just above Long's place at the forks of the Alpowa creek. When we went down there a man by the name of King had commenced to build a house and when we came back in the fall he had a big log house. He sold it to one of Vine Favor's brothers.

When I came back in the fall Dutch George had settled right up here where the park now is; the Rigsby place was settled as we came up. There was some man there, but I have forgotten his name. I think he had a house there, built out of pine logs. When we came back in the fall the old Owsley place had been taken up and a blacksmith shop had been built; and Hybarger who was a blacksmith hired out there. I went on down home.

I had been to the great mining camp of Florence, where I saw \$500.00 washed out of one shovel, and then didn't get rich. It was the richest place in the world. They were the richest placer mines anywhere. People thought that the mines covered the whole basin, but they only covered about two sections. I saw ten thousand men there.

It was during this winter that the three men were frozen to death on the



Deadman Gulch, and it is from this incident that the gulch takes its name. The bones of these men were buried on the place recently sold by Art Whitmore to E.L. Sanford. The bones were found the next spring by Cayuse George and John Turner. The names of these men were unknown, but they had left Florence with twenty or twenty-five pounds of gold dust, which has never been found. It was in rawhide purses and was probably scattered over the hills by the coyotes.

It began to snow that winter on New Year's eve, and continued without stop for forty days, day and night. Sometimes the fall was heavy, sometimes light, but it never stopped altogether and it was fearfully cold all the time.

This is my recollection of the winter of 1861-62.

## Barney Owsley

*A Missourian,  
not content with Civil War strife,  
heads for the gold fields of Idaho in 1861.*

I was born March 29, 1847, in Cooper County, Missouri. In 1861 we started from Missouri, heading west to the Northwest Territory, as conditions were not comfortable in Missouri due to the Civil War. We thought there would be better opportunities in the far west. We had four yoke of oxen when we started and reached here with three head. I walked all the way from South Pass. The last house I saw was on the Loop Fork of the Platte. The first one I saw on this side was the Indian Agency at Umatilla. By the time we reached La Grande our food was gone and we waited there until our scouts went ahead to the agency and returned with supplies.

We left the wagon train at Umatilla, and started for Walla Walla, the

straggling village on Mill Creek. There we learned that we could get work up the Touchet. We followed the trail as far as a wagon could go. That brought us to "Stubb's" place where he had built a cabin and lived there with his squaw. His real name was Schnebley and the land afterwards became the townsite of Dayton. "Stubbs" was killed in the Okanogan country, while running government horses across the border.

Davis and Whetstone had located in what is known as Whetstone Hollow, and father hired out to him to get logs from the Blue Mountains to put up their cabins, so we went up in the mountains and built a cabin of logs where we spent that first winter, which turned out to be the most talked-of winter in the history of this country.

We had been told that the winters were mild and we could work outside in our shirt sleeves. It began to snow and kept on snowing. Our cabin was completely covered. We had to keep shoveling the snow away, but we got along some way.

During the following April, when my father, brother and I started for the Florence mines, we went up over the Alpowa hills. They were covered with ice from the snow that had packed there during the winter. We dropped down into the Snake River Valley, to find the grass green and Indians camped at the mouth of the Alpowa. That was Chief Timothy's home. Many a time in later years I was to see this encampment and accept the hospitality of the friendly chief, who never lifted a hand against the whites.

We found ten thousand men in the Florence mines, and the good claims all staked. They were taking out \$6,000 a day with rockers. We didn't stay long, but went down to the Salmon River Valley and spent the winter. Flour was \$2.50 a pound and bacon the same.

I was 16 years old in the spring of 1863; my brother, Dick, was older. He killed a big elk in the Salmon River Valley, and we packed that to Florence and sold it for \$1.00 a pound. That kept us going for awhile. The woods were full of huckleberries, so when they got ripe we sold them for \$5.00 a gallon. I could pick two gallons a day.

Two men whipsawed some lumber for father, and he made a skiff and we crossed the Salmon and went south. We drifted around, hearing of diggings here and there and finally returned to the Pataha.

Two miles above the place where the trails crossed the creek, a man named Sunderland had located. I went up to the mountains and got out logs for him and helped build his log cabin, the first on the site of the present Pomeroy, but the town started a long time after that.

I started packing to the mines and stayed with it six years. In 1863, Colonel Craig put his ferry on the Snake river between the present sites of Lewiston and Clarkston. The former was not long in becoming a town, but Clarkston was only a horse pasture for a long time. A man named Greenfield had a horse ranch on that side of the river. John Silcott had a ferry on the Snake river. His wife was Chief Timothy's daughter, Jane. When I'd go to Montana with a pack train, I would stop there. She was a good friend of



mine.

Every kind of merchandise needed at the mines was packed in on the backs of mules; mining machinery, tools, tables for the gamblers, food and clothing. Expert skill and judgment were required to prevent over-loading and the wrong kind of packing. Flour was one of the most difficult articles to pack. Three hundred and fifty pounds of merchandise were considered a good average load for a mule. Each pack train was led by a bell horse with a rider. The rider was also the cook. Forty-five mules was a five-man train, and twenty-three a three-man train. Sometimes we would be gone for months. President Lincoln was assassinated a year before I heard of it.

I packed to Fort Colville and to the Coeur d'Alene mines, through the Palouse and Spokane countries, stopping at George Lucas' on Cow Creek. Many a time we played checkers together and George always won. At the forks of the Palouse, where the town of Colfax was later founded, there was nothing but brush.

While operating a pack train into the Idaho mountains, during the Chief Joseph war, I brushed into the retreating Joseph and his warriors. I discovered my dilemma in time to escape with a whole skin, but I deserted my pack train to do it. When Chief Joseph had passed, I went back and found horses and cargo largely intact, though Joseph's men had tapped a whiskey barrel and consumed considerable of it. This episode was one of my big moments.

The moderate climate of the lower Grande Ronde river and the Imnaha canyon attracted me. I moved my herd to that region, where in cold weather the stock grazed on the river bank and moved up on the hills in summer time. At the very point where engineers are now building the Shumaker grade, I found abundant pasture. I should have stuck to it, as it was a great stock country.

I crossed the Spokane river on Joe Herron's ferry, seven miles above the falls, often stopping there to fish. I could have owned the site on which Spokane was built. The townsite of Lewiston was offered to me for thirty dollars. It was traded by the owner, Mr. West, for a horse. Mr. West was homesick for trees, so he crossed to the Washington side and rode on and on until he sighted the feathery tops of pines against the skyline.

By 1866 enough farmers had located in the Touchet Valley to call for a grist mill. It was built at Long's, now the site of Long's Station. The method of threshing and winnowing wheat was primitive. I remember seeing Elisha Ping at his ranch on the Patit above Dayton, cleaning his grain in an old fanning mill, after tramping it out with horses.

I took grain to Long's mill in 1866 and had it ground and packed a whole train to Boise and another to Orofino. My uncle, Jesse Day, lived on the Touchet, and raised a lot of hogs. He made bacon, which I packed and sold for a dollar a pound. Uncle Jesse took the money and bought the land of Schnebley where Dayton now stands. Schnebley had a log house where travelers stopped for meals and to spend the night.

Archie and Frank McCrearty were here when we came. So was James Bower. He owned the site of Pataha City. "Parson" Quinn had a squatter's claim on Pataha Creek. Billy Freeman and "Aunt Ellen" ran the stage station on Alpowa Creek. I stopped there many a time. Aunt Ellen was a famous cook.

I knew Jerry MacQuire, said to be the first permanent settler on Asotin Creek. He was a big Irishman, handy with his fists. His wife was a squaw, yet Jerry had a lot of fights with Indians. The hills were full of Jerry's horses, at least a thousand of them. His brand was a horse's head.

One day while in the hills, he ran into a band of hostile Indians. They were sixteen to one, but Jerry had the advantage. Beside him was a pile of rocks, apparently made to order. These he used with such unerring aim that the redskins fled.

Indians wintered in the Asotin where it empties into the Snake, as well as at the mouth of the Alpowa. The apple trees planted for Red Wolf by the missionary, Rev. Spalding, were still there on Chief Timothy's ranch. Many a time I enjoyed their fruit. The trees grew from seedlings, so the apples were small and of inferior quality, yet they were a treat in the early days, when fruit was scarce.

The Nez Perce was a fine type of Indian. When I first knew Timothy, he was about thirty-five years old. His wealth consisted of horses. It was Timothy who saved the Steptoe expedition from utter failure. He crossed the Steptoe command over the Snake River under cover of darkness and they went on to Walla Walla. I heard Timothy preach a number of times.

This was a stock country at first. Newton Estes, on the Deadman Creek, had a lot of cattle. J.M. Pomeroy brought in the roan Durham. Truly, there were "cattle on a thousand hills." The farming was all done in the valleys along the streams. Then it was discovered that wheat could be raised on the hills. From that time farmers turned their attention to wheat raising, especially after Dr. Baker's road was finished.

Steamboats ran on the Snake River and several shipping points were established. There was one at New York Bar, another at Grange City. Almota was a lively little shipping point in the early days.

When the government built the road over the Lola Trail, I packed to the 200 men at the construction camps. There I saw Col. Craig. He had settled on land on the Idaho side in the 30's, later taking it as his donation claim. Col. Craig, Doc Newell and Louis Raboin came from St. Louis to trap for the Hudson's Bay Company. They were all "squaw men." Col. Craig established the first ferry on the Snake river. Doc Newell became Indian agent at Lapwai and Louis Raboin, or "Marengo," as he was known, settled on the Tucanon, just three miles over the hills from the site of my ranch in later years, and I knew him well. He was there in the 50's when Governor Stevens and his party of surveyors passed that way. Later the town of Marengo was named for him. He was always fighting mosquitoes when he was trapping in the Pend Oreille country and his companions named him



"Maringouin," French for mosquito. Spelling it the way it sounded changed the name to Marengo.

In 1869 I settled on Pataha Creek, four and one-half miles from the present site of Pomeroy. I homesteaded and bought land and my farm covered three thousand acres, part of it being the "Parson" Quinn place. I had loaned him some money and one day he appeared and insisted upon giving me a deed.

The Grange put up a rough lumber building on my ranch and held their meetings. Other meetings were held there and later the building was used for a school house.

Game was always plentiful. When I ran out of meat I took my pack-horse and went up into the Blue Mountains, returning very soon with a deer. There were thousands of prairie chickens along the Tucanon; they fed on birch buds in the winter. Grouse hatched along the Tucanon in the spring.

In 1874 there was talk of dividing Walla Walla county. Elisha Ping was in the territorial legislature at that time and he used his influence to form a new county with Dayton as the county seat. He wanted the county named Ping, but Columbia seemed more suitable to the majority, so in 1875 the new county was sliced off. Some wanted Marengo for the county seat, but Dayton received the most votes.

Practically all conspicuous Indians of an early date were on speaking terms with me, and I had frequent intercourse with them, over the poker table, or in a business sense. Red Elk, Mox-Mox and even Long John, the renegade, are listed in that respect. Long John's checkered career has in it ample material for thrilling western history.

And there was Cherokee Bob! Of that man I have vivid recollections. Cherokee Bob was a Georgia "breed" who came to Walla Walla when that place was wild and wooley, and Bob was not long in spinning a web of troubles about himself. During a theatrical production, some soldiers persisted in annoying the actresses. Cherokee Bob may have been a "breed," but he had a sense of chivalry not understood by some westerners. Cherokee Bob warned once, then shot. Six soldiers "bit the dust" and Bob scooted for Florence. Soon he was in trouble there, and again over a woman. In the shoot-off which followed, with a man named Jack Williams, Bob's weapons having been tampered with by the woman over whom they fought, Bob's finish was foreordained. His remains lie at Florence, now a city of "bats and ghosts," under a rapidly disintegrating plank marker.

I engaged in stock-raising and sold my cattle to Dooley and Kirkman of the Figure 3 ranch. I homesteaded and bought land until I had 3,000 acres where I raised these cattle and part of my herd was raised in Asotin county.

In 1877 a buyer came in and I went with him to drive the cattle out. On the way back I heard that Chief Joseph was on the warpath and his warriors were killing the whites. Families were rushing from all parts of the country to forts that were being hastily constructed. At first I couldn't believe it. Chief Joseph was a friend of mine, a highly respected one. He had never

made any trouble, asking only that he and his tribe might dwell in the valley which was his birthplace.

I joined the company that was organized, and did scout duty, going as far as Kamaia. Joseph retreated, entered Montana, kept up a running fight and retreat which lasted three months. Finally he surrendered to General Miles near Bear Paw Mountain.

The trouble started over the possession of the Wallowa Valley, the land given to Old Chief Joseph in the treaty of 1855. There they lived happily and peacefully for years. It was an ideal place for anybody, white or red. Wallowa lake was full of sockeye salmon. Worlds of elk and deer came down from the hills in the fall and roamed along the river. There was small game of every description. In the spring there were roots of all kinds, and berries in the summer. It was sheltered in winter, cool in summer, and nothing more was needed or desired by the Indians.

White men coveted this Paradise, and the land was taken by them. Chief Joseph blamed Lawyer, saying, "If I had a horse and you wanted to buy it and I said 'no,' and you went to another man and he sold my horse to you, would that be right? That is just what you have done. You have sold land that did not belong to you."

When the young men of the tribe became restless in 1873, President Grant again turned the valley over to them, but in 1875 the order was revoked. From that time there was trouble. The Indians refused to leave. Stock was killed. Soldiers sent to reinforce the order of removal were ambushed and killed and the war was on. Chief Joseph was never allowed to again look upon the valley where he was born.

Returning from the war in 1877, I found that a grist mill was being built. Ben Day built a store. Carnahan had a saloon. The town of Pomeroy was starting.

The skeleton of an old mill marks the site of the first town in what is now Garfield county. That was Columbia Center, a thriving little village of the '70's. A man named Stimson, miller and mill wright, built the mill, also building one on the Alpowa. In 1876 he and his family entered the Asotin country, settling at Anatone. It was there I met his daughter, Harriet, when I went into the Grand Ronde Valley to raise cattle in 1878. We were married in 1879 and spent a year on Joseph Creek right across from Old Chief Joseph's ranch.

My cattle range was where the Grande Ronde empties into the Snake. When we were living on Joseph Creek, I was coming along the trail through the alders one day, when I discovered a cave. I explored it and found plenty of room for a good-sized camp, so I moved in. It extended far back and I chose a good place for my fire where the smoke drifted out through a crevice.

My father and another man visited me there at times and we cooked our meat and sourdough over the fire, using forked sticks. Years after I had abandoned the camp, the newspapers carried the announcement that a cave



# OWENS

Robert Wesley Owens

b-4 Aug 1835 New York  
d- Nov 1914 Dayton, Columbia Co., Wash  
buried-22 Nov 1914 Dayton Cem.  
79yrs-Plot E

Lucy Morgan

b- 1853 Michigan  
d- July 1898 Columbia Co., Wash  
buried- July 1898 Dayton Cem.  
Plot E

Married-

Father-  
Mother- Sarah (1800-1888)

Father-  
Mother-

Mark Wesley Owens-Born-7 Jan 1867 Mason City, Iowa  
Married-Mrs. Anna (Bauman) Schuman 1918  
Died-2 July 1943 Pomeroy, Garfield, Wash-76 yrs.  
Buried-5 July 1943 Dayton Cem-Plot K

Sarah Elizabeth Owens-Born-4/7 Sept 1873 Iowa  
Married-Millard F. Huston 19 Jan 1892 Columbia Co., Wash.  
Died-25 March 1913-39 yrs, 6 mo., 21 days  
Buried- Plot C Dayton Cem.  
(Note: Dayton cemetery records have her name as Rosetta)

Alba Owens-Born- 1875 Iowa  
Died-15 June 1884 Columbia County, Washington  
Buried-Plot E-9 yrs.

Walter H. Owens-Born-23 May 1877 Iowa  
Married 1st-Eva Crall 3 Nov 1901 Columbia Co., Wash. (died young)  
Married 2nd-Anna Craft or Beliens (?)  
Died-between 1943-1957 (Note: was living in Portland, Ore 1943)

Edith May Owens-Born 1 May 1879 Iowa  
Married-William M. Culbertson Jan 1900  
Died-6 Aug 1960 Dayton, Columbia Co., Wash-81 yrs  
Buried-9 Aug 1960 Dayton Cemetery-Plot F

Lillie Grace Owens-Born 26 April 1881 near Mason City, Iowa  
Married 1st-Jacob Henry Myers Sept 1901 at residence of parents, Columbia Co., WA  
Married 2nd-Ira C. Gary 8 Sept 1938  
Died-9 Aug 1958 Dayton, Wash-77 years  
Buried-11 Aug 1958 Dayton Cemetery-Plot K

Carrie "Maude" Owens-Born 16/27 Dec 1883 Columbia County, Washington  
Married-Palmer Ayers Sept 1904 Dayton, Columbia Co., Wash  
Died-3 June 1957 Dayton, Wash.-73 yrs.  
Buried-6 June 1957 Dayton Cem.-Plot H

Amy L. Owens-Born 13 July 1886 Dayton, Columbia Co., Wash  
Married- Rose  
Died-before 1957



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(Pg 2-Robert W. & Lucy Owens children)

Annie G Owens-Born-15 Jan 1893 Dayton Columbia Co., Wash

Married- Thompson

Died-

(Living in Seattle in 1960)

George Emile Owens- Born 26 June 1898 Dayton, Columbia Co., Wash

Married-Etta Johnson 1925 Dayton, Columbia Co., Wash.

Died-25 Aug 1959 Walla Walla, Wash-61 yrs.

Buried-29 Aug 1959 Dayton, Cem-Plot E



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## 1880 Census

Pg 16-10 June 1880-Clear Lake, Gardo, Iowa

R. W. Owens	45M	Head	Farmer	New York	England	England
Lucy Owens	22F	Wife	Keeping House	Michigan	New York	France
Mark Owens	8M	Son		Iowa	New York	Michigan
Sarah Owens	6F	Dau		Iowa	New York	Michigan
Elva Owens	5F	Dau		Iowa	New York	Michigan
Walter Owens	3M	Son		Iowa	New York	Michigan
Edith Owens	1F	Dau		Iowa	New York	Michigan
Thomas W. Owens	41M	Brother	Widow	Penn	England	England

Pg 43/113-25 June 1880-Dayton, Columbia Co., Wash.

Edward Owen	41M	Head	Teamster	Maine	New York	Maine
Amanda Owen	42F	Wife	Keeping House	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
James S. Owen	11M	Son		Oregon	Maine	Virginia
Rachel Owen	10F	Dau		Oregon	Maine	Virginia
John F. Owen	8M	Son		Idaho	Maine	Virginia
Ellen Owen	6F	Dau		Idaho	Maine	Virginia
Edward Owen	5M	Son		Wash T.	Maine	Virginia
Harry Owen	2M	Son		Wash. T.	Maine	Virginia

Pg 22/101-16 June 1880-District #1, Columbia Co., Wash.  
(Under household of Robert Elwell)

Elva Owen	17F	Servant		Missouri	_____	_____
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Pg 5/125-3 June 1880-TN 11N, R40E-Columbia County, Wash.

G. James Owen	22M	Head	Farmer	Missouri	Virginia	Ohio
M. Mary Owen	18F	Wife	Keeping House	Oregon	Illinois	Oregon

Pg 10/127-7 June 1880-T13N, R40E-Columbia County, Wash

John Owen	39M		Minning	China	China	China
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Pg 27/136-17 June 1880-T10N, R40E- Columbia County, Wash

Richard Owen	54M	Head	Farmer	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	N. Carolina
Denisa Owen	50F	Wife	Keeping House	Ohio	Virginia	Virginia
George Owen	19M	Son	Farm Hand	Missouri	N. Carolina	Ohio
Elva S. Owen	17F	Dau	At Home	Missouri	N. Carolina	Ohio
Lee R. Owen	15M	Son	At Home	Wash. Terr.	N. Carolina	Ohio
Henry W. Owen	13M	Son	At Home	Oregon	N. Carolina	Ohio
Jane Owen	11F	Dau	At School	Oreong	N. Carolina	Ohio



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## 1883 Census

### Pg 4-Columbia County, Washington

Richard Owen	56M	Farmer	N. Carolina	Married
Denisa Owen	54F		Ohio	Married
Elva Owen	20F		Missouri	
Lee Owen	18M	Farmer	Wash. Terr	
Henry Owen	16M		Oregon	
Jane Owen	14F		Oregon	

### Pg 3-Columbia County, Washington

Edward Owens	47M		Maine	Married
Amanda Owens	46F		Virginia	Married
James S. Owens	14M		Oregon	
Rachel Owens	13F		Oregon	
Johnny Owens	11M		Idaho	
Ella Owens	9F		Idaho	
Edward Owens Jr.	8M		Washington Terr.	
Myrtle Owens	1F		Washington Terr.	

### Pg 17- Columbia County, Washington

George D. Owen	22M	Farmer	Missouri
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### Pg 47-Columbia County, Washington

A. N. Owens	60M		New York	Married
Ed Owens	17M		California	
George Owens	15M		California	

### Pg 145-Columbia County, Washington

R. W. Owens	45M		New York	Married
Lucy Owens	28F		Michigan	Married
Mark Owens	11M		Iowa	
Sarah Owens	10F		Iowa	
E. Owens	8F		Iowa	
Walter Owens	6M		Iowa	
Edith Owens	3F		Iowa	
Lillie Owens	2F		Iowa	

## 1885 Census (Columbia County)

Pg 101-Herony (?)	18M		Oregon
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Pg 104-G.D. Owen	24M		Missouri
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Pg 127- Richard Owen	58M	Farmer	N. Carolina	Married
Denisa Owen	55F		Ohio	Married
Elva Owen	22F		Missouri	
Jane Owen	17F		Oregon	



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## 1885 Census

(Columbia County)

Pg 147-R. W. Owens	49M		New York	Married
Lucy Owens	32F		New York	Married
Pg 148-Mark Owens	13M		Iowa	
Sarah Owens	11F		Iowa	
W. H. Owens	8M		Iowa	
Ethel Owens	6F		Iowa	
Lillie Owens	4F		Iowa	
Maude Owens	1F		Wash. Territory	
Sarah Owens	85F		England	
 Pg 153- R.L. Owen	 20M		 Washington Terr.	
J.G. Owen	26M	Farmer	Missouri	Married
Mary M. Owen	23F		Oregon	Married
Warren M. Owen	4M		Washington Terr.	
Elbert F. Owen	3M		Washington Terr	
Grover L. Owen	1M		Washington Terr.	

## 1887 Census

(Columbia County)

Pg 17-T. D. Owens	33M	Shoe Maker	Illinois	Married
Lucy Owens	34F	Dress Maker	Missouri	Married
(Note: Beleive this is suppose to be F.D. Owens)				
 Pg 32-H. C. Owens	 28M	 Laborer	 Indiana	 Married
Melissa Owens	28F		Iowa	Married
Lilly M. Owens	7F		Kansas	
Mary J. Owens	4F		Kansas	
 Pg 36-J. W. Owens	 38M	 Laborer	 Indiana	 Married
P.J. Owens	27F		Penn	Married
Henry C. Owens	1M		Kansas	
James C. Owens	4M		Kansas	
 Pg 40-J.G. Owen	 29M	 Blacksmith	 Missouri	 Married.
M.M. Owen	25F		Oregon	Married
Warren M. Owen	5M		Wash. Terr.	
Hubert Owen	3M		Wash. Terr	
Lola E. Owen	1F		Wash. Terr.	
 Pg 71-A. N. Owen	 71M	 Farmer	 New York	
Eud N. Owen	22M		California	
George A. Owen	21M		California	
Ella Owen	16F		California	
 Pg 108-B. Owens	 61M	 Farmer	 N. C.	 Married
D. Owens	57F		Ohio	Married
Elva Owens	24F		Missouri	
Richard L. Owens	22M		Wash. Terr.	
Ina Owens	17F		Wash. Terr.	



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## 1887 Census

Pg 108

W.S. Owen	33M	Farmer	Missouri	Married
G.L. Owen	23F		Minn	Married
W. E. Owen	5M		Oregon	
Etta Owen	8F		Oregon	
E. Owen	1F		Oregon	

Pg 140

R.W. Owens	51M		New York	Married
L.A. Owens	34F		Micigan	Married

Pg 141

W. Owens	15M		Iowa	
S.E. Owens	13F		Iowa	
Walter Owens	10M		Iowa	
E.M. Owens	8F		Iowa	
Lillie Owens	6F		Iowa	
Maud Owens	3F		Wash. Terr.	
A.L. Owens	1F		Wash. Terr.	
Sarah Owens	87F		Indiana	

## 1889 Census

Pg 38

Richard Owens	63M	Farmer	N. Carolina	Married
Denza Owens	5F (?)		Indiana	Married
George Owens	28M		Missouri	
Elma Owens	23F		Missouri	
Lee Owens	24M		Wash. Terr.	
Henry Owens	4M (?)		Oregon	
Jane Owens	20F		Oregon	

Pg 38

J. W. Owens	42M	Laborer	Indiana	Married
P.J. Owens	30F		Penn	Married
J.M. Owens	6M		Kansas	
A. C. Ownes	3M		Kansas	
B.M. Owens	1M		Kansas	

Pg 38

R. D. Owen	36M	Shoemaker	Illinois	Married
Lucy Owen	37F		Missouri	Married

(Beleive this should be Frank Owen)



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## 1892 Census

Bk 2-Pg 37Dayton

R. Owens	66M	Farmer	N. Carolina	Married
D. Owens	62F		Ohio	Married
J. Owens	23F		Oregon	
H. Owens	25M	Stockman	Oregon	

Bk 2-Pg 43 Dayton

J. W. Owens	44M	R. Roder	Indiana	Married
P.J. Owens	36F		Penn	Married
J.M. Owens	9M		Kansas	
H.C. Owens	6M		Kansas	
E.. Beaird	61F		Ohio	Married
B.M. Owens	3F		Wash.	

## 1900 Census

Pg 24-25-Railroad Precinct (Note: part of the town Dayton)

Robert W. Owens	Head	Aug 1835	New York	England	England	Widow
Mark W. Owens	Son	Jan 1872	Iowa	New York	Michigan	
Walter H. Owens	Son	May 1877	Iowa	New York	Michigan	
Edith M. Owens	Dau	May 1879	Iowa	New York	Michigan	
Lillie G. Owens	Dau	Apr 1881	Iowa	New York	Michigan	
Carrie M. Owens	Dau	Dec 1883	Wash	New York	Michigan	
Amy L. Owens	Dau	July 1886	Wash	New York	Michigan	
Annie G. Owens	Dau	Jan 1893	Wash	New York	Michigan	
Emile G. Owens	Son	June 1898	Wash	New York	Michigan	
Wm. Culbertson	S-I-L	Oct 1870	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	
Thomas W. Owens	brother	Mar 1840	Penn	England	England	

(Note: Mark W. Owens married Anna Bauman, widow of Jacob Schuman. Miss Lilly Owen and Mr. J.H. Myers were married Oct 1901-W.H. Owen married Eva Crall 3 Nov 1901. 4 Oct 1903 Mrs. Eva Owens died aged 20y,4m,15d. On 4 Oct 1903 Amy L. Owens married Chas. D. Rose. Mrs. Robert Owens died July 1898.)

Pg 242-1860 Walla Walla county, Territory of Washington

William Owens-22 male

Born-Missouri  
Died in December  
Laborer  
Died of a fever  
Had been ill for 2 months



# OWENS

## 1910 Census

Sheet #1B-7 April 1910-Railroad Precinct-Columbia Co., Wash. (Part of Dayton)

Jacob H. Res	42M	Head	Farmer	Pa	Pa	Pa	General farm
Lillie G. Res	29F	Wife		Iowa	New York	Mich.	Marr 8 yrs
Hazel A. Res.	2mF	Dau		Wash	Pa	Iowa	
Robert E. Owens	74M	F-I-L	Widow	N.Y.	England	England	
George E. Owens	11M	b-i-l		Wash	England	Mich.	

(Beleive this is Jacob H. Myers)

Sheet #6B-20 April 1910-Dayton, Ward 1-Columbia County, Wash

John W. Owens	62M	Head	Laborer	Indiana	Kentucky	Kentucky-in	Railroad
Polly J. Owens (5/4)	50F	Wife		Penn	Penn	Penn	Marr 31 yrs.
James M. Owens	27M	Son	Laborer	Kansas	Indiana	Penn	- in Railroad
Birdie Owens	21F	Dau		Wash	Indiana	Penn	
Eva G. Owens	14F	Dau		Wash	Indiana	Penn	

## 1920 Census

Sheet #11A-16 Jan 1920-Brooklyn Precinct-Columbia County, Wash. (Part of Dayton)

Mark Owens	51M	Head	Butcher	Indiana	Penn	Mich.	In slaughter yard
Anna M. Owens	50F	Wife		Illinois	Germ	Germ	
Leota J. Schuman	15F	S-dau		Wash	Gern	Illinois	
Freda A. Schuman	12F	S-dau		Wash	Germ	Illinois	
Fleta M. Schuman	12F	S-dau		Wash	Germ	Illinois	
Donald W. Schuman	11E	S.dau		Wash	Germ	Illinois	
Anna L. Schuman	7F	S-dau		Wash	Germ	Illinois	
Esther M. Schuman	3F	S-dau		Wash	Germ	Illinois	

Sheet # 2B-3 & 5 Jan 1920-Ward #1-Dayton, Columbia County, Wash

Polly J. Owens	60F	Head	Cooks Helper	Penn	Penn	Penn	Resturant
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(she is a widow)

Sheet #8B-14 & 15 Jan 1920-Mustard Precinct-Columbia County, Wash. (Part of Dayton)

Jack Owens	15M	Lodger	Laborer	Canada	Canada	Canada	general work
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Sheet #?A-19 Jan 1920-Starbuck, Columbia County, Wash.

Henry A. Owens	45M	Head	Mechanic	Missouri	U. S.	U. S. Automobile
Ida E. Owens	48F	Wife		Kansas	Kansas	Wisc.
Agnes L. Owens	16F	Dau		Wash	Missouri	Kansas



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## 1910 Census

Sheet #1B-7 April 1910-Dayton, Railroad Precinct, Columbia County, Washington

Jacob H. Res	Head	42M	Farmer	Penn	Penn	Penn	General Farm
Lillie G. Res.	Wife	29F		Iowa	N. Y.	Mich	marr 8 yrs.
Hazel A. Res	Dau	2/12F		Wash	Penn	Iowa	
Robert E. Owens	F-I-L	74M	Widow	N. Y.	Eng.	Eng.	
Geo. E. Owens	B-I-L	17M		Wash	Eng	Mich	

(Note: Beleive this is Jacob H. Myers and wife who is the daughter or Robert W. Owens and the initial is wrong on Robert 74 years old.)

Sheet #6B-20 April 1910-Dayton, Ward 1, Columbia County, Washington

John W. Owens	Head	62M	Laborer	Indiana	Kentucky	Kentucky	Railroad
Polly J. Owens (5/4)	Wife	50F		Penn	Penn	Penn	Marr 31 yrs
James M. Owens	Son	27M		Kansas	Indiana	Penn	
Birdie Owens	Dau	21F		Wash	Indiana	Penn	
Eva G. Owens	Dau	14F		Wash	Indiana	Penn	

## 1920 Census

Sheet #11A-Dayton, Brooklyn Precinct, Columbia County, Washington

Mark Owens	Head	51M	Butcher	Indiana	Penn	Mich	slaughter yard
Anna M. Owens	Wife	50F		Illinois	Germ	Germ	
Leota J. Schuman	S-Dau	15F		Wash	Germ	Illinois	
Freda A. Schuman	S-Dau	12F		Wash	Germ	Illinois	
Donald W. Schuman	S-Son	11M		Wash	Germ	Illinois	
Anna L. Schuman	S-Dau	7F		Wash	Germ	Illinois	
Esther M. Schuman	S-Dau	3F		Wash	Germ	Illinois	

Sheet #2B-3&5 Jan 1920-Dayton, Ward 1, Columbia County, Washington

Polly J. Owens	Head	60F	Widow	Penn	Penn	Penn	Cooks Helper, Resturant
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Sheet #8B-14 & 15 1920-Dayton, Mustard Precinct, Columbia County, Washington

Jack Owens	Lodger	15M	Laborer	Canada	Canada	Canada	General Work
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(Lodging in the household of Charles H. Williams)

Sheet #-(not given)-19 Jan 1920-Starbuck, Columbia County, Washington

Henry A. Owens	Head	45M	Mechanic	Missouri	U.S.	U.S.	Automobile
Ida E. Owens	Wife	48F		Kansas	Kan.	Wis.	
Agnes L. Owens	Dau	16F		Wash	Mo	Kan	



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## 1930 Census

Sheet #4B-10 April 1930-Dayton, Brooklyn Precinct, Columbia County, Washington

Mark W. Owens	61M	Head	\$2,600	Iowa	Wisc.	Germ	Mechanic General
Anna M. Owens	60F	Wife		Illinois	Germ	Germ	
Donald W. Schuman	21M	S-Son		Wash	Germ	Illinois	
Anna L. Schuman	18F	S. Dau		Wash	Germ	Illinois	
Esther M. Schuman	14F	S-Dau		Wash	Germ	Illinois	

(Note: Mark was 50 at his first and only marriage and Ann was 17 at her first marriage.)

Sheet #3A-14 April 1930-Dayton, Columbia County, Washington

Jimmie Owens	47M	Head	Kansas	Indiana	Penn-	Laborer Odd Jobs
Rosa Owens	36F	Wife	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	

(Jimmie was 35 at the marriage and Rosa was 25 years.)

Sheet #3A-14 April 1930-Dayton, Columbia County, Washington

Polly J. Owens	70F	Head	\$1,500	Penn	Penn	Penn	Widow
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(Living next door to Jimmie Owens by the census)

Sheet #2B-10 April 1930-Dayton, Mustard Precinct, (S. 3rd St.), Columbia Co., Washington

George Owens	31M	Head	Wash.	U.S.	U.S.	Cook	Resturant-Vet World War I
Etta Owens	30F	Wife	Oregon	Wash	Idaho		
Lelandell Owens	4F	Dau	Wash	Wash	Wash		

Sheet #2B-4 April 1930-Starbuck, Columbia County, Washington

E.D. Owens	78M	Head	Ky	Ireland	Ireland-Farm	Laborer-Widow
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## Early Marriages Columbia County, Washington Territory 1876-1899

### Witnesses

James G. Owens	-	Married	-	Mary M. Phar	1 Jan 1880	P. E. Phar
						Elva Owen
Elva S. Owen	-	Married	-	Warner Graham	10 June 1889	Florence Woodruff
						Jane Owens



Columbia Co., Newspaper Abstracts

Dayton Weekly News Sat. 10 Jan 1880

Pg 17- James S. Owen & Mary Phar were married at the residence of the bride's father.

1882-1883

Pg 4- Born to wife of Edward Owens in Dayton on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1882, a daughter.

Pg 7- Died at Waverly, Iowa 8 May 1882, Fred B Owen. The deceased spent the last three years in Dayton & vicinity but this spring on account of failing health returned to his native place to die. (July 1882)

Pg 50- D.S. # 4704: Joseph S. Crowell

Witness: Geo. Owens of Covello (Dec 1883)

1884-1886

Pg 1. D.S. # 4704: Joseph S. Crowell

Witness: Geo. Owens of Covello (Jan 1883)

Pg 2- D.S. # 4513: George Owen

(NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> S. 6 T. 10N, R 40E. (Jan 1884)

Pg 14- Born in Covello, 19 Apr 1884, to wife of James Owens, a son

Pg 18- Died near Dayton, 15 June 1884, Alba, daughter of Mr & Mrs. R. W. Owens, aged about 9 years

Pg 32- D.S. # 5161: - A. Jackson

Witness: J. S. Owen of Mankato (Feb 1885)



Pg 43- James Owens has returned home from his trip to the mines + his father, Richard Owens has gone to the Grand Ronde mines, (June 1885)

1886-1887

Pg 8- Born in this city, 13 July 1886, to wife of Robert Owens, a daughter

Pg 32- Wm Owen, son of Uncle Allick Owen of Conello, with his family came up from Rockwood, Oregon, to visit relatives (Mar 1887)

1887-1890

Pg 17- Geo + Henry Owen with their sisters, Misses Edna + Jane, took a trip overland to Endicott this week. (April 1888)

Pg 29- Grandma Owens, mother of Robert Owens, who was thrown down + trampled by some cows is doing as well as can be expected. Her left hip bone was fractured + it will be a miracle if it ever unites as the sufferer is 88 yrs of age. (Sept 1888)

Pg 30- Born in this city, 15 Sept 1888, to wife of James Owens, a daughter

Pg 32- Walter L. Sage, stepson of Ed. Owens has died according to the Short Co News of Sept. 20, which contains the resolutions adopted by Mt. View Lodge #33, F.O.O.F of Prairie City, Oregon (Oct 1888)

Pg 33- Died in this city, 11 Oct 1888, Mrs. Sarah Owens, aged 88 yrs. (Oct 1888)



Owens / Owens  
1887-1890 (Cont)

Pg 65 - Mrs. H. C. Owens from M<sup>c</sup> Cune, Kansas, is visiting with her son in this City, J. W. Owens. She will probably remain several months. (Aug 1889)

Pg 71 Married at the residence of the bride's parents, in this City, 6 Oct 1889, Warner Graham & Miss Elva S. Owens.

Pg 80 - Mrs. F. D. Owens is visiting her brother in this Country. (Jan 1890)

1890-1892

Pg 5 - Mrs. F. D. Owens left for Council Bluffs, Thursday to be absent several months. (June 1890)

Pg 61 - Married at the residence of R. W. Owens, 19 Jan 1892, in this Country, Mr. M. F. Lennox & Miss Sarah E. Owens.

Pg 67 - Henry C Owens, father of W. J. Owens, of this City, & Clerk Owens of Walla Walla, died at his home near M<sup>c</sup> Cune, Kansas 2<sup>d</sup> Mar 1892. He would have been 75 years old the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month. He leaves a wife, 2 sons & 1 daughter.

1892-1894

Pg 3 - Richard Owens returned last week from Walla Walla, accompanied by his wife, who has been taking medical treatment at that place. Mrs. Owens is very lame. (June 1892)

Pg 5 - Died in this City, 21 June 1892, Berisa Owens, wife of Richard Owens aged 62 years.



Pg 24- Born in this city, 15 Jan 1893, to wife of R.W. Owens, a daughter.

Pg 26- Conello Clips: Miss Jane Owens of Dayton, is visiting her sister Mrs. Hager. (Feb 1893)

Pg 28- Henry Owens, of Dayton, was spending a few muddy days at the home of his sister, Mrs. Hager. (Feb 1893)

Pg 49- Gomeray News: Mrs. C.B. Owens & Mrs. James Gomeray are expected home from Toronto, Canada, where they have been

#### 1894-1896

Pg 8- Died at Kendrick, Idaho, 10 Aug 1894, Miss Jane Owens, formerly of this County. The remains were brought to Dayton & buried in the cemetery at Conello on Sunday

#### 1896-1898

Pg 2- Born in this city, 14 April 1896, to Mr & Mrs. Owens, a daughter

Pg 5- Clarence Kule, James Lee & Mark Owens returned Wed. from a trip to Canvas Prairie. (May 1896)

#### 1898-1901

Pg 1- Mrs Robert Owens died at her home just below town Sunday evening. The funeral occurred from the Christian Church Monday & the remains were interred in the Dayton Cemetery. A husband & several children, one a baby a few weeks old, survive her. (July 1898)



Owens / Owens

1901-1903

Pg 23 - Married in this city, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. F. Myers & Miss Lillian Owens (Oct 1901)

Pg 30 - Married in this County, 3 Nov 1901, at the residence of the bride's parents, H. W. Owens & Miss Eva Crabb. (Nov 1901)

1903-1905

Pg 37 - died in this <sup>city</sup> ~~county~~, 4 Oct 1903, Mrs. Eva Owens, wife of W. H. Owens, aged 20 y, 4 m, 15 d.

Pg 21 - Married in this city Wed. at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. Palmer Ayres & Miss Maud Owens. (Sept 1904)

1905-1908

Pg 9 - The Rev. Owens, father of Mrs. B. Mallory, arrived from Texas last week. (July 1905)

Pg 46 - 7E #13521: Price Owens  
(NE 1/4 NE 1/4 S. 27, T. 10 N, R. 40 E) (June 1906)

Pg 51 - Obit Mary Elizabeth M<sup>rs</sup> Hargue (nee Owens d/o John & Jane Owens)  
born 29 May 1831 Laurel Co, Ky  
married - John M<sup>rs</sup> Hargue 8 May 1851 - John died 8 May 1851  
13 children - 11 survive - 6 sons - 5 daughters - 2 sisters 3 brothers  
Buried Salem cemetery by relatives

1908-1909

Pg 4 - Mrs J. W Owens & daughter Birdie are in Starbuck this week. (May 1908)

Pg 63 - J. W Owens & wife have been arraigned for keeping their mixed daughter, Eva Owens out of school. The case will probably be settled today. (Mar 1909)

(over)



Found Later

29 June 1878:

Queen: Bird near Clayton 21 June 1878, Thomas Devore,  
aged 3 years.

21 Dec 1878: Bird near Clayton 19 Dec 1878, Emma daughter  
Mr + Mrs. Richard Devore

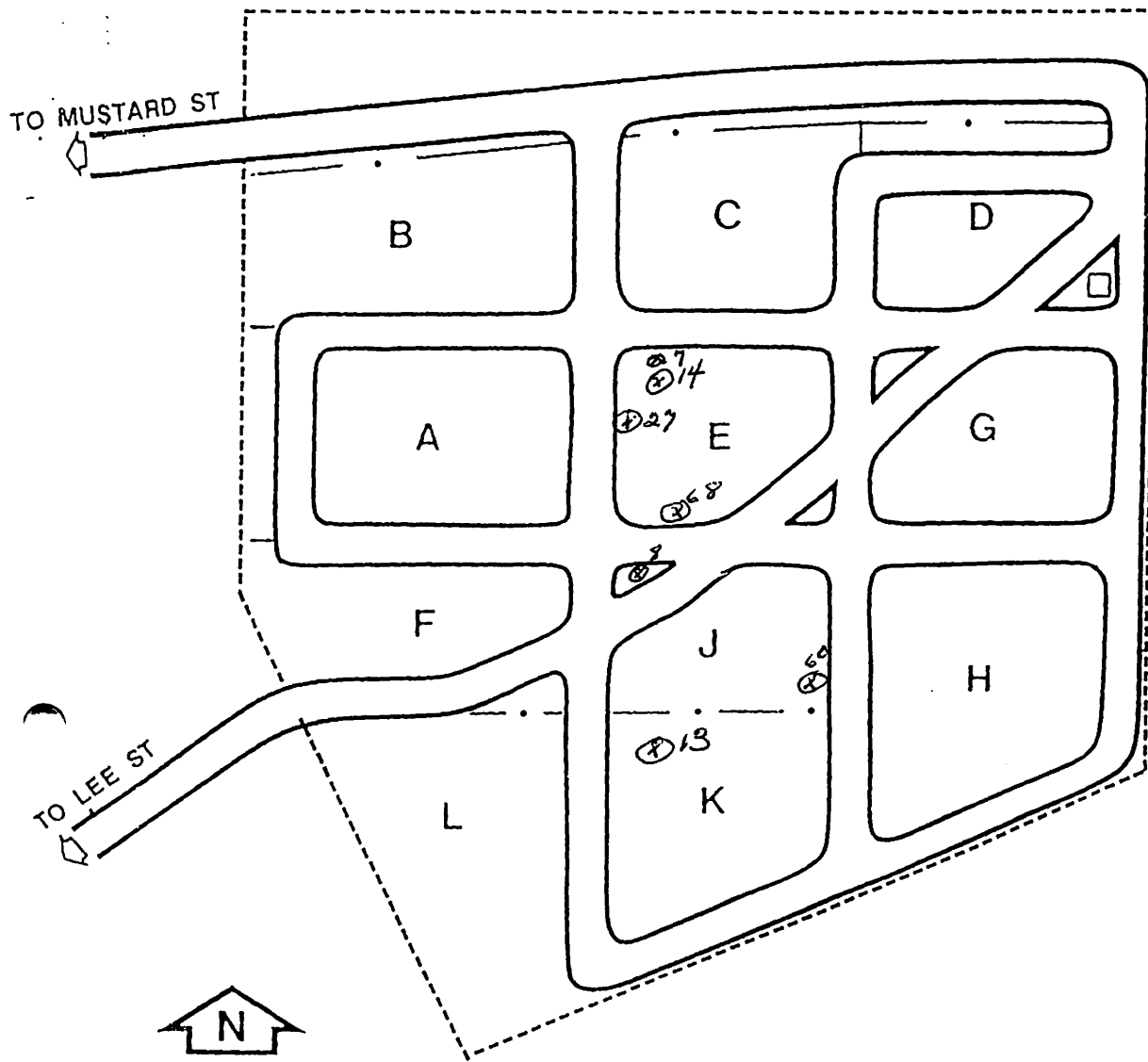


# OWENS / OWEN

<u>AGE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PLOT</u>	<u>CEMETERY</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>OWNERSHIP</u>
64	Anna Owens	K	Dayton	Buried-27 July 1933	M. W. Owens
82	Ed Owens	D	Dayton	Buried- 6 Nov 1937	Columbia County
--	Elva M. Owens	E	Dayton	Buried-_____	R. W. Owens
20	Eva Owens	E	Dayton	Buried-23 Oct 1903	W. H. Owens
61	George Owens	E	Dayton	Buried- 29 Aug 1959	Mr. E. Owens
63	Henry J. Owens	J	Dayton	Buried- 9 Sept 1939	Henry Owens
86	Ida E. Owens	J	Dayton	Buried-24 April 1957	Henry Owens
SB	Daughter Owens	E	Dayton	Buried- 9 Aug 1927	R. W. Owens
Inf	Infant Owens	D	Dayton	Buried-_____	Columbia County
67	James Owens	E	Dayton	Buried-29 Nov 1949	M. Russell
--	Lucy Owens	E	Dayton	Buried-_____	R. W. Owens
6 wks	Lucy Owens	E	Dayton	Buried-21 Oct 1903	W. H. Owens
74	Mark Owens	K	Dayton	Buried-5 July 1943	W.H. Owens
74	Martha Owens	J	Dayton	Buried 2 Aug 1906	James Turner
77	Polly Owens	E	Dayton	Buried-5 Feb 1937	M. Russell
79	R. W. Owens	E	Dayton	Buried 22 Nov 1914	R. W. Owens
--	Sarah E. Owens	E	Dayton	Buried-_____	R. W. Owens



*Omer / Omer*



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DAYTON, WA



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*of*

*POMEROY*

*Garfield County, Washington*

# **THIS WAS THEIR TIME**

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Parson Quinn found a good place on that creek eleven miles west of what is now Pomeroy. It was somewhat swampy in places but it suited him fine and he took out a claim. From the first, this genial, warm-hearted man captured the liking and good will of Indian neighbors, ( the only ones he had at first) and white settlers alike as they gradually filled the valley. His good-natured, easy-going manner and whimsical humor won him many friends as he roamed the country-side or hailed a hungry stranger passing his shack, inviting him or any other passer-by in to share a hot plate of black beans and molasses before continuing on his way.

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Barney Owsley, who with his brother Dick, was in the country but had not taken a piece of land and settled yet, went to the mountains with Sunderland and got out logs for him and helped him build his log cabin, the first on the site of the present town of Pomeroy. Sunderland ( called transient by some), would sell his claim in 1864 to a man named Joseph M. Pomeroy. Pg 22

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One day Parson went to the Owsley place with a signed deed to some property. He thrust this paper into Barney Owsley's hand saying that the deed was to a piece of land belonging to Barney. Although Barney protested that he didn't know a thing about it and that Parson must be mistaken. Parson insisted it was his and made him take it.

It is said a daughter of Barney Owsley, Mrs. Howard Strohm who lives in Pendleton, Oregon, still has this deed in her possession. It is marked with an "X" for Parson Quinn could not sign his name. Pg 3

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In his later years when it was more difficult for him to get around he moved up to the Owsley's place. They must have done their best to try to look after him in spite of his independent nature that would tolerate no coddling.

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One day, June 26, 1900, eighty years close to the day when he was born, he was found asleep forever, lying under a tree on the Owsley place, his head resting on old Charlie's saddle. It was the blackened, worn, hard leather saddle which had supported him for so many, many miles and years as he rode throughout his beloved Pataha country bringing a smile and humerous greeting to everyone he met.

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Pg 4





# HISTORY OF GARFIELD COUNTY

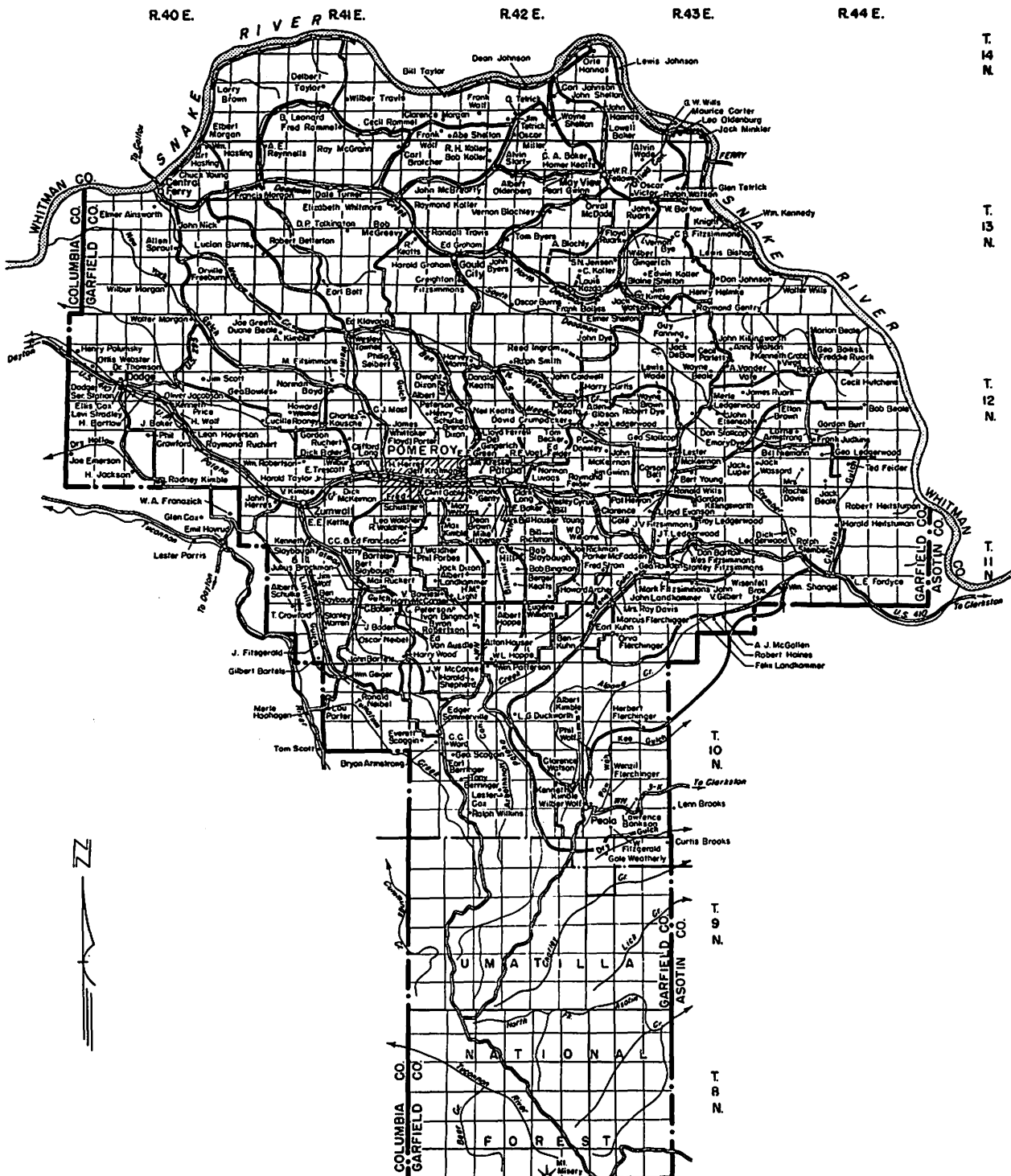
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ENTURIES BEFORE COLUMBUS SET SAIL FOR AMERICA, AND AGES BEFORE ROBERT Gray, who, three centuries later, in 1792, definitely discovered the Columbia River and its tributaries, giving rise to the claim of the United States to the vast region known as Oregon, then including Washington Territory and the area now embraced in Garfield County, an Indian Road, "Nobody know how old", extended from the Columbia River, at the mouth of the Walla Walla, where Wallula now stands, eastward to the mouth of the Clearwater, up that stream and eastward over the Rockies to the land of the buffalo and beyond. We are concerned in this narrative with that portion of the ancient road between the mouth of the Walla Walla and the mouth of the Clearwater, extending through the present counties of Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield and Asotin, long known as the Nez Perce Trail.

Before the coming of the white man and for many years thereafter there were only three modes of travel: by boat, on foot or horseback. Where the desired destinations could be easily reached along quiet waters by boat, that method was chosen. If the journey were down a swift stream even though the course were longer, the canoe was often preferred to the horse. If it were upstream over swift waters, the horse was naturally preferred. A glance at a map of Washington will disclose that Snake River makes a great northward bend, forming the irregular north boundary of the counties of Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield and Asotin. This portion of the Snake is generally swift with rapids and shoals. Canoe navigation downstream over this course was not difficult, slow, or unduly hazardous. The journey upstream however, was long and arduous and the early Indians beat an overland path through the south of Snake River territory, up the Walla Walla to the Touchet, up that stream through the present townsite of Dayton, up the Patit Creek a short distance, thence over the hills to the Tucannon, near Marengo, thence over the divide to the Pataha, entering the valley at the old Owsley place about six miles west of Pomeroy, thence up the Pataha Valley through the present townsite of Pomeroy, over the Alpowa Ridge entering the present Stember Creek near its confluence with the Alpowa, thence down the Alpowa to Snake River, thence up the river three or four miles to the ancient crossing about where the old White Ferry was located, thence up the River on the north side to the mouth of the Clearwater. Pg 15

The Owsley brothers, Ambrose A. (familiarily known as Dick) and Barney Owsley settled in the Pataha Valley about four and a half miles west of Pomeroy, in 1869. For years they engaged in the stock business and had extensive land holdings. Both Dick and Barney have passed away. Had they kept diaries of their experiences and adventures they would have been more interesting than most exciting adventure stories. Barney lived to the ripe old age of ninety-two and his wife, Harriet, is still living. The Owsley brothers were in and around Garfield County a number of years before they actually settled there in 1869. Pg 30

It appears that the first industry in the immediate neighborhood was a saw mill established by Henry Sharpnack about half a mile above the townsite on the Pataha Creek. This was a whip-saw mill operated by water power in 1874 and 1875. Blackman & Bean, founders of the town, also operated a lumber mill at Columbia Center with circular saw and steam power, about the years 1876 and 1877. Work appears to have started on the flour mill about 1878. The ditch for carrying water from Pataha Creek to furnish power was constructed by Cass Corus, long since deceased. The old mill race can still be traced along the hillside above the Peola road. The chief mechanic in the construction of the mill was Luther Stimson, who was the father of Mrs. Barney Owsley, who is still living and has childhood memories of Columbia Center in its boom days. The penstock of the mill, which remained intact for many years after the mill ceased operation, as well as the framework of the building, showed skillful woodwork. One can still see the joists were well fitted and fastened together with wooden pins instead of nails, after the fashion of olden times. The mill began grinding flour about 1879 and did a thriving business for a short time, then very suddenly ceased operations. Wheat was hauled to this mill from points as far distant as Anatone to be exchanged for flour. A few old settlers are still living who remember obtaining flour at this mill. Pg 33

The first Episcopal services were held in the old Owsley school house by Bishop Lemuel H. Wells in 1873. The only member of the church here at that time was Clara Pomeroy [later Mrs. E.T. Wilson of Tacoma]. Pg 44



number of other pioneers, including the Owsleys, financed and built the Owsley School about five miles west of Pomeroy in the year 1872. The only pupils from the site of Pomeroy to attend that school were the Pomeroy children. So far as known, they were the only children then living in the area now comprising our city. However, during the seventies this vicinity settled up rapidly and a strong demand arose for the construction of a school house within the limits of our present city. This structure, like the Owsley School, was built by donations from early settlers, Ben B. Day being the largest contributor.

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The foregoing names of children who attended the first school in Pomeroy and most of the data with relation to them was furnished by Mr. Charles M. Baldwin, as before stated. An early edition of the *East Washingtonian* mentions "Joe Milam's children, three of Mr. Potter's children, the Hull children.... and Jennie Owsley." The paper also mentions some of those listed by Mr. Baldwin. The given names of the Potter and Hull children are not shown. "Jennie" Owsley was probably Jane Owsley, a daughter of Dick Owsley, who later married William Branton, both of who passed away several years ago.

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- ID: I46193
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- Surname: Owsley
- Given Name: Thornton Weston "Barney"
- Sex: M
- Birth: 29 Mar 1847 in , Cooper, Missouri
- Death: 30 Nov 1938 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, Washington
- Burial: Mtn View Cem, Walla Walla, Walla Walla, Washington
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!GENEALOGY-BIRTH-DEATH-SPOUSE-MARRIAGE-BIOGRAPHY: Dee K. Owsley, 2011 Shoreham Dr., Florissant, MO 63033-1237, GedCom received with letter dated 12 Feb 1996 BIOGRAPHY: As told by the Pioneers, a Magazine article in 1937 consisting of 5 pages of an interview with Thornton Weston Owsley (Barney) at age 90. In the article Barney tells of his parents and siblings leaving Missouri in 1861 and heading for the North West Territory and arriving in what is now the Walla Walla, Washington area. He tells of running Mule pack trains of supplies to the mines in Ft. Caollville, Coeur d'alene and Florence. He was a close friend of Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce Indians. He was also on friendly terms with Red Elk, Mox-Mox and Lon John the renegade. Barney later did scout duty for the Army in 1877 when Chief Joseph and his tribe were driven from the Wallowa Valley. When Barney finally settled down thru homesteading and buying he acquired 3000 acre where he raised cattle.

!NEWSLETTER-BIRTH-SPOUSE-MARRIAGE: Ronny O. Bodine, Editor of the OWSLEY FAMILY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER, December 1996, Volume XXVIII, Number 4, "Barney Owsley" by Hoyt & Margaret Owsley, p. 84-86 & 93



*Pomeroy's Pioneer  
This Was Their Line  
by  
Florence E. Steffey  
1975*

In 1869 the Owsley brothers, Frank and Dick brought in fifteen head of cattle and some horses.

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Andrew Lee settled on the Tucannon in 1861 (taking a place in 1865 on the Pataha east of Pomeroy) and Walter Sunderland lived two miles above the place where the trails crossed the creek. Barney Owsley, who with his brother Dick, was in the country but had not taken a piece of land and settled yet, went to the mountains with Sunderland and got out logs for him and helped him build his log cabin, the first on the site of the present town of Pomeroy. Sunderland (called transient by some), would sell his claim in 1864 to a man named Joseph M. Pomeroy.

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*History Of  
Garfield County  
by  
Judge Edgar Victor Kuykendall  
1984*

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- *Change Date:* 6 Feb 2001 at 00:00:00

*Father:* [Henry A. OWSLEY](#) b: 3 Dec 1818 in , Clairborne, Tennessee

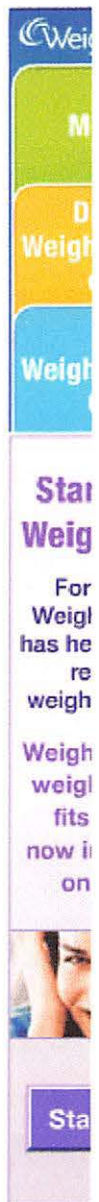
*Mother:* [Sarah Eveline BRUCE](#) b: 15 May 1822 in , Christian, Kentucky

*Marriage 1* [Harriet Elizabeth STIMPSON](#) b: 9 Apr 1862 in Easterville, , Iowa

- *Married:* 31 May 1879 in Dayton, Columbia, Washington

#### Children

1. [Bertram Fermoy OWSLEY](#) b: 1880 in , , Washington
2. [Bessie Belle OWSLEY](#) b: 15 Jan 1882 in Pomeroy, Garfield, Washington
3. [Sydney Lee OWSLEY](#) b: 1883 in < , , Washington>
4. [Georgia NELL](#) b: 10 Oct 1885 in , , Washington
5. [Clara vere OWSLEY](#) b: 22 Oct 1887 in , Garfield, Washington
6. [John Bruce OWSLEY](#) b: 1889 in , Garfield, Washington
7. [Evelyn Faye OWSLEY](#) b: 14 Sep 1891 in , Garfield, Washington
8. [Kathleen OWSLEY](#) b: 1893 in , Garfield, Washington
9. [Talton Wade OWSLEY](#) b: 1896 in , Garfield, Washington
10. [Living OWSLEY](#)



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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 1

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1. **Thornton Weston "Barney" OWSLEY** was born 29 Mar 1847 in , Cooper, Missouri, and died 30 Nov 1938 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, Washington. He was buried in Mtn View Cem, Walla Walla, Walla Walla, Washington. He was the son of 2. [Henry A. OWSLEY](#) and 3. [Sarah Eveline BRUCE](#). He married [Harriet Elizabeth STIMPSON](#) 31 May 1879 in Dayton, Columbia, Washington. She was born 9 Apr 1862 in Easterville, , Iowa, and died 17 Dec 1954 in Pomeroy, Garfield, Washington. She was buried in Mtn View Cem, Walla Walla, Walla Walla, Washington.

Children of Thornton Weston "Barney" OWSLEY and Harriet Elizabeth STIMPSON are:

- i. [Bertram Fermoy OWSLEY](#) was born 1880 in , , Washington, and died 1940 in , , Washington. He married [Lula Mae DICKSON](#) 13 Jan 1904 in , , Washington. She was born 1882 in < , , Washington>, and died 1956.
- ii. [Bessie Belle OWSLEY](#) was born 15 Jan 1882 in Pomeroy, Garfield, Washington, and died 12 Dec 1967 in Vancouver, Clark, Washington. She married [William Benjamin KUYKENDALL](#) 16 Jul 1907 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, Washington, son of George Benson KUYKENDALL and Eliza J. BUTLER. He was born 26 Oct 1883 in Pomeroy, Garfield, Washington, and died Aug 1964.
- iii. [Sydney Lee OWSLEY](#) was born 1883 in < , , Washington>, and died 20 Apr 1980 in Pleasant Valley, Hosp, Camarillo, California. She married [Earl Sanford WILLIAMS](#). He was born 1879 in <Pleasant Valley, Hosp, Camarillo, California>. She married [Ray CAMPBELL](#). He was born 1879 in <Pleasant Valley, Hosp, Camarillo, California>.
- iv. [Georgia NELL](#) was born 10 Oct 1885 in , , Washington. She married [Ray CAMPBELL](#). He was born 1881 in < , , Washington>.
- v. [Clara'vere OWSLEY](#) was born 22 Oct 1887 in , Garfield, Washington, and died 1970. She married [ROFF](#). He was born 1883 in < , Garfield, Washington>.
- vi. [John Bruce OWSLEY](#) was born 1889 in , Garfield, Washington, and died 1967. He married [UNKNOWN](#). She was born 1893 in < , Garfield, Washington>.
- vii. [Evelyn Faye OWSLEY](#) was born 14 Sep 1891 in , Garfield, Washington, and died in Pendleton, Umatilla, Oregon. She married [Howard STROHM](#). He was born 1887 in < , Garfield, Washington>.
- viii. [Kathleen OWSLEY](#) was born 1893 in , Garfield, Washington, and died 1893 in , Garfield, Washington.
- ix. [Talton Wade OWSLEY](#) was born 1896 in , Garfield, Washington, and died 1941. He married [Living OWSLEY](#).



- x. [Living OWSLEY](#). She married [Dewey HOXIE](#). He was born 1896 in <, Garfield, Washington>.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 2

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2. [Henry A. OWSLEY](#) was born 3 Dec 1818 in , Clairborne, Tennessee, and died 5 Jul 1905 in Pomeroy, Garfield, Washington. He was buried Jul 1905 in Owsley Cem, Pomeroy, Garfield, Washington. He was the son of 4. [Robert OWSLEY](#) and 5. [Nancy Elizabeth MILLER](#).
3. [Sarah Eveline BRUCE](#) was born 15 May 1822 in , Christian, Kentucky, and died 16 Mar 1888 in Pomeroy, Garfield, Washington. She was buried in Owsley Cem, Pomeroy, Garfield, Washington.

Children of Sarah Eveline BRUCE and Henry A. OWSLEY are:

- i. [Ambrose Azerine "Dick" OWSLEY](#) was born 3 Mar 1841 in , Cooper, Missouri, and died 28 Feb 1917 in Pomeroy, Garfield, Washington. He married [Emma C. HOBBS](#) 12 Sep 1867 in , Walla Walla, Washington. She was born ABT 1856 in , , Missouri, and died 16 Jan 1910 in Pomeroy, Garfield, Washington.
- ii. [Nancy Ann OWSLEY](#) was born 1845 in , , Missouri, and died 1861.
1. iii. [Thornton Weston "Barney" OWSLEY](#) was born 29 Mar 1847 in , Cooper, Missouri, and died 30 Nov 1938 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, Washington. He married [Harriet Elizabeth STIMPSON](#) 31 May 1879 in Dayton, Columbia, Washington. She was born 9 Apr 1862 in Easterville, , Iowa, and died 17 Dec 1954 in Pomeroy, Garfield, Washington.
- iv. [Mary Ellen "Belle" OWSLEY](#) was born 1850 in , , Missouri, and died 1919 in , , Washington. She married [Joseph L. MILAN](#) 18 Feb 1868 in Walla Walla, Walla Walla, Washington. He was born 5 Sep 1835 in , Greene, Indiana, and died 31 Oct 1904 in , Adams, Washington.
- v. [Henry OWSLEY](#) was born 1852 in , , Missouri.
- vi. [Seamen Alceney OWSLEY](#) was born 1855 in , , Missouri, and died 9 Jun 1870.
- vii. [Joseph OWSLEY](#) was born 1858 in , , Missouri, and died 1861.
- viii. [Breckenridge OWSLEY](#) was born 1859 in , , Missouri, and died 1861/1862 in , , Washington.
- ix. [Lillie Jane "Jennie" OWSLEY](#) was born 1864 in Dayton, Columbia, Washington, and died 1931 in , , Washington. She married [W. M. BRANTON](#) 21 Oct 1883 in Pomeroy, Garfield, Washington. He was born 1860 in <Dayton, Columbia, Washington>.
- x. [Seymour OWSLEY](#) was born 1876 in , , Washington, and died 1884 in Pomeroy, Garfield, Washington.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 3

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4. [Robert OWSLEY](#) was born ABT 1802 in , Claiborne, Tennessee, and died ABT 1858 in , Morgan, Missouri. He was the son of 8. [John OWSLEY II](#) and 9. [Charity BARTON](#).



5. [Nancy Elizabeth MILLER](#) was born ABT 1803 in , , Tennessee, and died 1887 in Cross Timbers, Hickory, Missouri. She was buried 1887 in Guier Cem, Cross Timbers, Hickory, Missouri.

Children of Nancy Elizabeth MILLER and Robert OWSLEY are:

2. i. [Henry A. OWSLEY](#) was born 3 Dec 1818 in , Clairborne, Tennessee, and died 5 Jul 1905 in Pomeroy, Garfield, Washington. He married [Sarah Eveline BRUCE](#) 24 Mar 1840 in , Morgan, Missouri. She was born 15 May 1822 in , Christian, Kentucky, and died 16 Mar 1888 in Pomeroy, Garfield, Washington.
- ii. [Louisa "Lucy" OWSLEY](#) was born 1824 in , Claibourne, Tennessee, and died 24 Jul 1911 in Spokane, Spokane, Washington. She married [James A. WHITE](#) 1841 in , Morgan, Missouri. He was born 1818 in , , Ohio, and died BEF 1862 in , Putnam, Missouri. She married [Enoch MCCORMACK](#) 1862 in Oregon Trail. He was born 1820 in <, East, Tennessee>, and died 1909 in , , Washington.
- iii. [Emmanuel M. OWSLEY](#) was born 9 Oct 1826 in , Claiborne, Tennessee, and died 20 Mar 1892 in Cross Timbers, Hickory, Missouri. He married [Sarah Malinda COX](#) 12 Mar 1846 in , Osage, Missouri. She was born 5 Jan 1827 in , , Tennessee, and died 27 Aug 1876 in Cross Timbers, Hickory, Missouri. He married [Cordelia CAUTHON](#) 23 Oct 1877 in , Hickory, Missouri. She was born 1856 in <, Hickory, Missouri>.
- iv. [Hannah OWSLEY](#) was born 6 Apr 1830 in , Putnam, Indiana, and died 20 Sep 1918 in , Graham, Kansas. She married [Ephraim A. WHITE](#) BEF 1846 in , Morgan, Missouri. He was born 30 Apr 1825 in , , Ohio.
- v. [Martin Miller Van OWSLEY](#) was born 1832 in , Putnam, Indiana, and died 20 May 1899 in Probably, Pettis, Missouri. He married [Jane S. GREENSTREET](#) 9 Aug 1851 in , Morgan, Missouri. She was born 1830 in <, Morgan, Missouri>. He married [Martha A. Hatcher SINCLAIR](#) 18 Oct 1856 in , Osage, Missouri. She was born 1835 in <, Osage, Missouri>. He married [Catherine Cramer COATS](#) 3 Jul 1884 in , Pettis, Missouri. She was born 1863 in <, Pettis, Missouri>.
- vi. [William "Little Bill" OWSLEY](#) was born 1834 in , Putnam, Indiana, and died 6 Apr 1864 in Vicksburg, Warren, Mississippi. He married [Mary Ann CRIDER](#) 9 Jan 1852 in , Gasconade, Missouri. She was born ABT 1834 in , Gasconade, Missouri.
- vii. [Elijah Benton OUSLEY](#) was born 2 Jan 1836 in Wisconsin, Territory, Now, Putnam Co, and died 3 Mar 1914 in , Pittsburg, Oklahoma. He married [Joan Elizabeth WILLIAMS](#) 3 Feb 1857 in , Morgan, Missouri. She was born 1838 in <, Morgan, Missouri>, and died 3 Aug 1916.
- viii. [David A. OWSLEY](#) was born 25 Feb 1844 in , Morgan, Missouri, and died 3 Mar 1915 in Jefferson City, Cole, Missouri. He married [Jemima BRALL](#) 16 Jul 1865 in , Putnam, Missouri. She was born 1850 in <, Putnam, Missouri>, and died 1869 in , Putnam, Missouri. He married [Rebecca TIPTON](#) 21 Mar 1875 in , Morgan, Missouri. She was born 1854 in <, Morgan, Missouri>, and died 10 Jul 1880 in Sedalia, Pettis, Missouri. He married [Nancy UNKNOWN](#) 1881. She was born 1860 in <, Morgan, Missouri>, and died 7 Feb 1882 in Sedalia, Pettis, Missouri. He married [C. R. BURKE Mrs.](#) 30 Dec 1882 in , Pettis, Missouri. She was born 1861 in <, Pettis, Missouri>. He married [Sarah C. "Newman" BAUGHMAN](#) 13 Nov 1883. She was born 1850 in <, Morgan, Missouri>, and died 1936.
- ix. [Elias "Hoosh" OWSLEY](#) was born 27 Apr 1846 in , Morgan, Missouri, and died 22 Nov 1892 in , Putnam, Missouri. He married [Delilah Margaret ANDERSON](#) 4 Feb 1866 in Medicine Township, Putnam, Missouri. She was born 10 Mar 1844 in , Putnam, Indiana, and died 7 Jun 1916 in Brookfield, Lincoln, Missouri.



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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 4

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8. [John OWSLEY II](#) was born 6 Nov 1757 in , Loudoun, Virginia, and died 19 Dec 1845 in , Claiborne, Tennessee. He was buried in Pleasant Point, Cem Claiborne, Tennessee. He was the son of 16. [John OWSLEY I](#) and 17. [Ann STEPHENS](#).
9. [Charity BARTON](#) was born 12 Feb 1760 in , , North Carolina, and died 20 Feb 1848 in , Claiborne, Tennessee. She was buried Feb 1848 in Pleasant Point, Cem Claiborne, Tennessee. She was the daughter of 18. [John BARTON Sr.](#).

Children of Charity BARTON and John OWSLEY II are:

- i. [Tobitha "Tabitha" OWSLEY](#) was born 15 Mar 1780 in , , North Carolina, and died Jul 1849 in , Claiborne, Tennessee. She married [William DRUMMONDS](#) 1800/1805 in , , Tennessee. He was born 1779/1780 in , , North Carolina, and died 1832 in , Claiborne, Tennessee.
- ii. [John OWSLEY](#) was born 17 Mar 1783 in , , North Carolina, and died 7 Nov 1811 in Battle Of, Tippecanoe, Indiana, Territory. He married [Rachel JOHNSON](#) BEF 1802 in Claiborne Co Tn. She was born 1781 in , Claiborne, Tennessee.
- iii. [Isaac \(Housley\) OWSLEY](#) was born 27 Apr 1785 in , , North Carolina, and died 1840/1845 in , Monroe, Tennessee. He married [Judith BROCK](#) BEF 1813 in , , Tennessee. She was born ABT 1795 in <Va>. He married [Sarah STEPHENS](#) By 1815 in , , Tennessee. She was born 2 May 1787 in , , Virginia, and died 1857/1860 in , Monroe or Rhea, Tennessee.
- iv. [Stephen OWSLEY](#) was born 24 Jun 1787 in , Wilkes, North Carolina, and died 1881 in , Claiborne, Tennessee. He married [Rhoda JOHNSON](#) ABT 1810 in , Claiborne, Tennessee. She was born ABT 1789 in , , Tennessee, and died BEF 1870 in , , Tennessee.
- v. [Matthew OWSLEY](#) was born 23 Sep 1789 in , , North Carolina, and died 21 Apr 1862 in , Union, Tennessee. He married [Sarah "Salley" KECK](#) 1811 in , Claiborne, Tennessee, daughter of Conrad Frederick KECK and Mary Ann BUTCHER. She was born 25 Dec 1790 in , , Tennessee, and died 2 Dec 1850 in , Claiborne or Union, Tennessee. He married [Susannah COLLINS](#) 19 Aug 1857 in , Claiborne, Tennessee. She was born 1812 in , , Virginia.
- vi. [Joseph OWSLEY](#) was born ABT 1790 in , , North Carolina or Tennessee, and died ABT 1879 in , Union, Tennessee. He married [Phoebe LONGMIRE](#) ABT 1812 in , Claiborne, Tennessee, daughter of John LONGMIRE and Nancy MARSHALL. She was born ABT 1797 in , , North Carolina, and died AFT 1880 in , Campbell, Tennessee.
- vii. [Anna OWSLEY](#) was born 28 Dec 1792 in , East, Tennessee, and died 5 Apr 1868 in , Claiborne, Tennessee. She married [John D. KECK](#) ABT 1812 in Claiborne Co Tn, son of Conrad Frederick KECK and Mary Ann BUTCHER. He was born 1795 in , , North Carolina, and died 8 Jan 1859 in , Claiborne, Tennessee.
- viii. [William OWSLEY](#) was born 9 Apr 1796 in , East, Tennessee, and died 11 Mar 1875 in , Johnson, Missouri. He married [Mary SHARP](#) ABT 1815 in , Claiborne, Tennessee. She was born 1797 in , , Tennessee, and died ABT 1855 in , Cass or Johnson, Missouri. He married [Sarah WATSON](#) AFT 1855 in Probably Johnson. She was born 26 Jun 1800 in <Probably Johnson>, and died 13 Jun 1884 in , Johnson, Missouri.
- ix. [Robin OWSLEY](#) was born 1798 in <, East, Tennessee>.



4. x. [Robert OWSLEY](#) was born ABT 1802 in , Claiborne, Tennessee, and died ABT 1858 in , Morgan, Missouri. He married [Nancy Elizabeth MILLER](#) ABT 1818 in Prob., , Claiborne, Tennessee. She was born ABT 1803 in , , Tennessee, and died 1887 in Cross Timbers, Hickory, Missouri.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 5

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16. [John OWSLEY I](#) was born ABT 1734 in , Prince William, Virginia, and died SEENOTES in , Loudoun, Virginia. He was the son of 32. [Thomas OWSLEY II](#) and 33. [Ann, Wife of Thomas OWSLEY](#).
17. [Ann STEPHENS](#). She was the daughter of 34. [Robert STEPHENS](#) and 35. [Ann Wife of Robert STEPHENS](#).

Children of Ann STEPHENS and John OWSLEY I are:

8. i. [John OWSLEY II](#) was born 6 Nov 1757 in , Loudoun, Virginia, and died 19 Dec 1845 in , Claiborne, Tennessee. He married [Charity BARTON](#) 16 Aug 1778 in Prob., , Rowan, North Carolina, daughter of John BARTON Sr.. She was born 12 Feb 1760 in , , North Carolina, and died 20 Feb 1848 in , Claiborne, Tennessee.
- ii. [Sarah OWSLEY](#) was born ABT 1756 in , Loudoun, Virginia, and died 1830/1840 in Probably, , North Carolina. She married [Joshua BOTTS](#) in Probably Va. He was born 1752 in <, Loudoun, Virginia>.
- iii. [Mary OWSLEY](#) was born 1758 in , Loudoun, Virginia, and died in North Carolina, Or, Tennessee. She married [William RICE](#) in Probably Va.
- iv. [Ann OWSLEY](#) was born 1760 in , Loudoun, Virginia. She married [Peter HELTON](#). She married [Mathew ADAMS](#) 20 Feb 1780 in , Rowan, North Carolina. He was born 1755 in <, Loudoun, Virginia>.
- v. [Robert Robin OWSLEY](#) was born 1759 in , Loudoun, Virginia, and died 1833/1843 in , , Georgia. He married [Lydia Ann](#) in , , Virginia. She was born ABT 1763 in , , Virginia, and died ABT 1845 in , Hamilton, Tennessee.
18. [John BARTON Sr.](#) was born 1730/1740, and died AFT 1790 in Prob., , Wilkes, North Carolina.

Children of John BARTON Sr. are:

- i. [Isaac BARTON](#) was born 1750/1760 in , , North Carolina, and died 1827 in , Grayson, Virginia. He married [Abigail WARD](#), daughter of Wells WARD and Rebecca, Wife of Wells WARD. She was born ABT 1775, and died 11 May 1859 in , Grayson, Virginia.
9. ii. [Charity BARTON](#) was born 12 Feb 1760 in , , North Carolina, and died 20 Feb 1848 in , Claiborne, Tennessee. She married [John OWSLEY II](#) 16 Aug 1778 in Prob., , Rowan, North Carolina, son of John OWSLEY I and Ann STEPHENS. He was born 6 Nov 1757 in , Loudoun, Virginia, and died 19 Dec 1845 in , Claiborne, Tennessee.
- iii. [John BARTON Jr.](#) was born 1760/1765 in , , North Carolina, and died 3 Jan 1839 in , Grayson, Virginia. He married [Patty HARDEN](#) BEF 1790. She died BEF 1793 in , Wilkes, North Carolina. He married [Elizabeth PENNINGTON](#) 4 Sep 1793 in , Wilkes,



North Carolina, daughter of Micajah PENNINGTON and Rachel JONES. She was born 10 Aug 1774 in , , North Carolina, and died AFT 1857 in , Grayson, Virginia.

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Ahnentafel, Generation No. 6

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32. [Thomas OWSLEY II](#) was born BEF 27 Mar 1697/1698 in , Stafford, Virginia, and died Bet 30 Mar and 4 Jul 1750 in Fairfax, Fairfax, Virginia. He was the son of 64. [Thomas OWSLEY I](#) and 65. [Ann Bayne HARRIS](#).
33. [Ann, Wife of Thomas OWSLEY](#) was born 1707 in Of, Glooston, , England, and died 1751 in Of, Stafford, Virginia.

Children of Ann, Wife of Thomas OWSLEY and Thomas OWSLEY II are:

- i. [Thomas OWSLEY III](#) was born 1731/1732 in , Prince William, Virginia, and died 1 Nov 1796 in , Madison, Kentucky. He married [Mary MIDDLETON](#) 1746 in , , Virginia, daughter of Thomas MIDDLETON and Ann BAYNE. She was born 1730 in , , Virginia, and died 16 Sep 1808 in , Garrard, Kentucky.
  16. ii. [John OWSLEY I](#) was born ABT 1734 in , Prince William, Virginia, and died SEENOTES in , Loudoun, Virginia. He married [Ann STEPHENS](#) ABT 1755, daughter of Robert STEPHENS and Ann Wife of Robert STEPHENS.
  - iii. [William OWSLEY](#) was born ABT 1736 in , , Virginia, and died Oct 1762 in , Loudoun, Virginia. He married [Jane](#) BEF 10 Sep 1762. She was born 1728 in < , , Virginia>.
  - iv. [Newdigate OWSLEY](#) was born ABT 1738 in , , Virginia, and died 21 Jan 1797 in , Hancock, Georgia. He married [Mary Ann DAVIS](#). She was born 1741 in < , , Virginia>.
  - v. [Sarah OWSLEY](#) was born 1740 in , , Virginia, and died AFT 14 Aug 1766 in , Loudoun, Virginia.
  - vi. [Points OWSLEY](#) was born ABT 1742 in , Prince William, Virginia, and died Feb 1813. He married [Ann](#). She was born 1736 in < , , Virginia>.
  - vii. [Ann OWSLEY](#) was born 26 Sep 1744 in , Fairfax, Virginia, and died 5 Feb 1823 in , Laurens, South Carolina. She married [Edward GARRETT II](#) 2 Jun 1759 in , Fairfax, Virginia, son of Edward GARRETT I and Elizabeth CATLETT. He was born 31 Aug 1733 in , New Kent, Virginia, and died 25 Aug 1794 in , Laurens, South Carolina.
  - viii. [Elizabeth OWSLEY](#) was born ABT 1746 in , Fairfax, Virginia, and died AFT 30 Mar 1750 in , Fairfax, Virginia.
  - ix. [Jane OWSLEY](#) was born 1748 in , Fairfax, Virginia, and died AFT 30 Mar 1750.
  - x. [Welding or Weldon OWSLEY](#) was born ABT 1750 in , Fairfax, Virginia, and died AFT 1814 in , Hancock, Georgia. He married [Sarah, Wife of Welding OWSLEY](#). She was born 1756 in < , Fairfax, Virginia>.
34. [Robert STEPHENS](#) was born in Of, Loudoun, Virginia, and died Oct 1773 in , Faquier, Virginia.
35. [Ann Wife of Robert STEPHENS](#).



Children of Ann Wife of Robert STEPHENS and Robert STEPHENS are:

- i. [Joseph STEVENS](#). He married [Ann](#).
- ii. [Sarah STEVENS](#). She married [William BERKLEY](#).
17. iii. [Ann STEPHENS](#). She married [John OWSLEY I](#) ABT 1755, son of Thomas OWSLEY II and Ann, Wife of Thomas OWSLEY. He was born ABT 1734 in , Prince William, Virginia, and died SEENOTES in , Loudoun, Virginia. She married [John ADAMS](#) ABT 1769.
- iv. [William STEPHENS](#).
- v. [John STEPHENS](#).
- vi. [Richard STEPHENS](#). He married [Eleanor](#).
- vii. [Robert STEPHENS Jr.](#)

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## Ahnentafel, Generation

16. **\*Thomas OWSLEY** was born 11 JUN 1658 in Glooston 1700 in Stafford, Virginia. He was buried in Pohick Church **OWSLEY** and 33. **\*Dorothy POYNTZ**.
17. **\*Ann HARRIS** was born 1670 in Stafford, Virginia, and c the daughter of 34. **William Jr. HARRIS** and 35. **Jane**.

Children of \*Ann HARRIS and \*Thomas OWSLEY are:

- i. **Sarah OWSLEY** was born ABT 1692 in Stafford, V
  - ii. **Poyntz OWSLEY** was born ABT 1699 in Virginia.
  - iii. **Jane OWSLEY** was born ABT 1690 in Stafford, Virginia, and died ABT 1750.
  - iv. **Mary OWSLEY** was born ABT 1695 in Virginia.
  - v. **Thomas OWSLEY** was born 1697 in Stafford, Virginia, and died 3 MAR 1751 in Fairfax, Virginia. He married **Ann WEST** 1730 in Prince William, Virginia. She was born 1707 in Stafford, Virginia, and died 1751 in Of, Stafford, Virginia.
  - vi. **Ann OWSLEY** was born ABT 1701 in Stafford, Virginia.
  8. vii. **\*Thomas OWSLEY** was born 1697 in Stafford, Virginia, and died 3 MAR 1751 in Fairfax, Virginia. He married **\*Ann WEST** 1730 in Prince William, Virginia, daughter of **\*John Elder WEST** and **\*Ann HARRIS**. She was born 1707 in Stafford, Virginia, and died 1751 in Of, Stafford, Virginia.
18. **\*John Elder WEST** was born 1683 in Wisbeach, Isle Of Ely, England, and died 1713 in Stafford, Virginia. He was the son of 36. **\*John WEST** and 37. **\*Susannah PEARSON**.
19. **\*Ann HARRIS** was born 1670 in Stafford, Virginia, and died 1739 in Stafford, Virginia. She was the daughter of 38. **\*William Jr. HARRIS** and 39. **\*Jane**.

Children of \*Ann HARRIS and \*John Elder WEST are:

- i. **Ann WEST** was born 1707 in Stafford, Virginia, and died 1751 in Of, Stafford, Virginia. She married **Thomas OWSLEY** 1730 in Prince William, Virginia. He was born 1697 in Stafford, Virginia, and died 3 MAR 1751 in Fairfax, Virginia.
9. ii. **\*Ann WEST** was born 1707 in Stafford, Virginia, and died 1751 in Of, Stafford, Virginia. She married **\*Thomas OWSLEY** 1730 in Prince William, Virginia, son of \*Thomas OWSLEY and \*Ann HARRIS. He was born 1697 in Stafford, Virginia, and died 3 MAR 1751 in Fairfax, Virginia.

## Ahnentafel, Generation No. 6

32. **\*John OWSLEY** was born 12 DEC 1635 in Of, Leystone, Essex, England, and died 25 DEC 1687 in Leytonstone, Essex, England. He was buried 27 DEC 1687 in Glooston, Leicester,

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John Owsley I  
m  
Ann Sleptow  
↓  
Thomas  
m  
Ann West - d/o John Elder  
Ann Harris



England. He was the son of 64. [\\*William Or John OWSLEY](#) and 65. [\\*Edith Or Elizabeth EDWARDS](#).

33. [\\*Dorothy POYNTZ](#) was born 3 JAN 1631 in Benefield, Northamptonshire, England, and died AUG 1705 in Glooston, Leicester, England. She was buried in Glooston, Leicester, England. was the daughter of 66. [\\*Newdigate POYNTZ](#) and 67. [\\*Sarah FOXLEY](#).

Children of \*Dorothy POYNTZ and \*John OWSLEY are:

- i. [Newdigate OWSLEY](#) was born 1660 in Gloostone, Leicester, England, and died 23 OCT 1714.
  - ii. [Francis OWSLEY](#) was born 1664 in Glooston, Leicester, England.
  - iii. [Edith OWSLEY](#) was born 14 DEC 1670 in Glooston, Leicester, England, and died AUG 1714.
  - iv. [Dorothea OWSLEY](#) was born 23 DEC 1673 in Glooston, Leicester, England, and died 24 FEB 1700.
  - v. [Henry OWSLEY](#) was born ABT 1666 in Stoke-Coursey, Stogursey, Somerset, Eng
  - vi. [William OWSLEY](#) was born 9 APR 1656 in Stogursey, Somerset, England, and died SEENOTES.
  - vii. [John OWSLEY](#) was born 6 MAR 1653 in Stogursey, Somerset, England, and died SEENOTES in Oxford, England.
  - viii. [Charles OWSLEY](#) was born 3 SEP 1669 in Leytonstone, Essex, England.
16. ix. [\\*Thomas OWSLEY](#) was born 11 JUN 1658 in Gloostone, Leicester, England, and died 10 OCT 1700 in Stafford, Virginia. He married [\\*Ann HARRIS](#) ABT 1689 in Stafford Virginia, daughter of William Jr. HARRIS and Jane. She was born 1670 in Stafford Virginia, and died 1739 in Stafford, Virginia.
- x. [Mary OWSLEY](#) was born 1 NOV 1671 in Leytonstone, Essex, England.
  - xi. [Sarah OWSLEY](#) was born 8 MAR 1651 in Whittleburg, Northampton, England.
  - xii. [Poyntz OWSLEY](#) was born 17 APR 1666 in Glooston, Leicester, England, and died DEC 1731 in Glooston, Leicester, England.

34. [William Jr. HARRIS](#) was born 1633 in England, and died 16 MAY 1698 in Fairfax Co., Va was buried in Pohick Church, Fairfax Co., Va. He was the son of 68. [Willeame HARRISS](#) and 69. [Temperance OVERTON](#).

35. [Jane](#) was born ABT 1637 in <, England>.

Child of Jane and William Jr. HARRIS is:

17. i. [\\*Ann HARRIS](#) was born 1670 in Stafford, Virginia, and died 1739 in Stafford, Virginia. She married [\\*Thomas OWSLEY](#) ABT 1689 in Stafford, Virginia, son of \*John OWSLEY and \*Dorothy POYNTZ. He was born 11 JUN 1658 in Gloostone, Leicester, England, and died 10 OCT 1700 in Stafford, Virginia.
36. [\\*John WEST](#) was born 1653 in Of Wisbeach, Isle Of Ely, England, and died 1716 in Northumberland, Virginia. He was buried 1698 in Stafford Co., Va. He was the son of 72. [\\*J WEST](#).



37. [\\*Susannah PEARSON](#) was born 1632, and died ABT 1664 in Virginia. She was the daughter of [74. \\*Thomas PEARSON](#) and [75. \\*Susannah BLAND](#).

Children of \*Susannah PEARSON and \*John WEST are:

- i. [John Sr. WEST](#) was born ABT 1654 in Of Wisbeach, Isle Of Ely, England.
18. ii. [\\*John Elder WEST](#) was born 1683 in Wisbeach, Isle Of Ely, England, and died 1713 in Stafford, Virginia. He married [\\*Ann HARRIS](#) ABT 1706 in Stafford, Virginia, daughter of \*William Jr. HARRIS and \*Jane. She was born 1670 in Stafford, Virginia, and died 1739 in Stafford, Virginia.
38. [\\*William Jr. HARRIS](#) was born 1633 in England, and died 16 MAY 1698 in Fairfax Co., VA, was buried in Pohick Church, Fairfax Co., Va. He was the son of [76. \\*Willeame HARRISS](#) and [77. \\*Temperance OVERTON](#).
39. [\\*Jane](#) was born ABT 1637 in <, England>.

Child of \*Jane and \*William Jr. HARRIS is:

19. i. [\\*Ann HARRIS](#) was born 1670 in Stafford, Virginia, and died 1739 in Stafford, Virginia. She married [\\*John Elder WEST](#) ABT 1706 in Stafford, Virginia, son of \*John WEST and \*Susannah PEARSON. He was born 1683 in Wisbeach, Isle Of Ely, England, and died 1713 in Stafford, Virginia.

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*John West f/o John West  
B abt 1627 B 1653  
P Weston Parish? His 2nd son  
Yorkshire Eng Pearson  
D 1698  
P D Stafford Co, Va*



4 [\\*Adam BLAND](#)

B: 1528

P: Orton, Westmoreland, England

M: 8 NOV 1551

P: St Mary Magdalen, London, London, En

D: MAY 1594

P: Bnd'sgill Hamlet, Sedbargh, Yorkshire

2 [\\*John BLAND](#)

B: 1572

P: Of, Sythlane, London, Middlesex, England

M: 30 SEP 1606

P: Of, London, England

D: 6 JAN 1668

P: Nantucket, Nantucket, Massachusetts

5 [\\*Joan ATKYNS](#)

B: 1528

P: London, England

D: 10 JUL 1596

P: Virginia

1 [\\*Susannah BLAND](#)

B: 1609



4 \*Adam BLAND

B: 1528  
 P: Orton, Westmoreland, England  
 M: 8 NOV 1551  
 P: St Mary Magdalen, London, London, England 9  
 D: MAY 1594  
 P: Bnd'sgill Hamlet, Sedbargh, Yorkshire

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P: Of, London, England 5  
 D: 6 JAN 1668  
 P: Nantucket, Nantucket, Massachusetts

8 \*Robert (Roger) BLAND

B: *abt 1519*  
 P: *Of, Westmoreland, England*  
 M:  
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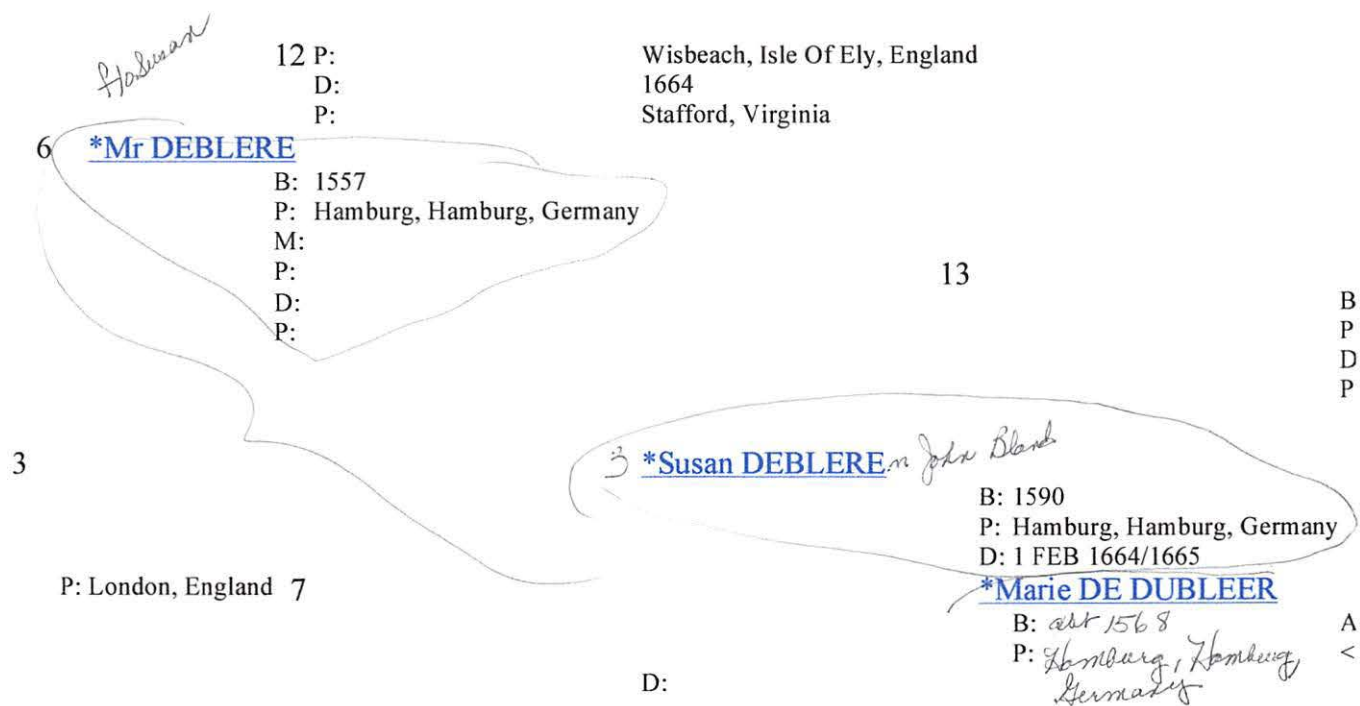
\*John BLAND - *Robert Roger*

B: 1572  
 P: Of, Sythlane, London, 1  
 M: 30 SEP 1606

\*Joan ATKYNS - *William Atkins*

B: *B abt 1504*  
 P: *Of St Gregory, London, England*  
 D: 10 JUL 1596  
 P: Virginia







# The History of Garfield Co.

By

Judge E. V. Kaykendall

1984

Pg 30- The Owsley brothers, Ambrose A. (familiarly known as Dick) & Barney Owsley settled in the Patoka Valley about four and a half miles west of Pomeroy, in 1869. For years they engaged in the stock business & had extensive land holdings. Both Dick & Barney have passed away. Had they kept diaries of their experiences & adventures they would have been more interesting than most exciting adventure stories. Barney lived to the ripe old age of 92 & his wife Harriet is still living. The Owsley brothers were in & around Garfield Co. a number of years before they actually settled there in 1869.

Pg 33- <sup>About</sup> a saw mill established by Leroy Sharpack about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile above the townsite on the Patoka Creek. The chief mechanic in the construction of the mill was Luther Stinson, who was the father of Mrs. Barney Owsley, who is still living & has childhood memories of Columbia Center in its boom days.

Pg 43. In 1903 the Tucuman Power Co., a corporation organized by Barney Owsley & Associates, secured a franchise to erect poles, wires, etc., in the city for electric light & power purposes.

Pg 47- The Owsleys financed & built the Owsley School about 5 miles west of Pomeroy in the year 1882.



Pg 48 "Jennie" Owsley was probably Jane Owsley, a daughter of Dick Owsley who later married Wm Brantley, both of who passed away several years ago.

### This Was Their Time

By

Florence E. Sherrey

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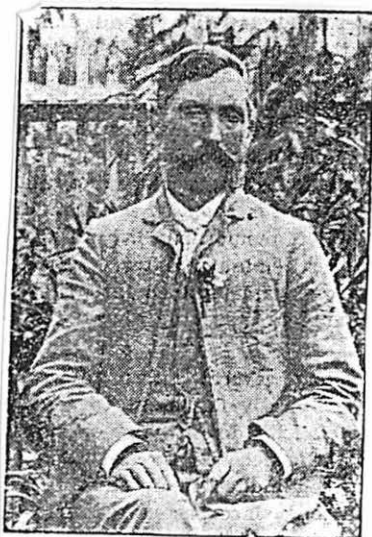
Pg 22 - Barney Owsley, who with his brother Dick, was in the country but had not taken a piece of land & settled yet, went to the mountains with Sunderland & got out logs for him & helped him build his log cabin, the first on the site of the present town of Pomeroy. Sunderland sold <sup>his claim</sup> to Joseph M. Pomeroy in 1864.

Pg 59 In 1869 the Owsley brothers, Frank & Dick brought in 15 head of & some horses.

Pg 63 - One day Parson Quinn went to the Owsley place with a signed deed to some property. He thrust this paper into Barney Owsley's hand saying that the deed was to a piece of land belonging to Barney. Although Barney protested that he didn't know a thing about it & that Parson must be mistaken. Parson insisted it was his & made him take it.

It is said a daughter of Barney Owsley, Mrs. Howard Strickm who lives in Pendleton, Ore, still has this deed in her possession.





A. A. (Dick) Owsley

## Ambrose A. Owsley

*Dick Owsley relates  
his experiences during the  
terrible winter of 1861-62.*

I landed at Walla Walla on August 25, 1861. From there I went to Whetstone in what is now Columbia county and met Tom Whetstone, one of the earliest settlers of that region. He was living in a tent, and desiring to build a house. I contracted to construct it for him. We went from his place up to the mountains on what is known as the Eckler mountain. We wintered right where the Eckler mill was afterwards located for the purpose of getting out logs and timber. A little while before New Years we made a big sled and took a load of shingles to Walla Walla; myself, Bill McCormick and Jake Hybarger, who came across the plains with me. We made the shingles ourselves. We split them out with a frow from pine timber and shaved them with a drawing knife. We made ten thousand. The snow started to fall and we supposed it would be good sledding, so we put the shingles on the sled with five hundred pounds of dried deer hams, ten bushels of wheat and some feed corn, and started to Walla Walla with three yoke of cattle. The deer were thicker there than cattle ever have been since. You could kill all

the deer you wanted--could go out any time and get one in an hour.

The first day out we went as far as Dayton to the crossing of the Touchet. The weather was bitter cold. We drove into the creek, and the pine sled, having no shoes, as soon as it struck the rocks it stayed right there. We got out in the water and unhitched the team and packed the shingles and hams to the other side. It took us all night. Next morning we hitched up and drove to the mouth of Whiskey creek, on the Coppei. McCormick froze his ears and Jake froze his feet. This was done in the daytime. I was lucky enough not to get frozen. We camped on the Coppei that night with Bill Bunton at the Bunton house. We put our cattle in his corral and packed corn fodder down to feed them. It snowed all night. Jake didn't know his feet were frozen until they began to thaw in the house. We took his shoes off and had him place his feet in a tub of ice water. After that he danced and hopped around all night. The next morning we struck on to Walla Walla. Jake was suffering terribly and could not wear his shoes. He tied gunny sacks on his feet and went with us. The snow was just up to the top of the sled then,

about 2½ feet deep. We unloaded the shingles and went on to Walla Walla with the wheat and deer hams. The next night we camped on the flat between Dry creek and Walla Walla. We put the cattle in a large house, just built, the first house on that flat. The next day we went to the mill out south of Walla Walla. It was the first mill there, I think it was the Reynolds mill which is now owned and operated by J.H. Coyle.

We sold our deer hams in Walla Walla for 25 cents a pound, got our wheat ground at the mill, and the next day we started back. It had been snowing all the time and was still very cold. We got back as far as Dry creek and there we had to leave the sled and the load of provisions for the winter with a man by the name of Kimble. We took the cattle and started on that evening and got up in the hollow above Dutch Charley's, where Dixie is now located. There our cattle mired in the snow and couldn't get any further. I unyoked them, raked the yokes up and left them there. The outlook was gloomy and we had little hope of ever reaching home. We put the cattle up on the hillside where there were a few weeds sticking up out of the snow and went back down to Dutch Charley's and called there to get shelter in his cabin. By this time you could track Jake Hybarger by the blood from his feet that dripped through the gunny sacks, and McCormick was having quite a time with his ears. We made arrangements to stop at Dutch Charley's cabin that night. We cut wood out of the creek and packed it up to the house after dark.

The cattle followed us down to the house along the creek. The next morning I found them back down at Kimbles. I got some corn from Kimble to feed them and we stayed there for ten days. We found Dutch Charley a pretty nice man after we got acquainted with him. Every day we fed the cattle a sack of corn. There were some old straw stacks there and there were dead cattle around those stacks so thick that you couldn't walk through them. The corn I fed my cattle kept them all right.



The tenth day, father and the expressman from Florence, Idaho, came through on snow shoes. They supposed we had perished. If you had been close enough you could have seen a few tears as we met. The snow was then five feet deep all over the Walla Walla valley. The next morning after father came through we packed two of our steers with our camp outfit. One went ahead to break trail, following the high ridges. It was very hard work, but we managed to get over to Coppei that day and stopped with Sam Gilbreath who had a public house at Coppei. If ever I thought I was in heaven it was that night around the hot stove. Gilbreath gave us a good hot toddy and we had a good meal and a good rest. The next morning we struck on over to the Touchet and made it there. Our bill at Gilbreath for four of us and six steers was \$20.00, and we had not a cent to pay with. We gave him a lien on the shingles over the hill from his house.

We found when we got back up to Stubb's ranch, where Dayton now stands that three or four pack trains were snowed in there, and the community would have suffered if those trains had not been there. They were

loaded to go to Colville and they let everyone have provisions, to be paid for in the spring or when they could. We got provisions, flour, coffee, etc., and packed them up to where we were wintering and where our camp was.

When we got there we found the snow about twelve feet deep. Mother, Barney and Belle had stayed there all the time supposing that we were all lost, the old man and all the rest. They had plenty of meat to eat, but had nothing else for ten days. They could get neither in or out, the snow was so soft. We packed our provisions, walking on clumps, broad pieces of wood which we tied on our shoes. We went down to Stubbs' after another load of provisions and the wind blew a little, and when we got down on the ridges the snow wasn't quite so deep. All the side of my face was frozen and blistered by the wind. We packed about fifty pounds apiece, and got back home about midnight. All the rest gave out on the road. Ben Hurley gave out and father had to kick him around there to keep him from freezing. I sent Barney out with a pine torch to meet them. He went about a quarter of a mile and the old man hallooed when he saw the light, and Barney located them and brought them into camp. Barney was about seventeen years old then.

We managed to stay there in that cabin, packing our provisions in until about the 20th of March. The snow crusted then so mother and Belle could walk out. They went out on top of the snow and we took them down to Forsythe's, below Dayton. Hybarger had lost the front half of his feet, they came off all but the sinews, and I cut them off with a razor. He suffered intensely and begged me to shoot him; when I refused he begged me to give him the pistol so he could kill himself.

The last day of March we all went to Florence. The snow was gone on the Tucanon and the Pataha, but there was about four feet on the Alpowa ridge. It snowed there the day we crossed it and I never saw it snow harder. We left the Pataha and went up the hill right where the road leaves now. It

went right up that back bone. The trail came down just above Long's place at the forks of the Alpowa creek. When we went down there a man by the name of King had commenced to build a house and when we came back in the fall he had a big log house. He sold it to one of Vine Favor's brothers.

When I came back in the fall Dutch George had settled right up here where the park now is; the Rigsby place was settled as we came up. There was some man there, but I have forgotten his name. I think he had a house there, built out of pine logs. When we came back in the fall the old Owsley place had been taken up and a blacksmith shop had been built; and Hybarger who was a blacksmith hired out there. I went on down home.

I had been to the great mining camp of Florence, where I saw \$500.00 washed out of one shovel, and then didn't get rich. It was the richest place in the world. They were the richest placer mines anywhere. People thought that the mines covered the whole basin, but they only covered about two sections. I saw ten thousand men there.

It was during this winter that the three men were frozen to death on the Deadman Gulch, and it is from this incident that the gulch takes its name. The bones of these men were buried on the place recently sold by Art Whitmore to E.L. Sanford. The bones were found the next spring by Cayuse George and John Turner. The names of these men were unknown, but they had left Florence with twenty or twenty-five pounds of gold dust, which has never been found. It was in rawhide purses and was probably scattered over the hills by the coyotes.

It began to snow that winter on New Year's eve, and continued without stop for forty days, day and night. Sometimes the fall was heavy, sometimes light, but it never stopped altogether and it was fearfully cold all the time.

This is my recollection of the winter of 1861-62.

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# Barney Owsley

*A Missourian,  
not content with Civil War strife,  
heads for the gold fields of Idaho in 1861.*

I was born March 29, 1847, in Cooper County, Missouri. In 1861 we started from Missouri, heading west to the Northwest Territory, as conditions were not comfortable in Missouri due to the Civil War. We thought there would be better opportunities in the far west. We had four yoke of oxen when we started and reached here with three head. I walked all the way from South Pass. The last house I saw was on the Loop Fork of the Platte. The first one I saw on this side was the Indian Agency at Umatilla. By the time we reached La Grande our food was gone and we waited there until our scouts went ahead to the agency and returned with supplies.

We left the wagon train at Umatilla, and started for Walla Walla, the straggling village on Mill Creek. There we learned that we could get work up the Touchet. We followed the trail as far as a wagon could go. That brought us to "Stubb's" place where he had built a cabin and lived there with his squaw. His real name was Schnebley and the land afterwards became the townsite of Dayton. "Stubbs" was killed in the Okanogan country, while running government horses across the border.

Davis and Whetstone had located in what is known as Whetstone Hollow, and father hired out to him to get logs from the Blue Mountains to put up their cabins, so we went up in the mountains and built a cabin of logs where we spent that first winter, which turned out to be the most talked-of winter in the history of this country.

We had been told that the winters were mild and we could work outside in our shirt sleeves. It began to snow and kept on snowing. Our cabin was completely covered. We had to keep shoveling the snow away, but we got along some way.

During the following April, when my father, brother and I started for the Florence mines, we went up over the Alpowa hills. They were covered with ice from the snow that had packed there during the winter. We dropped down into the Snake River Valley, to find the grass green and Indians camped at the mouth of the Alpowa. That was Chief Timothy's home. Many a time in later years I was to see this encampment and accept the hospitality of the friendly chief, who never lifted a hand against the whites.

We found ten thousand men in the Florence mines, and the good claims all staked. They were taking out \$6,000 a day with rockers. We didn't stay long, but went down to the Salmon River Valley and spent the winter. Flour was \$2.50 a pound and bacon the same.

I was 16 years old in the spring of 1863; my brother, Dick, was older. He killed a big elk in the Salmon River Valley, and we packed that to Florence and sold it for \$1.00 a pound. That kept us going for awhile. The woods were full of huckleberries, so when they got ripe we sold them for \$5.00 a gallon. I could pick two gallons a day.

Two men whipsawed some lumber for father, and he made a skiff and we crossed the Salmon and went south. We drifted around, hearing of diggings here and there and finally returned to the Pataha.

Two miles above the place where the trails crossed the creek, a man named Sunderland had located. I went up to the mountains and got out logs for him and helped build his log cabin, the first on the site of the present Pomeroy, but the town started a long time after that.

I started packing to the mines and stayed with it six years. In 1863, Colonel Craig put his ferry on the Snake river between the present sites of Lewiston and Clarkston. The former was not long in becoming a town, but Clarkston was only a horse pasture for a long time. A man named Greenfield had a horse ranch on that side of the river. John Silcott had a ferry on the Snake river. His wife was Chief Timothy's daughter, Jane. When I'd go to Montana with a pack train, I would stop there. She was a good friend of mine.

Every kind of merchandise needed at the mines was packed in on the backs of mules; mining machinery, tools, tables for the gamblers, food and clothing. Expert skill and judgment were required to prevent over-loading and the wrong kind of packing. Flour was one of the most difficult articles to pack. Three hundred and fifty pounds of merchandise were considered a good average load for a mule. Each pack train was led by a bell horse with a rider. The rider was also the cook. Forty-five mules was a five-man train, and twenty-three a three-man train. Sometimes we would be gone for months. President Lincoln was assassinated a year before I heard of it.

I packed to Fort Colville and to the Coeur d'Alene mines, through the Palouse and Spokane countries, stopping at George Lucas' on Cow Creek. Many a time we played checkers together and George always won. At the forks of the Palouse, where the town of Colfax was later founded, there was nothing but brush.

While operating a pack train into the Idaho mountains, during the Chief Joseph war, I brushed into the retreating Joseph and his warriors. I discovered my dilemma in time to escape with a whole skin, but I deserted my pack train to do it. When Chief Joseph had passed, I went back and found horses and cargo largely intact, though Joseph's men had tapped a whiskey barrel and consumed considerable of it. This episode was one of my big moments.

The moderate climate of the lower Grande Ronde river and the Imnaha canyon attracted me. I moved my herd to that region, where in cold weather the stock grazed on the river bank and moved up on the hills in summer time. At the very point where engineers are now building the Shumaker grade, I found abundant pasture. I should have stuck to it, as it



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On the homestead on the Pataha, now known as the Wesley Steele place, we had a race track for training and race meet purposes. Some of the finest horse-flesh of the period capered over that track. Of all the horses I owned, Bob Mill, sired by Jim Miller, out of a strain of Kentucky runners, brought to Salem, was the favorite. Faster horses then than now? Sure. More interest and better horses.

For many years beginning with 1869 the Pataha homestead was headquarters for our family. When we came out of the Grande Ronde Valley in 1884, my farm on the Pataha was in Garfield county, the new county cut out of Columbia county in 1881. I paid taxes on the same piece of land in three counties.

In 1883 Asotin county was formed from the eastern end of Garfield. Each time there was a division I wondered whether the new county would ever "stand alone" but the past fifty years have proved that no worry was necessary.

I might say that I have voted during 73 years, voting the first time at the mines when I was 18 years old, with two guns held over me.

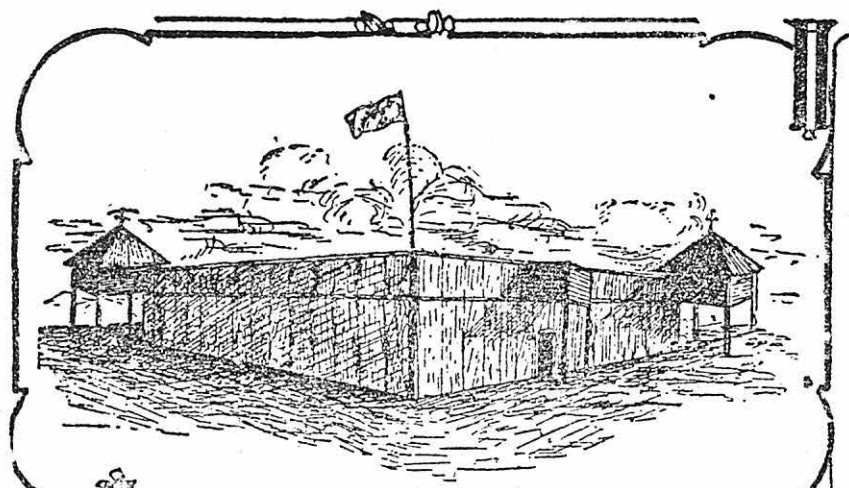
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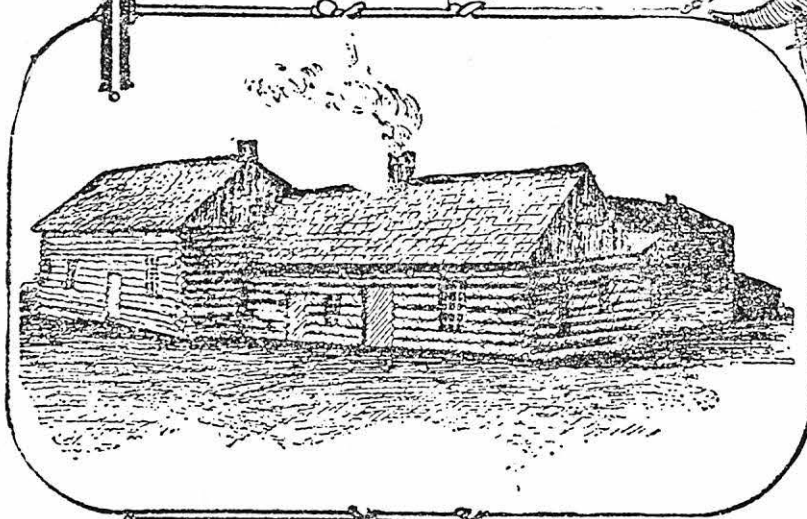
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The settlers up to this time were stock men, settling along the streams and grazing their stock on the hills in every direction. They raised a little hay and some oats on the fertile bottom lands, the hills were considered of no value except for grazing. Wheat was not grown because there was no available market. Surplus oats were hauled to Fort Lapwai, but on account of the distance and crude roads this was not very profitable. When the valleys were taken up, the growth of the country stopped and the increase in population was very slow. The winter of 1861 and '62 was undoubtedly the most severe winter in the history of this valley so far as the memory of the white man goes. The snow came in December and lasted until the first of April. It would snow, then thaw a little, which would settle the snow and form a crust, then snow again, keeping an average depth of about five feet. The small gulches and hollows drifted full, and the hillsides seemed to present almost an even surface. There was snow in some of these hollows on the following Fourth of July. The thermometer dropped down to 37 degrees below zero, and many of those in use at that time froze. The settlers lost most of their cattle and returned to the Willamette valley in the spring for new stock. Henry Day had a bunch of steers that escaped during the early winter and strayed up the Touchet, where some fifty head wintered through on the natural pasture. In the spring of 1862 most of the squaw-men sold out and went to Montana, where Ives, the Buntons and Clubfoot George were hanged by the vigilantes. Ives was caught red-handed and his fearless prosecution by Col. Saunders, before the miners' court, while surrounded by the road agents ready to take him away, was a notable occurrence in the early history of Montana. When the gang was finally rounded up, it was found that the sheriff of the county was the ring-leader and he was taken care of by the vigilantes also. Rexford could

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**BARNEY OWSLEY**

Garfield County

*(The story of a Pioneer, 90 years old, whose earliest experiences associate him with practically all the famous men of early territorial days.)*

I was born March 29, 1847, in Cooper County, Missouri. In 1861 we started from Missouri, heading west to the Northwest Territory, as conditions were not comfortable in Missouri due to the Civil War. We thought there would be better opportunities in the far west. We had four yoke of oxen when we started and reached here with three head. I walked all the way from South Pass. The last house I saw was on the Loop Fork of the Platte. The first one I saw on this side was the Indian Agency at Umatilla. By the time we reached La Grande our food was gone and we waited there until our scouts went ahead to the agency and returned with supplies.

We left the wagon train at Umatilla, and started for Walla Walla, the straggling village on Mill Creek. There we learned that we could get work up the Touchet. We followed the trail as far as a wagon could go. That brought us to "Stubb's" place where he had built a cabin and lived there with his squaw. His real name was Schnebley and the land afterwards became the townsite of Dayton. "Stubbs" was killed in the Okanogan country, while running government horses across the border.

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We had been told that the winters were mild and we could work outside in our shirt sleeves. It began to snow and kept on snowing. Our cabin was completely covered. We had to keep shoveling the snow away, but we got along some way.

During the following April, when my father, brother and I started for the Florence mines, we went up over the Alpowa hills. They were covered with ice from the snow that had packed there during the winter. We dropped down into the Snake River Valley, to find the grass green and Indians camped at the mouth of the Alpowa. That was Chief Timothy's home. Many a time in later years I was to see this encampment and accept the hospitality of the friendly chief, who never lifted a hand against the whites.

We found ten thousand men in the Florence mines, and the good claims all staked. They were taking out \$6,000 a day with rockers. We didn't stay long, but went down to the Salmon River Valley and spent the winter. Flour was \$2.50 a pound and bacon the same.

I was 16 years old in the spring of 1863; my brother, Dick, was older. He killed a big elk in the Salmon River Valley, and we packed that to Florence and sold it for \$1.00 a pound. That kept us going for a while. The woods were full of huckleberries, so when they got ripe we sold them for \$5.00 a gallon. I could pick two gallons a day.

Two men whipsawed some lumber for father, and he made a skiff and we crossed the Salmon and went south. We drifted around, hearing of diggings here and there and finally returned to the Pataha.

Two miles above the place where the trails crossed the creek, a man named Sunderland had located. I went up to the mountains and got out logs for him and helped build his log cabin, the first on the site of the present Pomeroy, but the town started a long time after that.

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Every kind of merchandise needed at the mines was packed in on the backs of mules; mining machinery, tools, tables for the gamblers, food and clothing. Expert skill and judgment were required to prevent over-loading and the wrong kind of packing. Flour was one of the most difficult articles to pack. Three hundred and fifty pounds



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I packed to Fort Colville and to the Coeur d'Alene mines, through the Palouse and Spokane countries, stopping at George Lucas' on Cow Creek. Many a time we played checkers together and George always won. At the forks of the Palouse, where the town of Colfax was later founded, there was nothing but brush.

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My cattle range was where the Grande Ronde empties into the Snake. When we were living on Joseph Creek, I was coming along the trail through the alders one day, when I discovered a cave. I explored it and found plenty of room for a good-sized camp, so I moved in. It extended far back and I chose a good place for my fire where the smoke drifted out through a crevice.

My father and another man visited me there at times and we cooked our meat and sourdough over the fire, using forked sticks. Years after I had abandoned the camp, the newspapers carried the announcement that a cave had been discovered that bore evidence of having been occupied in pre-historic days. It seems the cave-men had left forked sticks, ashes and a moccasin. These were sent to the Smithsonian Institute.

#### *Fast Horses Owned*

On the homestead on the Pataha, now known as the Wesley Steele place, we had a race track for training and race meet purposes. Some of the finest horse-flesh of the period capered over that track. Of all the horses I owned, Bob Miller, sired by Jim Miller, out of a strain of Kentucky runners, brought to Salem, was the favorite. Faster horses then than now? Sure. More interest and better horses.

For many years beginning with 1869 the Pataha homestead was headquarters for our family. When we came out of the Grande Ronde Valley in 1884, my farm on the Pataha was in Garfield county, the



### *Told by the Pioneers*

new county cut out of Columbia county in 1881. I paid taxes on the same piece of land in three counties.

In 1883 Asotin county was formed from the eastern end of Garfield. Each time there was a division I wondered whether the new county would ever "stand alone" but the past fifty years have proved that no worry was necessary.

I might say that I have voted during 73 years, voting the first time at the mines when I was 18 years old, with two guns held over me.

### *EARLY DAYS IN MASON COUNTY*

By Frank Mossman

#### *Pioneer Hunter and Game Warden of Mason and Thurston Counties*

Mason County in the early part of 1880 and in later years, was a paradise for the poor man. On the harbors of the county, both in fall and winter, there were ducks of many species and in the early winter there were many geese. On Big Skookum Bay one could stand on a point, during the incoming tide and catch big salt water trout and salmon until weary of fishing. While trolling, one could always catch big salmon—in spring time came the smelt run, as large fish pursued the smelt schools. The smelt at times would run in thousands out of the water and on the beach, where residents would fill tubs and barrels with these fish. Along the beaches one could dig a sack of clams on a tide run-out.

#### *Oysters are Native*

Mason County is, and was, the home of the famed Olympia oyster. They were first gathered by the Indians by hand. In the winter tide runs, the Indians had sleds with iron tops. On the sleds they built fires of pitch pine to light up the oyster beds as they selected the larger oysters. The oyster bay beds at this time were a mass of oysters, providing there had been no severe freezing weather for a year or so. Some winters, when the extreme low tides were at night, it would snow on the oysters, and before the tide would again cover them, the weather would turn cold and freeze the snow into ice. The delayed tide would return and raise the ice with its load of frozen oysters and the ebb tide carried hundreds of tons of oysters into deep waters and the ducks and gulls would feast for days on the frozen opened oysters floating in the bay.