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THANK YOU AUDREY

Audrey Broadley is moving from her home on 30th street to Whispering Pines Mobile Home Court, east of town, on Highway 34. In going through her stuff to move she found a lot of things that she didn't want to keep. Being the good member that she is, she called Damaris and now there are three big boxes of things for the Thrift Shop. Thank you for all that you have done and are still doing, Audrey.

MEMBER INFORMATION

RETURNING MEMBER

This month we have no new members, but Frances Hallam has renewed. Her address has not changed, 842 NW 2nd #16, Corvallis 97330. Glad to have you back again Franaces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HARRIETT

Harriett Moore turned 95 on Wednesday the 27th of March. Here's hoping that you have many more Harriett. You have done so much for genealogy that will be of benefit for the future generations.

CHARTER MEMBER GONE

Bessie Murphy, one of our charter members passed on last Saturday, the 6th of April. I believe that Bessie was 96 years old. I did not see the obituary, but I am sure that Virginia has it in the Historical Scrapbook. Our sympathy goes out to the remaining members of Bessie's family.

NEW ADDRESS

Edna Weise has a new address. It is 1687 NW Division, Corvallis 97330. This is in Glenwood Manor.

PEDIGREE CHARTS

Please get your Pedigree charts to Roland Crosiar for inclusion in the listing for our society. If you have more than five generations, then give them to him also. When the names are all collected we hope to publish the listing. This could be a great help to those looking for one of your ancestors. You could then work together to find the missing ones.



CANADIAN INTEREST GROUP

The Canadian Interest Group is meeting in the Albany Library on April 16th, 1991, from 12:30 to 3:30 pm. If you need any more information on this meeting contact Pat Rawlinson at 752-2243.

OLD FORT GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The publication of The Old Fort Genealogical Society titled OLD FORT LOG of Fort Scott Kansas currently has a listing of marriages. The current issue has a listing of Bourbon County marriages. Lee Rudisill has these publications available and has donated her older issues to the Society. If you are researching Kansas you might like to read through the publications. You never know where you will find a useful bit of information.

QUILT GUILD

The Marys River Quilt Guild is making a quilt that will be raffled as a benefit for the Benton County Historical Museum. They are seeking quilters who will help complete the quilt. They meet Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Call or stop by the museum for more information. phone 929-6230

BOOK AUCTION

On April 20, 1991, there will be a book auction by the OGC (Oregon Genealogical Council) at Jake's Public Restaurant & Deli at 1208 S. Baker Street (Hwy 99W) McMinnville, OR at 9:30 am. If you go, enter from the back parking lot, you can't get to the meeting rooms through the restaurant. This will be at their regular Spring meeting, sponsored by the Yamhill County Genealogical Society. There is a listing of 22 books in their newsletter. These are for a mail in auction with a minimum on each book. The bids must be received by the 19th of April. If no bids are received or on books not listed, bids will be taken at the meeting. There will be a door prize drawing. Tickets are one dollar or 6 for five dollars. The prize is registration for the NGS Conference in Portland May 29 to June 1. GEO officers will have the tickets. See the president or one of the other local members too look at their newsletter from GCO with the details in it.

QUERIES COLUMN

During the March meeting, members were asked if they would submit a short query of their current name searches. Your editor said that if he didn't receive any he would enter one. This listing is there, and Roland Crosiar gave one so this month there will be two. I hope that you will think about it and submit listings for your lost ones.

QUERY;

John Lucine Horiette **STRATTON**, grandfather of Nellie D. **STRATTON**, told family members that he was descended from the "second settling of Jamestown". Any help with a listing or any other information on this. The year was approximately 1620. Ed **STRATTON**.

QUERY;

Looking for any information on my Paternal Grandmother, Minnie Jane **LOWERY**. Married to Wm. H. **CROSIAR**, ca 1878, probably in Missouri. Son, Ruthford D. **CROSIAR**, b. 2 Mar 1879, Wright Co. Missouri. She died ca 1873/75, probably in Missouri. R. Roland **CROSIAR**.

NGS CONFERENCE

Those of you that are planning to attend the NGS Conference in Portland, at the Convention Center, (May 29 - June 1), take note. The deadline for the \$80.00 registration is the 6th of May. After that time it will cost you \$100.00. This date is also the last date to receive a full refund.

APRIL PROGRAM

Gerald and Connie Lenzen, of Portland, will be here to tell us about the Genealogical Council of Oregon. We are members of this organization. They will also speak about the National Conference in Portland the last of May and first of June. Gerald is President and Connie is membership in the GCO.

THANK YOU AGAIN

A second thank you to Audrey. For several years now Audrey has been collecting Flavor Pak and Santiam labels from members and turning them into money for the book committee to spend on our library. This year Audrey got \$19.77 from turning in the labels. That is a lot of labels at three cents each. Thank you to all of our members that remember to keep the labels and give them to Audrey.

INCURABLE DISEASE

Have you ever given one of your relatives an incurable disease? The disease I am talking about isn't some bad thing that you really need to worry about. I'm afraid that I gave this to my youngest daughter-in-law.

She was leading a normal life doing things that a young married lady does, with a husband in the military. I then committed a serious act. I sent her the pedigree charts for her son. She had given me the available information on her family, and it was included on the chart.

This was the catalyst for what was to follow. Two weeks ago she called me to get some blank forms and all of the current information I had on her family. Last week, I got another call. "Please send me some more forms, I didn't get to make copies before I got so much information that these forms are covered with chicken scratches". It seems that she was talking to her remaining grandmother and was told to call an aunt that she hadn't talked to in more than 20 years. From that conversation she found that one of her aunts was a genealogist and had already searched back about six generations. She found that she had a General Coffee from Arkansas in the early 1800's and that got her really going.

So be careful my friends, you never know when you may give this incurable disease called **genealogy** to one of your loved ones.

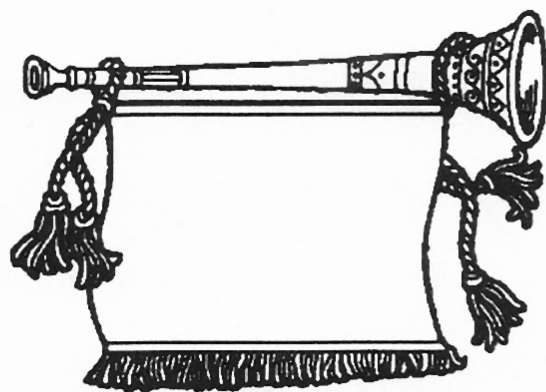
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From: D. Fagan History of Benton County,
Oregon Biographics 1885

HOUCK, George W. -- was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 22 February 1830. In 1832 his parents moved to Tiffen, Seneca county, Ohio, where our subject attended school until 14 years of age; he then started to learn the shoemaker's trade, which calling he followed for 5 years. October 30, 1851 he left his home in Tiffen to seek his fortune in the gold fields of California. Coming via the Isthmus of Panama he arrived in San Francisco 1 January 1852. He immediately proceeded to the northern mines and for the next 4 years followed mining. In August 1856 he came to Oregon, and in May, 1857, settled in Corvallis, engaging in the stock business until 1869, when he opened a livery stable in the above place, which he conducted for over 3 years. He then purchased the George **BELKNAP** donation claim, 2 miles south on Monroe, to which he has since added until now he has a stock farm of nearly 4000 acres, a view of which appears in this work. He also owns a valuable farm 9 miles south of Corvallis. Mr. **HOUCK** is one of the most enterprising and largest stock-raisers in Benton county, in which he is ably assisted by his 3 sons, Jess, George, and Ambrose. Mr. **HOUCK** was married in Benton county, to Miss Deliah **YOUNG**, a native of Missouri.

HOUCK, L. H. -- this young and enterprising merchant of Monroe was born in Seneca county, Ohio, where his boyhood was passed until 21 years of age. He then came west to Des Moines, Iowa, where he engaged in business and resided until 1881. He then came to Oregon and purchased an interest in his uncle G. W. **HOUCK's** store in Monroe, with whom he was connected until April, 1884, when their store and stock of goods were entirely lost by fire. L. H. then rebuilt his store on the same ground, and a few months later was joined by his brother, Albert **HOUCK**, since which time they have transacted a large general merchandise business under the firm name of L.H. Houck & Co.

HUFFORD, Walter S. -- at present the only representative of the legal profession on Yaquina Bay, was born in Charleston, Lee county, Iowa, 7 September 1853. In the fall of 1860, he, with his parents, came to California where our subject was educated and resided until 1872, when he came to Oregon, locating in Corvallis, and there began the study of the law in the office of Judge **CHENOWETH**, being admitted to the bar in December 1875. He then practiced his profession for a short time in Corvallis, when he removed to Yaquina Bay and opened an office at Newport, where he now resides enjoying a lucrative practice and the confidence and esteem of the community in which he resides. Mr. **HUFFORD** married Miss **GRAHAM**, a daughter of John **GRAHAM**, an early pioneer of Toledo by whom he has 3 children, viz: Edwin, Walter and Jessie.



INMON, David W. -- was born in East Tennessee, 26 March 1830. When 2 years of age his parents moved to Kentucky, and in 1840, to Indiana. Five years later, moving to Missouri they remained until April, 1852, when he with his parents crossed the plains to Lane county, Oregon. In the spring of 1853, our subject went to the southern mines and while there took part in both of the Rogue River wars. In 1869, Mr. **INMON** came to Benton county and purchased the now well-known Inmon saw mill, located 10 miles west of Monroe. Mr. **INMON** married a Miss **RICHARDSON** of Lane county; they have two living children, Benjamin T. and Harley A.

IRVIN, Joseph R. K. -- was born in Holmes county, Ohio, 29 August 1835. When but one year of age his parents moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where our subject passed his boyhood until 1851. He then with his parents crossed the plains to Linn county, Oregon, locating near the present site of Oakville. On 14 February 1863, Mr. **IRVIN** enlisted in Co. A. 1st Oregon Cavalry, and served in the adjutant's office in Vancouver, Washington Territory. He remained in the service until March, 1865, when he came to Corvallis and opened an auction house. In 1876 he removed to Portland and started the well-known auction house of Gilman & Irvin. In 1880 he returned to Benton county and leased the Ocean House in Newport which he conducted for several years. He then purchased 65 acres in South Newport where he now resides.

IRVIN, Samuel -- this enterprising young man is a native of Oregon, born in Linn county. When about 8 years of age his parents moved to Corvallis where he was educated at the common schools and the State Agricultural College, and in 1872, went east and entered the Monmouth College at Monmouth, Illinois, graduating from that institution in 1873. He then went to Freeport, Illinois, and remained until 1881, when he returned to Oregon and accepted the Principalship of the East Portland school. In 1882, he came to Yaquina Bay for the benefit of his health and being so favorably impressed with the climate and general appearance of the county concluded to locate there, when he engaged in the hotel business for a time and in the fall of 1883, opened his present real estate office under the firm name of Irvin & Buckley. In 1882 Mr. **IRVIN** filled the position of Clerk of the House of Representatives at Salem. He was married in 1884, to Miss May **BALL**.