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Artistic Taylor, The - 31	Chehalis, Washington - 30
Ash Grove Cemetery, No. 1 - 38n20	Cheshire, New York - 21
Astoria Iron Works - 31	Chippewa County, Wisconsin - 5, 7n20
Astoria Soda Works - 32	Christ United Methodist Episcopal Church - 4
Astoria, Oregon - 25, 29-32	Civil War (American) - 3-5, 33, 34
B F Allen & Son - 32	Civilian Conservation Corps - 37
Bailey Bible - 7n14	Clark County Genealogical Society - 7n1
Bailey Gatzert (steamer ship) - 31	Clark County, Washington - 3, 4, 6, 6n, 7n1, 7n23
Baker Players Stock Company - 24	Cobwell saloon - 15, 18
Baldwin, Michigan - 21	Colbert, Washington - 22
Baltimore, Maryland - 21	Columbia Basin - 23
Beaton, British Columbia - 18	Columbia City, Oregon - 23
Bellevue, Illinois - 34, 38n29	Columbia County, Wisconsin - 5, 7n15
Bellingham Herald, The (newspaper) - 14	Columbia Falls, Montana - 24
Bellingham, Washington - 8, 10, 14, 19, 24, 25	Columbia Hotel - 31
Benson Logging & Milling Company - 28	Columbia River - 6
Birnie Dock - 32	Columbia River & Northern Railway - 31
Blakely Cemetery - 3	Columbia River Slough Bridge - 23
Bloomfield, Iowa - 35	Columbia River Sun (newspaper) - 25, 30, 32
Bolivar Heights, West Virginia - 3	Columbus, Ohio - 32, 34
Boyceville, Wisconsin - 6	Colville Reservation - 22, 23
Bozeman Trail - 34	Concord township, New York - 7n2
Brewster, Washington - 29	Concord, New York - 1
Bridge of the Gods - 23	Congregational Church of Lopez - 10
British Columbia, Canada - 22	Congregational-Sunday School &
Brookfield, Washington - 27	

- Publishing Society - 8
Cornelius & Watts - 32
Cottage Hospital - 36
Crazy Woman Creek - 34
"Daily Mirror of Yakima" - 37
Dalles City (steamer ship) - 31
Dana, Indiana - 38n25
Danzig, Prussia - 21
Deadwood, Dakota Territory - 21
Deer Park, Washington - 22
Delaware County, Ohio - 38n21
Dexterville, New York - 7n11
Dodge County, Minnesota - 35
Dog Writers Association of America - 37
Doumit Bros - 31, 32
Duluth, Minnesota - 23
Dunn County, Wisconsin - 4-6, 7n9, 7n13, 7n22
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada - 23
Elks lodge - 36
Ellensburg, Washington - 30
Ellicott township, New York - 7n5
Ellicott, New York - 3-4
Eola, Minnesota - 4
Erie City, Pennsylvania - 4
Erie County, New York - 3, 7n2
Esmond Hotel - 31
Everett, Washington - 30
Fairbanks, Alaska - 23
Falls, Wisconsin - 7n8, 7n17
Finger Lakes region, New York - 21
Flint & Pere Marquette Railway Company - 21
Foard & Stokes Company - 31
Ford County, Illinois - 34, 38n23
Fort Columbia - 3
Fort Dodge, Iowa - 38nn31-32
Fort Leavenworth - 34
Fort Phil Kearney - 34
Fort Reno - 34
Fort Townsend, Washington - 20
Fred Brown's Tonsorial Parlor & Bath - 32
G.A.R., Meade Post - 35
Garden City Publishing Company - 24
Gdansk, Poland - 21
General Petroleum - 36
Gentry County, Missouri - 38n19
Geo W Shaver (steamer ship) - 30
Girl Scout troop - 36
Gladstone, North Dakota - 24
Glasgow, Scotland - 35
Goddard land claim - 7n1
Golden Gate Bridge - 23
Goldendale, Washington - 16, 18
Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company - 23
Grand Forks, B.C., Canada - 22
Gray's River, Washington - 25, 28, 29
Graytown, Wisconsin - 6
Great Northern Railway - 22
Harper, Washington - 31
Harpers Ferry, Virginia - 3
Hart's Drug Store - 31
Hassalo (steamer ship) - 30
Hawthorne Navy Ammunition Depot - 23
Hawthorne, Nevada - 23
Helping Hands - 13
Herman & Alopaeus - 31
Hollywood, California - 24
I.O.O.F. - 33
I.O.R.M. - 27
Ilwaco, Washington - 25, 27
Improved O. R. M. - 27
"Index of Suspicion" - 37
Iralda (steamer ship) - 31
J S Dellinger Company - 25
Jamestown Journal (newspaper) - 7n11
Jamestown Library - 4
Jamestown, New York - 5, 7n11
Java Center, New York - 3
Java, New York - 3
Jefferson County, Washington - 19, 20
John Day, Oregon - 23, 24n
Johnson Bros butcher shop - 28
Johnson Bros Meat Market - 31
Jordan (steamer ship) - 31
Kalispell, Montana - 24
Kansas City - 34
Kilbourne post office, Wisconsin - 7n15
LaCenter Washington School District - 6n
Lafayette post office, Wisconsin - 7n20
Lafayette township, Wisconsin - 7n20
Lafayette, Wisconsin - 5
Lake City Cemetery - 35
Lake City, Iowa - 35, 36, 38nn37-39
Leicestershire, England - 33, 37nn1-11
Levant, New York - 4
Lewis and Clark High School - 22, 24
Liberty Twp, Ohio - 38n21
Linfield College - 24n
Lookout Mountain, Tennessee - 34
Lopez, Washington - 10
Los Angeles, California - 22, 23
Loughborough, England - 37nn1-11
Ludington, Michigan - 21
Lurline (steamer ship) - 28
Madison, South Dakota - 35, 36, 38n40
Majestic saloon - 18
Manila (ship) - 14
Mansell Building - 31
Mapleton, Minnesota - 35
Marcus, Washington - 22
Marion County, Ohio - 37n10, 37n13, 37n15, 38n17, 38n21, 38n24
Marion County, Oregon - 6
Marion, Ohio - 38n24
Marquette County, Wisconsin - 5
Marshfield, Oregon - 27
Maryville, Illinois - 38n28
Mason County, Washington - 22
McMinnville, Oregon - 32

- Meade Post of the G.A.R - 35
Metlako (steamer ship) - 31
Miami County, Ohio - 38n16
Miami, Florida - 38n27
Mission Service Station - 36, 36ph
Missouri River - 33
Molson, Washington - 22
Monroe County, New York - 37nn1-2, 37nn6-7,
37nn9-10, 37n12, 37n15, 38n16
Mopeha Island - 14
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38n30
Morton's New Butcher Shop - 31
Mossy Rock, Washington - 14
Mounted Infantry" - 34
National Saloon and Café - 32
Neenah, Wisconsin - 24
Newport, Wisconsin - 5, 7n15
Newton Twp, Michigan - 37n3
North Yakima, Washington - 25, 35
Northern Pacific (railroad) - 30
Northern Pacific Yellowstone Park Line - 31
Northport, Washington - 22, 23
Northwestern University - 6n
O, R & N train - 16
Oceanside (California) Pier - 23
Odd Fellows lodge (also see IOOF) - 6
Ohio River - 34
Okanogan Power & Irrigation Co - 29
Old Union Ditch Company - 36
Olmsted County, Minnesota - 3-5, 7n12, 7n19
Olympia, Washington - 30
Ontario County, New York - 21
Oregon Bakery, The - 31
Oregon Short Line & Union Pacific - 30
Pacific Coast Highway - 23
Pacific Journal (newspaper) - 25, 27
Papoate, Tahiti - 14
Park City, Utah - 32
Pauline Dunstan Belden School of Elocution - 24
Paxton, Illinois - 38n23
Peace United Church of Christ - 7nn6-7
Peninsular Railway Company - 22
Pennsylvania Volunteers, 145th Regt,
Company C - 3, 7n3
Peoria County, Illinois - 34, 38n29
Perry County, Ohio - 38n25
Peruna Medicine Co, The - 32
Peterson & Brown's - 32
Pilgrim Press, The - 8
Piqua, Ohio - 38n16
Pittsford Baptist Church - 33
Pittsford, New York - 33, 37nn1-2, 37n6, 37n9,
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Pomeroy, Washington - 30
Port Huron, Michigan - 21
Port Townsend Bay, Washington - 19, 20
Port Townsend, Washington - 19, 20, 25
Portland Business College - 32
Portland Flouring Mills - 28
Portland, Oregon - 22-24, 28, 30-32
Portland-Columbia Airport Cantonment - 23
Powers, Oregon - 23
Prussia - 21
Puget Sound, Washington - 22
Pullman, Washington - 30
Quarndon, England - 33
Quillis Tribe, I O R M - 27
R C Slade (ship) - 14
Ralston Company - 32
Ranier, Washington - 28
Redmen Hall - 27
Regulator (steamer ship) - 31
Regulator Line - 31
Reierson Machinery Co - 32
Reliance Electrical Works - 30
Remington Repeating Arms Company - 35
Republic, Washington - 22
Riparis, Washington - 16, 17
Rochester post office, Minnesota - 7n19
Rochester, Minnesota - 4, 5, 7nn6-7, 7n12
Rochester, New York - 3, 33, 37n7
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Rockwell City, Iowa - 35
Ross, Higgins & Co - 32
Rossland, B.C., Canada - 22
Roza Canal - 36, 37
Sacramento, California - 24
Saginaw, Michigan - 24
Salmon Creek Methodist Cemetery - 3, 7n1
Salmon Creek Methodist Church - 7n1
Salmon Creek, Washington - 3, 6
San Francisco Earthquake - 35, 38n30
San Francisco, California - 24
San Juan County, Washington - 8
Sarah Dixon (steamer ship) - 31
Satsop Railroad - 22
Seaside Bakery - 31
Seattle, Washington - 25, 30
Seedler (ship) - 14
Shamrock (steamer ship) - 31
Shanahan's Store - 31
Shaver Transportation Company - 30
Shaw Island, Washington - 8, 10
Shelton, Washington - 22
Shiloh, battle of - 5
Signal Oil - 36
Simpson Logging Company - 22
Singer Sewing Machine Company - 34
Skamokawa, Washington - 28, 32
Sound Iron Works - 30
Spokane Bottling Works - 18
Spokane Falls and Northern Railroad - 22
Spokane, Washington - 15, 18, 22, 24, 38n39
Spokesman-Review, The (newspaper) - 15, 17
Sportsman's Park - 36
Spotsylvania County, Virginia - 3

- St Croix County, Wisconsin - 7n8, 7n17
 St Helens, Washington - 25
 St Louis, Missouri - 4, 5
 St. Charles, Michigan - 24
 St. Louis, Michigan - 21
 St. Petersburg, Sweden - 35, 38n37
 Stevens County, Washington - 22
 Svensen's Book Store - 32
 Sweden - 18
 Tacoma, Washington - 25
 Tahiti - 14
 Tahoma Cemetery - 35
 Tama County, Iowa - 35
 Tanana Mines Railway - 22
 Tiffany Creek, Wisconsin - 6
 Tiffany, Wisconsin - 4, 7n9, 7n13, 7n22
 Tigard, Oregon - 24
 Toledo, Iowa - 35
 "Top of the Hill" - 33
 Trail Smelter - 23
 Trail, B.C., Canada - 23
 Troy Laundry, The - 31
 Troy, Idaho - 18
 Twentynine Palms, California - 24
 U S Military Reservation - 20
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 U.S. Army Ordinance and Weapons Depot - 23
 U.S. Infantry, 18th Regt, 2nd Btn, Company F - 34
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 Umatilla, Oregon - 23
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 Unitarian Church - 33
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 Vermilion County, Illinois - 34
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 Vicksburg, siege of - 35
 Wahkiakum County, Washington - 25-32
 Waldo, Ohio - 33, 37n10, 37n13
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 Wallowa Valley - 22
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 Washington & Columbia River Railway - 30
 Washington Agricultural College - 22
 Washington Mill - 16-18
 Washington State Archives - 8, 19
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 Washington, D.C. - 22, 23, 30
 Wauseka, Minnesota - 18
 Western Union Telegraph office - 18
 Wherity - 32
 Willamette River - 6
 Wisconsin Cavalry, 2nd - 4, 7n21
 Wisconsin Cavalry, 2nd, Company L - 7n21
 Wisconsin Volunteers, 18th Regt.,
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 Wise Bros Dentists - 32
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 Foundation - 37n14
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 38nn28-29, 38nn31-32, 38nn34-35,
 38nn38-42
 Yakima Daily Republic (newspaper) - 37
 Yakima River - 35
 Yakima Valley, Washington - 35
 Yakima, Washington - 35, 36, 38nn23-24, 38nn28-29,
 38nn31, 38nn34-35, 38nn38-4

**WASHINGTON STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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NAME(s) _____

ADDRESS _____

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PHONE NUMBER _____
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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SHAW ISLAND, WASHINGTON

PART 1 - RECORDS

The following records are contained in a book that was placed in the San Juan County Auditor's Office and is now held at the Washington State Archives, Northwest Regional Branch, Bellingham, Washington, under the title *SHAW ISLAND CHURCH RECORD BOOK, 1908-1910*, access #NW328-2-53. The formal title is:

THE PILGRIM CHURCH REGISTER AND RECORD

WITH AN INTRODUCTION
(FOR THE COMBINED REGISTER AND RECORD)

EXPLAINING ITS USE TO PASTORS AND CHURCH CLERKS; CONTAINING ALSO SUGGESTIONS
AS TO A PRACTICAL WAY OF KEEPING A PARISH REGISTER, WITH HINTS
AND FORMS FOR RECORDING THE TRANSACTIONS OF
A CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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PASTORS

No.	NAME IN FULL	DATE OF ORDINATION	DATE OF SERVICE		REMARKS
			BEGAN	ENDED	
1	Rev. E. S. Ireland		July - 1906	Oct. 20- 1907	Resigned - illness
2	“ J. D. Hudson		Nov. 1907	July 17 - 1910	Vacation - illness
3	“ Healey		July 1910		

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DEACONS

No.	NAME IN FULL	DATE OF SERVICE		REMARKS
		BEGAN	ENDED	
2	Samuel M. Gordon	Oct 29, 1905	Jan - 1910	Resigned - moved away
11	Delbert Hoffman	Jan. - 1910		

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OTHER OFFICERS

Church Committee, Clerk, Treasurer, Sunday-School Superintendent, etc.

No.	NAME IN FULL	DATE OF SERVICE		OFFICE HELD
		BEGAN	ENDED	
8	Annie Laurie Stillman	Oct 29, 1905	Sep. 9th 1906	Clerk
6	Mr. John Bruns	Oct 29, 1905	Oct, 21st 1907	Treasurer
10	Mrs. Sadie Jones	Oct 29, 1905	Oct, 21 - 1907	Trustee for one year
26	Mrs. Dorcas Fowler	Oct 29, 1905		Trustee for three years
2	Samual M. Gordon	Oct 29, 1905	Jan - 1910	Trustee for four years
7	Lillie A. Bruns	Sep 9th 1906	Oct 21st 1907	Clerk
6	J. E. Bruns	Oct 21-1907	“ 190_	Trustee for two years
7	Lillie A. Bruns	“ 1907	Oct. 1908	Clerk

	Oliver [sic] Stillman	" 1907	Mar. - 1910	Clerk - Resigned
26	Mrs. Dorcas Fowler	" 21-1907		S. S. Supt.
20	Miss [sic] Ella Glossop	" 1908	Oct. 1909	Treas.
1	Mrs. Marcia E. Wade	Oct - 1909		Treas.
6	John E. Bruns	" 1909	()	Trustee for three years
11	Delbert Hoffman	Jan. 1910		Trustee to serve Oct-1910 {S. M. Gordon's unexpired term
1	Mrs. Marcia E. Wade	Mar. 1910	June 1910	Clerk {resigned -
7	Lillie A. Bruns	June 1910	Oct. 1910	Clerk {appointed by Com. until Oct.
6	John E. Bruns	Jan. 1911		Trustee for 1 yr
26	Mrs. Dorcas Fowler	" "		" " 2 "

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BAPTISMS

When person baptized become members of the church, enter the same number against each name as in the list of Members Received.

No.	NAME IN FULL	DATE OF		FIRST NAMES OF PARENTS-If "Adult," write that word instead of parents' names.
		BIRTH	BAPTISM	
4	Olive Marguarette Stillman	June 21, 1892	Oct 29, 1905	Chas. H. & Mary C. Stillman
7	Lillie Augusta Bruns	May 11-1876	Oct 29, 1905	
8	Annie Laurie Stillman	Sept. 21 1887	Oct 29, 1905	Chas. H. & Mary C. Stillman
9	Fred Auburn Fowler,	Sep. -	Oct 29, 1905	Burrett [sic] & Dorcas Fowler
11	Delbert Hoffman		Dec 10. 1905	
12	Kate Gordon Hoffman		Dec 10. 1905	Samual & Francis Gordon
13	Della Hoffman	May 27, 1892	Dec 10. 1905	Delbert E & Kate Hoffman
14	Hallie Hoffman		Dec 10. 1905	Delbert E & Kate Hoffman
15	Earl Hoffman		Dec 10. 1905	Delbert E & Kate Hoffman
16	Nellie Hoffman		Dec 10. 1905	Delbert E & Kate Hoffman
17	Arthur Hoffman		Dec 10. 1905	Delbert E & Kate Hoffman
18	Delbert David Hoffman		Dec 10. 1905	Delbert E & Kate Hoffman
19	Robert Hannah		Dec 10. 1905	
20	Elenora Glossop	Feb 24, 1892	Dec 10. 1905	Henry R. & Ella Glossop
21	Iva Glossop	Sept.9.1896	Dec 10. 1905	Henry R. & Ella Glossop
22	Lillie Glossop	Sept 9.1896	Dec 10. 1905	Henry R. & Ella Glossop
23	Ruth Ellen Shaw		Dec 10. 1905	Richard J. & Jennie Shaw
	Eber Ibling Bruns	Apr.12-1902	June 21, 1908	John R.[sic] & Lillie Bruns
	Eleanor Bruns	Nov. 18, 1904	June 21, 1908	John R.[sic] & Lillie Bruns

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MEMBERS RECEIVED

In case of married woman, put the maiden name in brackets "[_];" if married after enrollment, add the new name "[Mrs. _]."

		HOW RECEIVED		
		If by confession of faith, mark C or Conf. If baptised at the time, add B or Bapt. If by letter, give name of the church granting the letter.		
No.	NAME IN FULL	Date of Reception		Date of Removal
1.	Mrs Marcia E. Wade	Oct. 29 1905	Conf.	
2.	Samual M. Gordon	Oct. 29 1905	Conf.	
3.	Mrs. Francis Gordon	Oct. 29 1905	Conf.	
4.	Olive Marguarette Stillman	Oct. 29 1905	Bapt.	
5.	John Burke	Oct. 29 1905	Conf.	
6.	Mrs. John Bruns	Oct. 29 1905	Bapt.	
7.	Mrs. Lillie A. Bruns	Oct. 29 1905	Bapt.	
	Mrs. C. Clift, Jr.			
8.	Annie Laurie Stillman ^	Oct. 29 1905	Bapt.	Jan. 1910

9. Fred Auburn Fowler	Oct. 29 1905	Bapt.	
10. Mrs. Sadie Jones	Oct. 29 1905	Conf.	Oct - 1909
11. Delbert Hoffman	Dec.10.1905	Bapt.	
12. Mrs. Kate Hoffman	Dec.10.1905	Bapt.	
13. Della Hoffman	Dec.10.1905	Bapt.	
14. Hallie Hoffman	Dec.10.1905	Bapt.	
15. Earl Hoffman	Dec.10.1905	Bapt.	
16. Nellie Hoffman	Dec.10.1905	Bapt.	
17. Arthur Hoffman	Dec.10.1905	Bapt.	
18. Delbert David Hoffman	Dec.10.1905	Bapt.	
19. Robert Hanna	Dec.10.1905	Bapt.	Oct - 1909
<i>Mrs. Blake</i>			
20. Elenora Glossop ^	Dec.10.1905	Bapt.	Jan, 1910
21. Iva Glossop	Dec.10.1905	Bapt.	
22. Lillie Glossop	Dec.10.1905	Bapt.	
23. Ruth Elen Shaw	Dec.10.1905	Bapt.	
24. Pearl Jones	Dec.10.1905	Bapt.	Jan 1910
25. Ethel Jones	Dec.10.1905	Bapt.	" "
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26. Mrs. Dorcas Fowler	Oct 29, 1905		
27. Mrs. Thresa Fowler	Oct 29, 1905		
28. Eber Ibling Bruns	June 21-1908	Bapt.	
29. Eleanor M. Bruns	" " "	"	

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MEMBERS REMOVED

No.	NAME IN FULL	DATE	HOW REMOVED If by death, write D or died. If by dismissal, give name of the church to which the letter was given.
10	Mrs. Sadie Jones	Oct- 1909	By unanimous vote of church.
19	Robert Hanna	" "	Absent address unknown 4 years.
24	Pearl Jones	Jan. 1910	Letter
25	Ethel Jones	" "	"
	[four entries erased]	Oct "	
8	Mrs. Laurie Clift	" "	Absent four yrs-Home in Bellingham
	Mrs. Elenora Blake	" "	Letter to Cong. Church of Lopez.

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MARRIAGES

[Columns restructured to fit page]

DATE:	Apr 4 th 1906	Dec. 1909	Dec 1909
NAME OF MAN:	Comly Clift	Fred Blake	Willard Quimby
His Age:	23	-	26
NAME OF WOMAN:	Annie Laurie Stillman	Elenora Glossop	Della Hoffman
Her Age:	18	17	18
HIS RESIDENCE:	Bellingham, Wash.	Lopez, Wash.	Bellingham, Wash.
HER RESIDENCE:	Shaw Island	Shaw Island	Shaw Island
SOLEMNIZED WHERE:	C. H. Stillman	H. R. Glossop	
BY WHOM:	Rev. J. M. Dick	Rev. J. D. Hudson	

ANNUAL CHURCH STATISTICS

Year Ending <u>December 31.</u>	MEMBERS				RECEIVED			REMOVED				BAPTIZED		No. <u>Families</u>
	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Ab.</u>	<u>Conf.</u>	<u>Letter.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Death</u>	<u>Letter</u>	<u>Disc.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Ad.</u>	<u>Inf.</u>	
1905	9	18	27	17	8		25					11	16	10

CHARITIES AND EXPENSES

Year Ending Dec. 31	<u>1910</u>	<u>1911</u>	<u>1912</u>	<u>1913</u>
Cong. Home Missionary Society.	9.00		10.00	
Cong. Church Building Society.	7.20			
American Missionary Associations.				
Cong. S. S. and Publishing Society.		5.40		
Cong. Education Society.				
Am. Board of Com. for . Missions.				
Total.				
Other Objects.				
Conf. expenses	1.75			
Pastor's salary				
Total				

CHARITIES AND EXPENSES

Year Ending Dec. 31	<u>1905</u>	<u>1907</u>
Cong. Home Missionary Society.		4.50
Cong. Church Building Society.		
American Missionary Associations.		
Cong. S. S. and Publishing Society.	5.00	
Cong. Education Society.		
Am. Board of Com. for . Missions.		

~~Total.~~ We the following agree to pay the sum of money opposite our names for the purpose of paying our pastors [sic] (Rev. E. Ireland) salary \$125.00 for one year commencing July 1, 1906

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ANNUAL CHURCH STATISTICS

Year Ending	MEMBERS				RECEIVED			REMOVED				BAPTIZED		No.
December 31.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Ab.	Conf.	Letter.	Total.	Death	Letter	Disc.	Total	Ad.	Inf.	Families
1905	9	18	27	17	8		25					11	16	10

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Receipts from Treas.

Nov. 14th, 1907

Dates Yr. 1907

Nov. 14	Rec'd of Clerk	Nine - - - dollars	Lillie A. Bruns, Treas.
Nov. 17 th /07	Rec'd of Clerk	Twelve dollars	L. A. Bruns
Dec. 15/07	Rec'd of Clerk	Eight dollars	L. A. Bruns
Feb. 8 th	Rec'd of Clerk	Fourteen dollars	L. A. Bruns

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Y.-year We the undersigned promise to pay into the Church Treasury the sum of money here-in
M-month subscribed, said money to be used toward paying Rev. E. S. Ireland Pastor's Salary of
Q-quar. \$125 pr. year-said year commencing Aug. 4th 1907.

Sum	How		4th										
Subscribed	paid		Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
\$12. ⁰⁰	Y	J. E. Bruns	1. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰	3. ⁰⁰								
		Mrs. H. Glossop		5. ⁰⁰									
12. ⁰⁰	Y	Mrs. E. Burritt Fowler		5. ⁰⁰									
		John Glossop			5. ⁰⁰								
\$ 5. ⁰⁰	Y	Mr. H. Lee			3. ⁰⁰								
24. ⁰⁰	Y	S. M. Gordon	2. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰	4. ⁰⁰								
		C. H. Stillman		2. ⁰⁰									
\$16. ⁰⁰	Y	M. E. Wade	4. ⁰⁰	1. ⁰⁰	2. ⁵⁰								

Resignation of Rev. Ireland
Oct. 1907

Total paid for quar. - \$41.⁵⁰

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We the undersigned promise to pay into the Church Treas. the sum of money herein subscribed, said money to be used towards paying Rev. Hudson's salary from Nov. 1907 to Apr. 1908. Balance if any to go towards ministers salary for 1908 or towards building Parsonage, as Trustees see fit to decide.

		1907		1908						
		Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	
\$10. ⁰⁰	S. M. Gordon	2. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰		
10. ⁰⁰	J. E. Bruns	2. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰				
\$5. ⁰⁰	Mrs. M. E. Wade		2. ⁰⁰	1. ⁰⁰		2. ⁰⁰				
10. ⁰⁰	" E. Burritt Fowler	2. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰	1. ⁰⁰	3. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰				
10. ⁰⁰	Mr. John Glossop	2. ⁰⁰		2. ⁰⁰	balance	\$6. ⁰⁰	paid in full			
10. ⁰⁰	" C. H. Stillman	1. ⁰⁰		4. ⁵⁰		4. ⁵⁰				
5. ⁰⁰	" John Burke	5. ⁰⁰	in full							
5. ⁰⁰	Mrs. Grant Jones	1. ⁰⁰			1. ⁰⁰					
5. ⁰⁰	Mr. John McVeigh	1. ⁰⁰							\$4. ⁰⁰	

5. ⁰⁰	Mr. Hans Lee		\$5. ⁰⁰
5. ⁰⁰	" Arthur Mizunashi	5. ⁰⁰ in full	
2. ⁰⁰	" Carl Sundling	2. ⁰⁰ in full	
1. ⁰⁰	" A. Sundling	1. ⁰⁰ in full	
	R. J. Shaw	1. ²⁵	
	Mr. Grinsted	.	
	Ella Glossop	2. ⁰⁰	
Total		\$21. ⁰⁰ \$14. ⁰⁰	

[Page 86] **Clerk's Receipts Statements for Money drawn on Treas. and for what purpose used.**

Date	Amt.	How Used
Nov. 17-1907	\$10.00	Paid to Rev. Hudson to be applied on salary
Dec. 15 "	10.00	" " " " " "
Jan. 18	10.00	" " " " " "
Feb.	10.00	" " " " " "
	5.05	" for Incorporation fee
March	.50	" " stamps & stationary
March	10.00	" " Rev Hudson on salary

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We the undersigned promise to pay into the Church Treas. the sum of money herein subscribed, said money to be used on Ministers [sic] salary from April 1, 1908, to Apr. 1, 09.

Bal. in Treas on Apr. 1,-.08

[Subscribed]	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
\$24. ⁰⁰ S. M. Gordon	2. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰			6. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰	
\$18. ⁰⁰ Mrs. M. E. Wade			2. ⁰⁰		2. ⁰⁰								14. ⁰⁰
12. ⁰⁰ C. H. Stillman		2. ⁰⁰			1. ⁰⁰	1. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰	1. ⁰⁰	1. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰	2. ⁰⁰		
12. ⁰⁰ Mrs. E. Burritt Fowler				2. ⁰⁰		2. ⁰⁰	3. ⁰⁰		3. ⁰⁰				
10. ⁰⁰ Miss Kimple	Paid in full												
12. ⁰⁰ J. E. Bruns	"	"	"										
12. ⁰⁰ R. J. Shaw							2. ⁰⁰	5. ⁰⁰				5. ⁰⁰	
H.. Lee							5. ⁰⁰					5. ⁰⁰	
John Biend [sic]												1. ⁰⁰	
Helping Hands											6. ⁰⁰		
Mr. James												1. ⁷⁴	

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The following sums of money were paid into the Church Treas. for the Ministers [sic] salary from Jan. 1st, 1911 to Dec. 31st, 1911

	Total											
Balance on hand - Jan. 1 - 1911												
Overpaid Dec - 1910												\$1. ⁵⁰
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Mrs. M. E. Wade				1. ⁰⁰		3. ⁰⁰						
Mrs. C. H. Stillman				1. ⁰⁰								

Mrs. Henry Glossop	2. ⁰⁰	8. ⁰⁰	
John Biendl	2. ⁰⁰	8. ⁰⁰	
Bert Tift		2. ⁰⁰	3. ⁰⁰
Mrs. E. B. Fowler		1. ⁰⁰	
Minister absent	a		a a
Total Paid for the mo.	7. ⁴⁵	18. ⁰⁰	

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Pastor's Receipts

Nov. 17	Rec'd of Treas. Ten dollars.	J. Douglas Hudson, Pastor
Dec. 15	Rec'd of Treas. Ten dollars.	J. Douglas Hudson, Pastor
Jan. 18	Rec'd of Treas. Ten dollars.	J. Douglas Hudson, Pastor
Feb. 15	Rec'd of Treas. Ten dollars.	J. Douglas Hudson, Pastor
Mar. 21	Rec'd of Treas. Ten dollars.	J. Douglas Hudson, Pastor
Apr. 1	Rec'd of Treas. Fifty dollars.	J. Douglas Hudson, Pastor
Apr. 20	Rec'd of Treas. (\$5.00) five dollars.	J. Douglas Hudson, Pastor
June 22	Rec'd of Treas. five dollars.	J. Douglas Hudson, Pastor
Sept. 18-	Rec'd of Treas. fifteen dollars.	J. Douglas Hudson, Pastor
Oct. 18	Rec'd of Treas. fifteen dollars.	J. Douglas Hudson, Pastor

Coming in the Next Issue:**Congregational Church of Shaw Island, Washington****Part 2 – Minutes and Correspondence**

including

Articles and Certificate of Incorporation

Letter and card for the 1913 Apportionment for the Shaw Island church

MISS GLADYS TAYLOR CAPTURED BY WWI GERMAN RAIDER

The following article appeared in The Bellingham Herald, Bellingham, Washington, December 12, 1917, on page 3, columns 4 & 5:

WOMAN ON SHIP TAKEN BY SEEDLER

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—The presence of a woman on board the ships that fell victim to the German raider Seeadler, which operated in Southern Pacific waters, became known for the first time today when Miss Gladys Taylor, a 23-year-old girl of Mossy Rock, Wash., admitted that she had stowed away on the *A. B. Johnson*, one of the Seeadler's captures, and had been for several weeks the only woman among a party of 120 persons marooned on a desolate island in the Pacific by the crew of the raider.

Miss Taylor arrived with thirty-five other survivors of the Seeadler's victims, members of the crews of the *Johnson*, the *R. C. Slade*, and the *Maniia*.

Love of adventure and travel had induced her to stowaway on the *Johnson*, Miss Taylor said.

"When we were landed on Mopeha Island I was the only woman among more than 120 men," said Miss Taylor, "but they all treated me politely and I was spared from worry."

A relief ship sent by the Papoate, Tahiti, French authorities rescued the party October 10.

BLAKELY, BRADWAY, HICKOX: WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?

by Susan Marie Bradway

When I was a child I went with my father to a cemetery that was on a hill above Salmon Creek in Clark County, Washingtonⁱ. From the creek road we drove up the narrow rutted dirt road to the top of the hill and walked to the top half of the cemetery where there stood a large marble stone that my father had come to tend.

Inscribed on the west side of the stone was "Nelson L Blakely 1841-1918" and "Lovisa L his wife 1839-1916". Inscribed on the south side of the stone was "L.S. Bradway 1857-1909" and "Mary L his wife 1859-1908". On the north side of the stone was inscribed "Esther Hickox 1834-1915". I asked my dad who the people were. He knew only that these Bradways were his father's parents, and he knew the Blakelys as "Grandpa and Grandma Blakely". He did not know who Esther Hickox was and knew nothing about the past of any of them. Probably that day was the occasion of my 50-year interest in genealogy.

While on a research trip to New York I had the great good fortune to meet the Assistant County Historian for Wyoming County who had grown up in Java Center and had, as a girl, spent time walking through the "Blakely Cemetery" near her home. She had wondered then, "who are these people?" As Assistant Historian she had read and recorded the cemetery stones and made contact with many Blakely descendents. She directed



me to the cemetery on Torrey Hill road where many of Nelson's relatives are buried. Nelson's Grandparents, Moses, (d.1848) and Phoebe, (d. 1859) are buried there as well as his Uncle Justus (b.1802; d. 1892) and Aunt Susan Curtis Blakely (b.1805; d. 1888).

Nelson Leroy Blakely (photo at left) was born in Java, Wyoming County, New York. He was the tenth child of Henry and Eliza Loveland Blakely.ⁱⁱ

By 1850 Henry, Eliza and their children had removed to Concord, Erie County, New York. Nelson's youth was spent in Concord where his father was at various times a physician and a farm laborer.

During the Civil War, Nelson enrolled in Company C 145th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers. He mustered in on August 31, 1862. On October 25, 1862, he stood before a court-martial at Bolivar Heights, West Virginia, near Harpers Ferry. It seems that Nelson was having a little trouble adapting to military life: he refused to answer roll call, refused to do guard duty, and used "disrespectful and profane language to the Sergeant". Nelson was sentenced to ten days hard labor on the public works at, or near, Harpers Ferry. He was back with his unit on December 31, 1862.

Nelson was taken prisoner on May 3, 1863, at the battle of Chancellorsville in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. He was eventually sent to the Union "parole camp" at Annapolis from where he deserted. He was found by a bounty hunter in Concord, New York, and returned to Fort Columbia on September 23, 1863. He was court-martialed on November 22, 1863, on the charge of desertion. This time he was acquitted. It could be speculated that he was tired of the inactivity, bad food and lack of a decent place to sleep at the parole camp, and he simply went home for a good meal and to see his family. At any rate, Nelson went back to his Company and served until May 31, 1865, when he was discharged as a Corporal.ⁱⁱⁱ

After the war Nelson Blakely "went west"^{iv} and ended up, for a time, in Olmsted County, Minnesota. There he met and married the widow Lovisa Lesuer Lockwood Gould.

Lovisa Lesuer (photo at right) was born in 1839 in Ellicott, Chautauqua County, New York. She was the seventh of eleven daughters born to Harris and Cynthia Lesuer.^v



Lovisa was first married in 1857 to Benjamin Franklin Lockwood, their daughter, Mary Louellah, was born on May 5, 1859, but Lovisa was widowed in 1862. Lovisa and her small daughter Louellah were living close to Lovisa's parents and younger sisters in Cascade, Olmsted County, Minnesota after Benjamin died. Obviously Lovisa and Louellah had a very strong bond. The following is from a letter Lovisa wrote to Louellah on the occasion of Louellah's 13th Birthday.

"I remember you a little babe in my arms. I loved you. I remember you lying in your little cradle. I rocked you and I loved you the while. I recollect your first attempts to walk and your consequent little downfalls. I raised you up from your stumbling. I dried your tears and loved you still more. I have not forgotten your endeavors to talk nor your first calling papa and mama. I dearly loved you for it and although these things have passed away together with the one you called papa..."

In 1864 Lovisa married Elmer Gould, but something was wrong with the marriage and Lovisa obtained a divorce in 1866. Lovisa's relationship with Elmer Gould is a conundrum. His name first appeared in family records when Lovisa's third husband, Nelson Blakely applied for his Civil War pension. When asked the question, "Was your present wife married before her marriage to you?" Nelson responded:

"She was married to Benjamin Franklin Lockwood the last Sunday in June in 1857. He died in St Louis the 19th day of September 1862 in Hospital. He was a member of the 2nd Wisconsin Cavalry. My wife remarried to Elmer Gould at Eola Olmsted County Minnesota in 1864. He died in 1866 or seven she cannot remember as she never lived with him as man and wife and obtained a divorce in Erie City Penn in 1866 or so. She has forgotten but the divorce must be on record in Erie. Her lawyer was Todd Perley."

Nelson became very much a part of Lovisa and Louellah's lives. In another part of the letter quoted above from Lovisa to Louellah, Nelson clearly is recognized as Louellah's "father."

"Your papa just came in and said Louellah has a birthday present. Come and see it. I followed him to the pasture and sure enough there was a beautiful little black colt by Maggie's side. It is smart indeed so you see its birthday is the same as yours. Your papa says tell Louellah if she studies hard until vacation he will get her a nice present and I will do the same."

Two months before his marriage to Lovisa, Nelson Blakely was baptized in the Methodist church^{vi}. Two months later Nelson and Lovisa were received in full communion in the Christ United Methodist Episcopal Church in Olmsted County, Minnesota^{vii}. Nelson homesteaded in Tiffany, Dunn County, Wisconsin and the family removed to Dunn County in 1879.^{viii} Lovisa taught school in Tiffany. It is the only time I have found when she was a school teacher. Probably it was difficult to find someone for that duty, and Lovisa was more than literate, so she did her part. In 1900 two of Lovisa's widowed sisters, Narcissa Carr and Esther Hickox, were living with Nelson and Lovisa at Tiffany.^{ix}

Nelson Blakely and Lovisa were married for forty eight years before her death in 1916. They had no children together, but he was a fine step father to Louellah Lockwood Bradway. (Louellah named her first son Millard Leroy, and Millard named his first son Richard Leroy.)

Originally a main part of my research trip to New York was the search for the Harris Lesuer family in Chautauqua County. Years before I had come across, in the Jamestown Library, a transcription of the 1855 state census of Ellicott, Chautauqua County, New York. I knew because of the ages and a close proximity to the name spelling that this was Lovisa's family. Since that time, I have looked at all of the available state and federal census reports and developed a first hand appreciation of the difficulties involved in looking for female persons. All of the Lesuer daughters, who lived, married at least once. Many of them used their middle and first names interchangeably. As an example: Sarah Esther Lesuer is named in most records as "Esther."

Esther Lesuer was the fourth daughter of Harris and Cynthia Lesuer. She was born June 1834 in New York,^x probably at Ellicott, and died in 1915 in Clark County, Washington. She married first to John C. Fordham on August 29, 1852, in Levant, Chautauqua County, New York^{xi}. She married second to James Hickox, probably in Olmsted County, Minnesota. No official record of this second marriage has been found. She is enumerated with him, with a surname spelling of "Hickcox," in the 1880 census of Rochester, Olmsted

County, Minnesota,^{xii} but is enumerated with Nelson and Lovisa Blakely in 1900 as a widow with no living children.^{xiii}

In the 1860 US census of Cascade, Olmsted County, Minnesota, family number 158 is enumerated as William Cason, age 25, with Ester, age 26, and Ella, age 5. William and Ester are listed as being born in New York and Ella in Michigan. Is that our Esther Lesuer? Was she married three times? Esther's grandfather, two of her Uncles and her Aunt were living near Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1850, and it is possible that Esther was there for a time.

Lewis Sylvanus Bradway was the second son and youngest child of Heman Bradway and Cornelia Tucker. He was born 19 August 1857 in Newport, Columbia County, Wisconsin^{xiv}.

In the 1860 census of Newport, Heman Bradway is enumerated under the name "Herman Bradway" and as a hotel keeper.^{xv} In other enumerations he is a farmer. Heman had purchased much more land in Wisconsin than he could have farmed,^{xvi} more than 450 acres in 1855 and 1856. He bought land in Marquette, Adams, Columbia and Dunn Counties and possibly he was logging and selling timber, or land speculating. In 1864 the family removed to Dunn County where Heman homesteaded, and there they settled down. He did not keep any of the land except the farm in Dunn County. Some of that land was a homestead claim and some he purchased from the Land Office.^{xvii}

On 15 February 1862, Heman enlisted in the Union army as a "wagoner" in Company K, 18th Regiment of Wisconsin Volunteers.^{xviii} He was in the battle of Shiloh, but was discharged in August of the same year for disability. Heman's age is uncertain. The records of his war service do not match. In one place he is 51 in another 53. In the 1860 census his age is 48, but in the 1870 enumeration for Dunn County his age is 61. Cornelia did not age at all in those ten years. It is possible they did not know how old they were. Heman's estimated age when he enlisted was either 51 or 53, and it was a hard life for a man of that age.

My grandfather, Millard Bradway, had inadvertently put up a road block to the birthplace of his mother Mary Louellah. On his delayed birth certificate, which he had filled out and filed himself, he listed mother's birthplace as Rochester, New York. Nope. She had lived for a time as a young girl near Rochester, Minnesota, but her birthplace was in Jamestown, Chautauqua County, New York.

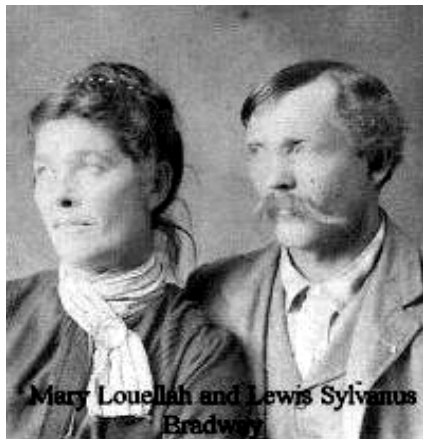
Mary Louellah Lockwood was the only child of Benjamin Thomas Franklin "Frank" Lockwood and Lovisa Lesuer.

Benjamin Franklin Lockwood, his wife Lovisa and their daughter Mary Louellah are enumerated twice in 1860. On the June 6, 1860, they are enumerated in Cascade, Olmsted County, Minnesota, as Frank B. Lockwood, age 27, Lovisa, age 21, and Mary, age 1. All listed as born in New York.^{xix} On June 15, 1860, they are enumerated in Lafayette, Chippewa County, Wisconsin, as Benjamin Lockwood, age 31, Lovisa, age 21 and Luella (sic), age 1. Again, all born in New York.^{xx} In the Cascade census the Lockwoods are family number 159, Lovisa's parents and four of her sisters are family number 157. Benjamin enlisted from Wisconsin and he may have been looking for a more favorable bounty payment, or he may have known someone in Wisconsin with whom he wished to enlist. A "Frances Lockwood," age 26, born in New York, is enumerated in Lafayette as a laborer with family number 109, while family number 110 is Benjamin, Lovisa, and Luella (sic) Lockwood. Benjamin and Lovisa were married only five years when he died of typhoid in St. Louis during the Civil War. Lovisa applied for a pension to help support her minor child, and Benjamin's mother swore this affidavit in support of that application.

"I Mrs. Mary Lockwood wife of Abel Lockwood of Jamestown in the county of Chautauqua and State of New York being duly sworn say that during the spring of 1859 I was practicing midwifery in said Jamestown. That I was well acquainted with Benjamin Thomas Franklin Lockwood and his wife Lovisa Lockwood. That the name before marriage with said Lockwood was Lovisa LeSuer. I further say that on the 6th day of May AD 1857 the said wife of the said Benjamin Thomas Franklin Lockwood was delivered of a daughter to which said daughter is now the only minor child of the said Benjamin Thomas Franklin Lockwood and his said wife."^{xxi}

Lewis Bradway and Louellah Lockwood met in Dunn County, Wisconsin, and were married on April 14, 1878. There they lived, made lasting friendships with their neighbors and raised their children^{xxii}. In 1902 Lewis and Louellah and their nine year old son Dana moved from Wisconsin to Washington where they

purchased land in the Salmon Creek area of Clark County^{xxiii}. A year later the two older children moved to Washington with their grandparents Nelson and Lovisa Blakely.



“The grantors, Charles B. Montague and P. C. Montague his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of seven hundred dollars lawfully money of the United States, to them in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, convey and warrant to L.S. Bradway, married, the following described real estate, lying and being situate in Clarke County, state of Washington, to wit: Beginning at the quarter of section thirty five in Township three North of Range one East of the Willamette Meridian,...”

Perhaps because his parents died so young and he was feeling the loss, my grandfather saved some of the letters that his parents had written to him from Washington while he was still in Wisconsin charged with selling and/or moving the family belongings. Lewis Sylvanus and Mary Louellah Bradway were now real people with reasons, qualities and personalities.

In the letters written in Washington and sent to their children Millard and Florence still in Wisconsin, Lewis and Louellah spoke of the new Methodist Church bell that rang for the first time on Florence’s, birthday. (The church is still there on the east side of Highway 99 and visible from the Highway near 135th Street.) Louellah told her son of the wonderful weather and the abundance of fruit in the valley. Lewis chided his son to send him the receipt for his membership renewal in the Odd Fellows lodge. He wanted to go to meetings in Vancouver, but he had not found the time when he could be away from the place and leave Louellah alone. On 20 February 1902, Lewis wrote to his son about the new bridge that was being built across the Columbia River.

“... the government dredge is at work making a deep water channel from the mouth of the Willamette to Vancouver and they are going right on with the building of the bridge across the Columbia. They claim it is the second longest bridge in the U.S. and it will be a R.R. and foot bridge. It will take three years to build it. I tell you there is lots of business of all kinds and will be for years to come.”

Children of Lewis Sylvanus and Mary Louellah Bradway

Florence Ione; b. Tiffany Creek, Dunn County, Wisconsin, 28 January 1879; d. Salmon Creek, Clark County, Washington, 3 March 1928; m. 26 March 1906, Salmon Creek, Clark County, Washington, **General Lee Betts**.

Millard Leroy; b. Tiffany Creek, Dunn County, Wisconsin, 16 November 1880; d. Vancouver, Clark County, Washington, 17 November 1968; m. LaCenter, Clark County, Washington, 5 September 1904, **Ida May Poole**.

Ethel Captola; b. Boyceville, Dunn County, Wisconsin, 29 November 1889; d. Graytown, Dunn County, Wisconsin, 25 February, 1894.

Dana Eustice; b. Boyceville, Dunn County, Wisconsin, 11 January 1893; d. Marion County, Oregon, January 27, 1967; m. in Clark County Washington, 29 March 1924, **Angie Brookman**.

My father, Richard Leroy was the fourth child and first son of Millard Leroy and Ida May Poole Bradway. He left me with many memories, many questions and a life long interest in connecting with the way our people lived and the motives that led them to the decisions they made. The search has led to many more people than those buried and memorialized in stone on the hill above Salmon Creek.

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ⁱ The present entrance to the Salmon Creek Methodist Cemetery is located east of Hazel Dell Avenue near N.E. 111th Street, Vancouver, Washington and is on land which was part of the Goddard land claim that was deeded to the Salmon Creek Methodist Church in 1893. See Clark County Genealogical Society, compilers, *Clark County Washington Cemetery Records*, (Clark County Genealogical Society 1982), Vol.2 159.

ⁱⁱ Henry Blakeley (sic) household, 1850 U.S. census, Erie County, New York, population schedule, Concord township, page 39, dwelling 561, family 569; National Archives micropublication M 432 Roll 500.

ⁱⁱⁱ Nelson Blakely compiled military record (private, Company C, 145th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry) file number C223.932 (Washington: National Archives)

^{iv} *Ibid.*

^v Harris Lesure (sic) household, 1850 U.S. census, Chautauqua County, New York, population schedule, Ellicott township, page 67, dwelling 416, family 416; National Archives micropublication M 432, Roll 485.

^{vi} Record of Baptisms, 1868-1869: (13 June 1869) Peace United Church of Christ, Rochester, Minnesota.

^{vii} Alphabetical Record of members in full connection: (October 8, 1869). Peace United Church of Christ, Rochester Minnesota.

^{viii} United States General Land Office, *Homestead and Cash Entry Patents: Falls, St Croix, Wisconsin*: Nelson Blakely entry, north half of the NE quarter and the SE quarter of the NE quarter of section 36 in township 30 north of range 14 west, containing 120 acres.

^{ix} Nelson L. Blakely household, 1900 U.S. census, Dunn County, Wisconsin, population schedule, town of Tiffany, enumeration district [ED] 98, supervisor's district [SD] 9, ED sheet 4A (page 247), dwelling 65, family 66; National Archives micropublication T-623 Roll 1787.

^x *Ibid.*

^{xi} 29 August, 1852. John C. Fordom of Carroll was married to Ester (sic) Lesure of Dexterville. W. W. Chandler, Esq. officiated. Jamestown Journal, Jamestown, New York, 3 September 1852.

^{xii} James H. Hickcox (sic) household, 1880 U.S. census, Olmsted County, Minnesota, population schedule, city of Rochester, enumeration district [ED] 216, supervisor's district [SD] 1, ED page 8, dwelling 82, family 83; National Archives micropublication T9, Roll 628.

^{xiii} Nelson L. Blakely household, 1900 U.S. census, Dunn County, Wisconsin, population schedule, Tiffany, ED 98, SD 9, ED sheet 4A, dwelling 65, family 66.

^{xiv} Bailey Bible. Note: The Bailey Bible came into the Bradway family through Millard Bradway's wife while Lewis Bradway was still alive, but the record was entered long after the event. Data from the Bible was extracted, but the Bible has been lost.

^{xv} Herman (sic) Bradway household, 1860 U.S. census, Columbia County, Wisconsin, population schedule, town of Newport, Kilbourne city post office, page 41 (473), dwelling 308, family 282; National Archives micropublication, M653, Roll 1401

^{xvi} United States Bureau of Land Management. *General Land Office Records*. Database and digital images. <http://www.glorecords.blm.gov/Patent Search: 2004>. File numbers 18157, 18202, 2309, 3451, 3452, 7067, and 7971.

^{xvii} United States General Land Office. *Homestead & Cash Entry Patents: Falls, St Croix County, Wisconsin*, Heman Bradway entry, east half, NW quarter, section 7 & SW, SE quarter & SE quarter, SW quarter of section 6 in township 29 of range 13.

^{xviii} Heman Bradway compiled military record (private, Company K, 18th Wisconsin Volunteers) file no. WC 233 758. (Washington: National Archives).

^{xix} Frank B. Lockwood household, 1860 U.S. census, Olmsted County, Minnesota, population schedule, Cascade township, Rochester post office, page 20, dwelling 178, family 159, enumerated June 6, 1860; National Archives micropublication M653, Roll 572.

^{xx} Benjamin Lockwood household, 1860 U.S. census, Chippewa County, Wisconsin, population schedule, Lafayette township, Lafayette post office, page 18 (62), dwelling 117, family 110, enumerated June 15, 1860; National Archives micropublication M653, Roll 140.

^{xxi} Benjamin F Lockwood compiled military record (private, Company L, 2nd Wisconsin Cavalry) file, no. WC 53-605 (Washington: National Archives).

^{xxii} Lewis Bradway household, 1900 U.S. census, Dunn County, Wisconsin, population schedule, town of Tiffany, enumeration District [ED] 98, supervisor's district [SD] 9, sheet 11, dwelling 213, family 217; National Archives micropublication T623, roll 1787.

^{xxiii} Book 52: 439, of deeds. Clark County Auditor, Vancouver, Washington

CHARLES H. DAVIS: DOUBLE MURDER AND SUICIDE

submitted by Donna Potter Phillips

Today's newspaper style is light-years-different-away from the newspaper style of 100 years ago. Newspaper journalism has become more factual and less sensational. More thought is given to the lives and feelings of the victims, the criminals and all the families concerned. This is certainly the case with The Spokesman Review, published for over 100 years in Spokane, Washington.

I first found the Davis family in the online Washington State Death Records. It said, simply, "murder" for the wife and infant child, and "suicide" for the man, all on the same hot July day in 1904. I knew there ought to be a story to these simple facts. At the Spokane Public Library, going to The Spokesman on microfilm, I found "the rest of the story," as broadcaster Paul Harvey says. I now share this very graphic tale with you:

The Spokesman-Review, Friday, July 14, 1905

FIEND SLAYS HIS FAMILY

Charles H. Davis Commits Double Murder and Suicide

HE CUTS THROATS

Transforms Pretty Home on Boone Avenue into a Bloody Shambles

IS INSANELY JEALOUS

Broods Over Fancied Wrongs Until His Mental State Results in Horrible Tragedy

Frenzied by insanity and continued brooding over fancied injuries, Charles H. Davis, formerly a bartender at the Cobweb saloon, slew his wife and his 2 month old baby son and committed suicide himself in his home at 2415 Boone avenue about 7:45 last night.

Without a moment's warning, before they could utter a cry, the wife and the baby had their heads nearly severed from their bodies by a razor in the hands of the man who should have been their protector. Davis then made 3 gashes in his own throat and fell weltering in a pool of his blood in the kitchen.

So quickly and thoroughly did he do his work that nearby neighbors, enjoying the twilight in their front yards, heard not a sound to apprise the of the terrible tragedy being enacted close by. Mrs. Edwin C. Payne, swinging in a hammock on the front porch of her house, 2416 Boone avenue, directly across the street from the Davis residence, saw Mrs. Davis suddenly pitch forward from her chair. This started an investigation that led to the discovery of the horrid tragedy.

Mrs. Payne detailed to Mrs. James A. Garretson, who lives at 2429 Boone avenue, that she thought Mrs. Davis must have fainted. Mrs. Garretson went across to the Davis residence. She arrived just in time to see Davis fall, gasping, on the kitchen floor. The police and coroner Witter were immediately telephoned for.

The call came in to the police headquarters just as the evening squad were going on duty. A detail of men were immediately dispatched in the patrol wagon. The wagon and its load of officers with the coroner arrived at the scene of the tragedy at 8:10.

HOUSE A SHAMBLES

The inside of the Davis residence, a pretty five room cottage surrounded by grass and flowers, resembled a shambles. Just inside the front door in a big pool of blood lay the mother, face downwards. A few feet away lay the 2 month old child with its head nearly severed from its body and its wild frightened eyes staring at the ceiling. In the kitchen, lying on his back, with a horrible gaping wound in his throat, lay the father and husband. The kitchen fire was burning brightly and a teapot was singing on the stove. The supper dishes were lying in the sink unwashed. Under his coat the police officers found the bloody razor.

DAVIS WATERS LAWN

The last sight of Davis before the tragedy was a little before 7:30 when he was seen sitting on the front porch sprinkling his lawn. Mrs. Payne, who saw Mrs. Davis pitch forward from her chair, places the time of the tragedy at about 7:45.

WIFE SITTING IN CHAIR

When she went to her death at the hands of her frenzied husband, Mrs. Davis was sitting rocking in a chair just inside the front screen door. The front door was open, but the screen was locked. Neighbors had observed her rocking this way for some minutes. The back of the chair was toward the kitchen door.

Judging from the fact that there was no outcry, the insane husband evidently killed the mother first and then turned to his child. Davis evidently sneaked out of the kitchen and coming up behind his wife, grabbed her by the hair, then, before she could cry out, he slashed her with the razor. The first cut was close up to the chin and extended to the back of the neck. To make sure of his work, he slashed her a second time. The jugular vein and windpipe were severed and a gash three inches wide was in the throat. Several hairpins were found behind the chair where Mrs. Davis had been rocking and the condition of her hair indicated that Davis had seized her by it.

KILLS CHILD IN ARMS

At the time the mother was killed the child was evidently on the bed in a room adjoining the front room. The bed was mussed where the child had lain. A powder box and some infant's things were found on the bed. The mother had evidently just finished dressing the little tot when she went to her death.

After slaying the mother, Davis evidently walked into the bedroom and, grabbing the child, carried it out to the front room. Some blood which spurted on linen lying on a stand was mute evidence that he had killed the child while holding it in his arms. With one slash of the razor he nearly severed the child's head from its body and then dropped the child on the floor a few feet from the mother.

CUTS HIS OWN THROAT

Davis walked into the kitchen and to a corner near the stove where he slashed his throat. He wandered around the kitchen and walked out into the front room where his wife and babe lay. Streams of blood testify to his movements. He walked back into the kitchen again, where he again slashed his throat, and fell lengthwise across the kitchen.

The frenzied man made 3 slashes in his throat opening up a gash over which a hand could have been placed. He was fully dressed at the time. His wife had on a red dressing sack and underskirt, while the baby was in a gaily colored dress. Policeman Tomson found the razor underneath Davis' coat.

The entire house was in perfect order. The lamps had not yet been lighted. On the table in the room where the tragedy occurred were two prescriptions made out by Dr. C.E. Grove and evidently intended for the baby. A letter written in Swedish and signed Olson was also there. In the dead man's pockets \$18.00 was found.

SAYS DAVIS WAS INSANE

Sister In Law Tells of Peculiar Actions Recently

Suspects Wife's Relatives of Tying to Separate Them, and Does Other Queer Things

Mrs. H.W. Fellows of 3029 Mallon avenue, a sister of the murdered woman, tells a story which bears out the theory that Davis was insane. Mrs. Fellows was nearly prostrated by the murder of her sister and several times while talking she was almost overcome with grief. She said:

"Up until last Saturday night, my sister's husband has been working in the Washington Mill. My husband, who is an electrician, has a contract at Goldendale, and he had a job there for Mr. Davis, who left for Goldendale on the O.R. & N. train last Sunday afternoon, but only went as far as Riparis. He came back on the train which gets in here Monday forenoon."

SUSPECTED WIFE'S RELATIVES

"When he came back he acted like he was crazy. He said that he thought his wife and her folks---meaning myself and my husband---were planning to get rid of him and that his wife wanted to leave him. He was not jealous of any man, but simply of her family."

"He didn't intend to leave town. He had those crazy suspicions before he left here and he admitted to pretend to take the train and to come back to his house after dark and see if we or any of the neighbors were in

his house talking about him. In order to slip into the house he left a cellar window open and left some clothes hanging in the cellar. I don't know what he left the clothes there for. He had to take the train, however, because his wife went down with him to see him off and I stayed at their house and kept the baby while she was gone."

WAS PENITENT ON TUESDAY

"On Tuesday," continued Mrs. Fellows, "he telephoned me from downtown and wanted me to come up to their house. I told him his wife was with me, and was going to stay to dinner and that he'd better come too. He did so. He seemed very remorseful and cried some. He said he hadn't treated his wife right and he wanted to start all over again."

"Did he whip his wife or use violence to her?" she was asked.

"No, he never did that," replied Mrs. Fellows, "but he neglected her and would abuse her in talking to her. He was very ugly. He didn't drink anything to speak of. He always worked hard and supported her. When he said that day that he wanted to start in all over again, and treat his wife right, she said she was willing. She told him that she got up every morning determined to start in all over again but that every day he would spoil it by being ugly and mean to her."

CRAZY OVER NEWSPAPER CLIPPING

"While he was at our house that day he picked up an old newspaper with a piece slipped out of it. What was clipped out was one of the coupons in The Spokesman-Review voting contest, but he insisted that the paper had had some terrible article in it about him and that I had clipped it out so that my little daughter wouldn't see it. Nothing would convince him that it wasn't a fact."

"I didn't see them Wednesday, but today my sister telephoned me that Davis had been downtown nearly all day Wednesday looking for a copy of the paper from which that clipping was taken and that he hadn't been able to find it. She said he had been acting so foolishly that she didn't like to talk about it over the telephone but that if I would come over she would tell me about it. I didn't go. The next thing I heard of them was when I heard that he had killed his wife, his baby and himself."

"Had Davis ever manifested any signs of insanity previously?" she was asked.

"I never knew him to act crazy until he came home Monday from Riparis although for a long time he had acted ugly and mean to his wife."

LOOKED HALF STARVED

J.W. Cook, superintendent of the Washington Mill, in whose employ Davis was until last Saturday, said:

"The man had worked for us for a long time—over a year, I think. He always looked to me like a man who didn't have enough to eat. He seemed to be half dead and lifeless. I wanted the foreman to discharge him about a week before he quit, but the foreman didn't want to because he had a wife and baby. He looked to me like a man who had something on his mind, or was brooding over something. He gave us five days notice when he quit."

The general appearance of things in the house do not bear out Mr. Cook's impression that Davis was half starved. The home is a neat and tastily furnished one and Davis owned it. The lawn is well kept.

E.E. Woodward, who runs a grocery store in the same block with the Davis home, said:

"I saw Davis yesterday and today. It struck me both times that he was acting queerly. I can't hardly describe his appearance except that he appeared to have something on his mind."

Sergeant John Sullivan of the police department knew Davis. "He was always a pleasant fellow," said Sergeant Sullivan, "but I had a notion that under his pleasant exterior he was surly and rather ill natured."

MRS. PAYNE'S STORY

Mrs. E.C. Payne, who saw Mrs. Davis fall from her chair, lives directly across the street from the Davis home. "I was sitting on my front porch with my little girl," she said, "and across the street I could see that Mrs. Davis was sitting just inside her front screen door. I could tell it because I could see her white apron and because I knew she often sat there."

"Suddenly I could see that she fell from the chair. I knew she had been sick, and my first thought was that she had fainted. I wasn't personally acquainted with her, so I called to Mrs. Garretson, who lives next door to me, that she had better go over and see what was the matter. She went and discovered the tragedy. The screen door prevented me from seeing Davis and from witnessing his assault on his wife."

"Mrs. Payne called to me that she had just seen Mrs. Davis fall out of her chair and thought she had fainted," said Mrs. Garretson. "I went across the street to see what was the matter. When I came to the screen door I saw Mr. Davis go into the kitchen and fall. Then I saw Mrs. Davis and the child lying on the floor. I called to some of the neighbors and the police were telephoned."

"I always thought that Mr. Davis was queer. He acted strangely ever since he returned from the trip when he started to Goldendale. He did not drink that I know of. The Davis' (sic) always seemed like nice people. Mrs. Davis was a very sweet woman. They had lived there for about 5 years."

MARRIED FOR FIVE YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Davis were married in Spokane on March 4, 1900. Mrs. Davis' maiden name was Lena Larson. They had a child in 1903 but it died in 1904. The child which the father murdered last night was born on Easter Sunday of this year. Mr. and Mrs. Davis were both 31 years of age.

For several years Davis worked as a bartender. He was employed for a long time by M. Lang in the Cobweb saloon on Stevens street between Riverside and Sprague avenues, and by Harris Medekin in the Majestic saloon next door to the Western Union Telegraph office. Prior to his employ by Lang he had worked for the Spokane Bottling Works.

Davis quit the Majestic about a year and a half ago because he regarded the work as too confining. He wanted to do manual labor. Nearly ever since, until last Saturday night, he was employed at the Washington Mill.

WIFE A SWEDISH WOMAN

Mrs. Davis was a native of Sweden and had been in America for 12 years during all of which time she had lived in Spokane. Her only relative here is her sister, Mr. Fellows, but she has a brother living in Troy, Idaho and a brother and sister at Wauseka, Minn. Her parents live in Sweden.

Davis' mother lives at Beaton, B.C. Mrs. Fellows aid last night she did not think he had any brothers or sisters. His father is dead. He is also supposed to have an aunt living in Spokane.

MORBID CROWD GATHERS

The news of the tragedy spread like wildfire through the neighborhood and in 15 minutes after the police arrived a crowd of over 200 morbid men, women and children gathered around the house. When the police first arrived, but a few women with drawn scared faces and an excited man or two were at the house.

The furiously driven patrol wagon, with its load of bluecoats, as it dashed with clanging gong through the residence streets of the North Side, attracted a big crowd. Within 15 minutes of the police arriving at the scene the sidewalk was blocked and the street lined with people.

Morbid men and children scrambled to reach windows that they might get a glimpse of the bloody scene inside. Flowers were trampled on by the eager crowd. When the undertaking wagon of J.D.Buchanan arrived the crowd fought for a chance to get a glimpse of the bodies as they were taken to the wagon.

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JEFFERSON COUNTY OYSTER CLAIMS, 1890

A small number of claims for oyster-growing locations were filed and recorded in late March 1890 with the Jefferson County, Washington, Auditor's Office, and the original record book is now held at the Washington State Archives, Northwest Regional Branch, Bellingham, Washington, under the title *OYSTER CLAIMS RECORD, 1890-1890*, access #NW316-2-7.

The following is an example of the Oyster Claims and was recorded on Page 2 of the book:

[Recording #] 3720: < Oyster Claim - Russell Glover, Claimant >

State of Washington }
County of Jefferson }^{ss}

Before me, Charles A. Dyer, a Notary Public, in and for the County of Jefferson and State of Washington, duly qualified to administer oaths, personally appeared, Russell Glover, who first being duly sworn on oath says;

That he is a citizen of the State of Washington, County of Jefferson, above the age of twenty-one years and a resident of said County and State.

That he has caused a portion of Port Townsend Bay, within the said State of Washington, not exceeding an area of more than twenty acres, to be marked with stakes and artificial marks at the corners, so far as is practicable, with bearings to adjacent natural objects, more particularly described as follows, to wit: Commencing at a stake 577.6 feet North 99° East from a red Fir Stub, blazed and marked, "R1W, NT 30 S 16 B T" supposed to be bearing tree for the South East corner of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 16, Township 30, N, R.1W, which said Stub on bearing tree is about 2102 feet Southerly from the center of Albert Brigg's house and on the beach about 190 feet West from high water line; thence on same course 425 feet to a Chuckanut Stone about 10"x10"x 6 Marked "X"; thence from first stake above mentioned North 80° 45' East 1120.5 feet to a point; thence North 14° 5' East 979.5 feet to a stake; thence Easterly at right angles 425 feet to a Chuckanut stone Stone 10"x10"x 6", marked "X"; Thence Southerly 1875 feet to the first above mentioned Chuckanut stone, Containing about 19 acres, Situated and being in Jefferson County and State of Washington, Above Courses Magnetic Variation. And deponent [sic] further says, that he claims said property and has taken the premises so described for the purpose of planting Oysters thereon.

That he did on the 19th day of March, A.D. 1890 cause Oysters to be planted on the above described premises.

That the said premises are not upon and do not include any natural bed of Oysters and that the same are not occupied or claimed, in accordance with law, except by himself.

And further deponent [sic] sayeth not.

Russell Glover

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of March A.D. 1890

{ SEAL } Charles A. Dyer, Notary Public

Filed for record at request of A. R. Burgess March 22, 1890 7½ P.M.

Recorded March 24, 1890. James Seavey, County Auditor of Jefferson County, Wash.

The remaining claims are severely edited below to the show basic information of claimant names and dates.

Page 1, Recording # 3719 < Oyster Claim - E. S. Campbell, Claimant >

This claim covers 19.1 acres of Port Townsend Bay on which oysters were planted on March 19, 1890. The description mentions the "U. S. Military Reserve." The claim was subscribed and sworn before Charles A. Dyer, Notary Public, on March 21, 1890; filed for record on March 22, 1890, "at 30 m past 7 P.M." by E. S. Campbell; and recorded on March 24, 1890, James Seavey, County Auditor.

Page 3, Recording # 3721 < Oyster Claim - William Payne, Claimant >

This claim covers about 18.5 acres of Port Townsend Bay on which oysters were planted on March 19, 1890. The description mentions the "Albert Brigg's house." The claim was subscribed and sworn before Charles A. Dyer, Notary Public, on March 21, 1890; filed for record on March 22, 1890, "30 m past 7 P.M." by William Payne; and recorded on March 25, 1890, James Seavey, County Auditor.

Page 5, Recording # 3722 < Oyster Claim - Chas. P. Wakeman, Claimant >

This claim covers about 19.5 acres of Port Townsend Bay on which oysters were planted on March 19, 1890. The claim was subscribed and sworn before Charles A. Dyer, Notary Public, on March 21, 1890; filed for record on March 22, 1890, "at 30 m past 7 P.M."; and recorded on March 25, 1890, James Seavey, County Auditor.

Page 7, Recording # 3723 < Oyster Claim - W. E. Wylie, Claimant >

This claim covers about 16 acres of Port Townsend Bay on which oysters were planted on March 19, 1890. The claim was subscribed and sworn before Charles A. Dyer, Notary Public, on March 21, 1890; filed on March 22, 1890, "at 30 m past 7 P.M." by W. E. Wylie; and recorded on March 25, 1890, James Seavey, County Auditor.

Page 9, Recording # 3718 < Oyster Claim - R. A. Ballinger, Claimant >

This claim covers 19.3 acres on which oysters were planted on March 19, 1890. The claim was subscribed and sworn before Charles A. Dyer, Notary Public, on March 21, 1890; filed for record on March 22, 1890, "at 30 m past 7 P.M." at the request of R. A. Ballinger; and recorded on March 25, 1890, James Seavey, County Auditor.

Page 11, Recording # 3790 < Oyster Claim - John Payne, Claimant >

This claim covers about 19 acres of Port Townsend Bay on which oysters were planted on March 26, 1890. The description mentions a bearing from the Southwest corner of Water Street and Walker Street in Port Townsend. The claim was subscribed and sworn before Charles A. Dyer, Notary Public, on March 27, 1890; filed for record on March 27, 1890, "at 9³⁵ A.M." by John Payne; and recorded on March 31, 1890, James Seavey, County Auditor.

Page 13, Recording # 3793 < Oyster Claim - B. H. Burgess, Claimant >

This claim covers 19.9 acres of Port Townsend Bay on which oysters were planted on March 25, 1890. The claim was subscribed and sworn before Charles A. Dyer, Notary Public, on March 27, 1890; filed for record on March 27, 1890, "at 10⁵⁵ A.M." at the request of Wm. Payne; and recorded on March 31, 1890, "Auditor, Jefferson County."

Page 15, Recording # 3794 < Oyster Claim - E. H. Nash, Claimant >

This claim covers 19.4 acres of Port Townsend Bay on which oysters were planted on March 25, 1890. The description mentions the "U. S. Military Reservation" and "Fort Townsend." The claim was subscribed and sworn before Charles A. Dyer, Notary Public, on March 27, 1890; filed for record on March 27, 1890, "at 10⁵⁵ A.M." at the request of Wm Payne; and recorded on March 31, 1890, by Auditor, Jefferson County.

Page 17, Recording # 3795 < Oyster Claim - A. W. Lloyd, Claimant >

This claim covers 18.9 acres of Port Townsend Bay on which oysters were planted on March 25, 1890. The claim was subscribed and sworn before Charles A. Dyer, Notary Public, on March 27, 1890; filed for record on March 27, 1890, "at 10⁵⁵ A.M." at the request of Wm Payne; and recorded on March 31, 1890, by Auditor, Jefferson County.

[NOTE: Additional "Oyster Claim Records" for Clallam, Grays Harbor, Mason, Pierce, Skagit and Thurston counties, some dating from 1874 through 1894, are available at the applicable state archives regional centers. Oyster claims for other salt-water counties may be recorded in their auditor's miscellaneous records.]

THE FAMILY OF ROBERT HERMAN SHEEDY AND HOW THEY CAME WEST

by Nickolas McCrimmon Sheedy

Washington has long been a land of opportunity. The Native Americans lived prosperously for millennia. Fur traders sought their fortunes from otter and beaver pelts. Timber men and miners found a wealth of resources to exploit, and farmers and ranchers recognized fertile land that would produce. Natural harbors allowed transportation by sea, and the coming of the railroads opened the "Inland Empire" to a rapidly expanding world economy. This is what attracted my great-great grandfather, a railroading man, to Washington Territory in 1889.

As genealogists, I'm sure you all can appreciate a good "brick wall." While I have successfully traced thousands of ancestors through the centuries, my direct paternal line is an enigma. All we know of the parents and early life of Robert H. Sheedy (1852-1928) comes from a few stories passed down through his family. Robert was orphaned shortly after he and his father came to North America, and I have little hope of ever tracing beyond him. While "Sheedy" is typically an Irish name, I have become aware of the surname "Szade" or "Szadi" around Gdansk, Poland and a German name "Schade" which are all pronounced similarly. It is a quandary because we have every indication that he and his parents were born in "Germany" but have no indication that Robert ever spoke anything but English. There was a "cousin with a polish name" who lived in New York at one time, but with details forgotten, my Sheedy origins likely will remain a mystery.

Robert Herman Sheedy, was born 6 June 1852 in Danzig, Prussia (now Gdansk, Poland), the only a child of parents whose names we do not know. They operated a small hotel in Danzig. When he was about seven, the hotel caught fire. A little girl cousin ran into the inferno, Robert's mother ran after her, and they both lost their lives.

Robert's father was heartbroken and resigned to quit the country, taking passage to England and then Ontario, Canada about 1859. During the voyage, an epidemic broke out and young Robert was encouraged to smoke tobacco in the belief that it might prevent him from becoming sick. When Robert was eleven (about 1863), his father went hunting, became lost in a blizzard and froze to death.

The orphaned boy was eventually taken into a preacher's home. It was during the period when women wore hoop skirts, and it was part of Robert's duties to accompany the parson's wife and keep her skirt out of the mud and from blowing around on a breezy day.

When he was fifteen, Robert immigrated to the Finger Lakes region of "Up State" New York and secured a job carrying the mail with horse and sled. It was a very cold lonesome route and he had some harrowing experiences, but he was very proud of his job.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1869, claiming he was twenty one—but was in fact seventeen at the time. He mustered in at Baltimore, Maryland, but his place of residence was noted as Cheshire, Ontario County, New York. He used to tell a story about a time "on parade" when he accidentally gave the wrong order, with the result that his troops joyously ran over the band! He worked his way up to sergeant, but apparently deserted the Army in 1871 at Port Huron, Michigan.

In 1873, he joined the Masonic Lodge at St. Louis, Michigan and in 1875 he held the coveted degree of Master Mason. In the meantime, Robert took up railroading and became a brakeman in newly admitted Colorado State where he was promoted to freight conductor. About this time, gold was discovered in the Black Hills. Like so many others, Robert got gold fever and joined the stampede to Deadwood, Dakota Territory.

He returned to Michigan and landed a job as section foreman with the Flint & Pere Marquette Railway Company. Robert fell in love and on 19 November 1879 married Eliza Ann Rowe at Baldwin, Michigan. "Eida," as he always called her, was the daughter of Henry Rowe (alias George Green) and Jane Wheaton, who immigrated to Michigan from England in 1855.

They set up housekeeping at Amber, a small town near Ludington, where on 3 September 1880, their first child was born: Herman Howard Sheedy. They moved nine miles east to Scottville where Robert built a nice

home on an acre of land. He continued railroading, built a barn, bought farm animals, and kept a large garden. There on 3 April 1884 their second child was born: Robin Carl Sheedy.

In those days, railroad engines were fueled exclusively by cordwood, which was mostly set out in the winter time when it was easier to haul and was piled close to the track so it could be retrieved without undue loss of time. While walking the grade, Robert came upon some cordwood that had fallen onto the tracks when the snow melted out from under the pile. He made every effort to get the track cleared and just managed to get the last stick off the rails when a train was upon him. One leg was broken in two places and he walked with a slight limp for the rest of his life.

In 1889, Robert had the urge to go west. He took a trip to Puget Sound, liking it so well that he returned home, sold everything and moved his family to Washington Territory, which became the 42nd state in November that year. He was placed in charge of track and grading construction for the Peninsular Railway Company, an extension of the Satsop Railroad, which was built by the Simpson Logging Company to access virgin timber and feed the mills at Shelton in Mason County.

The Sheedy family bought a large home in Shelton, had another big garden, a cow and some pigs. Here, on 18 September 1891, their third child was born: Alice Marie Sheedy.

In 1897, Robert was appointed roadmaster for the Spokane Falls and Northern Railroad. He built a house at Northport in Stevens County, and the family moved in about July. At that time, Northport was the terminus for the steamboat line on the Columbia River and trains had to be ferried across the river to get to Rossland, British Columbia, Canada. This soon changed, when, on 4 October 1897, the bridge at Northport (I believe the second rail bridge built across the Columbia River) was completed. Robert H. Sheedy was a construction foreman on the project.

So his children could enjoy a better education, in 1900, Robert bought a home on Mission Avenue in Spokane, where Robin and later Alice graduated from Lewis and Clark high school, Herman being station agent at Deer Park. In 1901, Robert was employed by the Great Northern Railway (which succeeded Spokane Falls and Northern) as inspecting engineer for the construction of the Columbia River Bridge at Marcus, Washington, and later was placed in charge of laying track from Marcus to Republic and on to Grand Forks, B.C. He supervised construction of the Great Northern Cut-Off at Colbert and the line to Molson—which was the highest elevation rail depot in Washington, and is also said to have been the largest shipping point in the state at the time.

In 1903, Robert H. Sheedy, representing Great Northern Railway, escorted Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce from the Colville Reservation to Spokane where the Chief made a brief visit before traveling to Washington D.C. to petition the government for the return of the Wallowa Valley to his people.

During this period Herman was married, then Robin and later Alice.

After thirty years building railroads in Washington, Robert retired. In 1920, he and Eliza moved to Los Angeles, California to be near their two younger children. The couple purchases a small hotel. Robert died 25 February 1928, at the age of nearly 76 years. Eliza survived him by two years. Their son, Robin, in a brief sketch of his father, wrote: "Many men have blessed him for helping them over the rough places. He had an exceptionally hard childhood, with very little schooling and was not very demonstrative; but he was of sterling character and integrity, and was a loving husband and father."

Herman Howard Sheedy (1880-1948) was employed by Great Northern Railway for his entire career, first as a station agent at Deer Park, Wash. For many years, he was the agent at the Union Pacific Railroad Depot in Portland, Oregon and held that position through two world wars when a great deal of trust was placed in station agents to ensure that transportation was properly rationed and goods were efficiently shipped for the war efforts. He had two sons by his second wife, Phila Eliza Wells, whom he married in 1908 at Grand Forks, B.C., Canada: Roy Herman Sheedy (1909-1986) and Donald Wells Sheedy (1917-1974), both of Portland. Three granddaughters reside in the Portland area.

Robin Carl Sheedy (1884-1952) worked for Great Northern Railway as a youth. On one occasion, for the wager of a silver dollar, he shot an owl out of a tree with a rifle from the open boxcar door of a moving train, for which feat he earned the nickname the "Spokane Kid." After a brief stint at Washington Agricultural College (now Washington State University), he headed north to Alaska as a professional hunter for the Tanana

Mines Railway and made the first mail run between Fairbanks and Valdez by dogsled during the winter of 1904-05. He returned to Washington where he married Florence Winona Phillips in 1907 at the Phillips ranch near Northport (which was started by her father, Frederick Sylvanus Phillips, being one of the first—if not the earliest—homesteads proved on the west side of the Columbia River after the Colville Reservation opened to settlement, and remains in the Phillips family.) They moved to Edmonton, Alberta, where Robin speculated in real estate and opened a construction office, but returned to the United States at the outbreak of World War I. R. C. Sheedy spent his career as a construction superintendent, and worked on many projects around the country, including: the Golden Gate Bridge; many bridges along the Pacific Coast Highway; the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company factory in Los Angeles; the Oceanside, California pier; the Arlington Memorial Bridge in Washington, D.C.; the Portland-Columbia Airport Cantonment (now PDX); the Bridge of the Gods spanning the Columbia River; the Columbia River Slough Bridge at Portland, Oregon; a U.S. Post Office in Duluth, Minnesota; Hawthorne Navy Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nevada; and the U.S. Army Ordnance and Weapons Depot, Umatilla, Oregon.

One anecdote regarding Washington history is worth mentioning: About 1928, while supervising all concrete work and approaches for the Arlington Memorial Bridge in Washington D.C., Robin C. Sheedy had occasion to visit Ray Lyman Wilbur (a distant cousin of his wife and long-time President of Stanford University) who was at that time the Secretary of the Interior under President Hoover. Robin informed Dr. Wilbur of a serious problem in the upper Columbia Basin: the invasive pollution from north of the border at the smelter in Trail, B.C. The smelter had polluted the air and water, causing a great deal of mortality in the forests of northeastern Washington and other problems with livestock and agriculture. It had become so bad that the Phillips family had to move to Idaho for a time. Ray Lyman Wilbur took up the cause, and the Trail Smelter was shut down until the emissions were brought under control, and compensation was secured for affected Americans. It was one of the first international environmental agreements.

R. C. and Florence (Phillips) Sheedy raised four boys: Robert Sylvanus Sheedy (1908-1970) of Powers, Oregon; Forrest Herman Sheedy (1911-2003) of Northport, Washington; Carl Phillips Sheedy (1914-1990) of John Day, Oregon; and Gale Holmes Sheedy (1918-1997) of Columbia City, Oregon. Numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren reside in several western states.



Sheedy Family, Spokane, Washington, circa 1915

Left to right: Robert H. Sheedy, Robin C. Sheedy (standing), Herman H. Sheedy (center), Alice M. Sheedy (standing) and Eliza Ann (Rowe) Sheedy.

Alice Marie Sheedy (1891-1973) graduated from Lewis and Clark High School and was a student at the Pauline Dunstan Belden School of Elocution in Spokane. For a time, she was a “cub reporter” for a local newspaper. She studied drama in Chicago and joined the Baker Players Stock Company, adopting the stage name “Alice Errol” and performing in many locations in the United States and Canada. From Aunt Alice’s scrapbook, we know that she worked with numerous famous actors and actresses, many of whom became early stars of the silver screen, e.g., Eugene O’Brien, Louis James, Nat. C. Goodwin, Maxine Elliot, Edna Goodrich, Alla Nazimova, Dorothy Donnelly, Thais Lawton, and Minnie Maddern Fiske. Alice married Stanley Todd in 1915 in Spokane. He was a native of England and a Canadian veteran of World War I. They lived in Portland, Oregon for a time and removed to Hollywood, California where Alice continued acting and gave elocution lessons after silent movies gave way to “talkies.” She became a Christian Science Practitioner and, in that capacity, served numerous Hollywood stars for many years. Alice and Stanley Todd had no issue and retired to Twentynine Palms, California.

I wish to thank Clarissa “Chris” (Sheedy) Litteer of Tigard, Oregon and Aura Lee (Sheedy) Deaver of Sacramento, California for all the genealogical research that they have done and graciously shared with me. I also wish to acknowledge a short sketch that my great-grandfather, R. C. Sheedy, wrote on his father, dated 1939, San Francisco. In concluding this chronicle, I would like to express my gratitude to the natural resources, people and industries of Washington for giving the family of a poor orphaned immigrant the opportunity to grow and prosper.

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LACLAIR – CORNELL BIBLE RECORD

This record was found in a Bible purchase at a used book store in Bellingham, Washington, and is in the possession of Bob Witherspoon. All entries appear to have been made at the same time, by the same hand using a blue-ink ballpoint pen. The volume was published in 1940, and the latest date entered is from 1955.

The title page reads: *The Holy Bible and International Bible Encyclopedia and Concordance; Containing the Old and New Testaments Translated out of the Old Tongues and with the Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised; Self-Pronouncing; Authorized of King James Version; Garden City Publishing Co., Inc.*

The reverse reads: *1940; Garden City Publishing Co., Inc.; 14 West 49th Street, New York, N.Y.; CL; Printed in the United States of America*

On the front flyleaf are the following handwritten entries for “Births”:

Lillian Daisy LaClair born in Bellingham, Wash, March 24th 1915
 Violet Amy LaClair born in Bellingham, Wash, April 18th 1917
 Clarence Elmer LaClair born in Bellingham, Wash, Jan 1, 1921
 Laurence Ray LaClair born in Bellingham, Wash, May 5th 1923

On the inside of the rear flyleaf are the following handwritten entries for “Births”:

Royal Ellsworth Cornell, born in Gladstone N. Dak. Dec. 23 - 1895.
 Raymond Cornell, born in Gladstone N. Dak. Aug 13, 1897.
 Grace May Cornell, born in Gladstone N. Dak. July 22, 1898.
 Ivan Cornell born in Kalispell, Mont May 8, 1901.
 Amy and Alma Cornell twins born in Kalispell, Mont April 6, 1903.
 Amy died 6 days later.
 Robert Cornell born in Kalispell, Mont – Jan 9, 1905.

On the back side of the rear flyleaf are the following handwritten entries:

Married Daisy Jane Seaman and Elmer Ellsworth Cornell, Dec 31st 1894 in Gladstone, N. Dak.
 Daisy Seaman born in St Charle’s Saginaw Co Mich, on March 19th 1877.
 Elmer Ellsworth Cornell born in Neenah, Wis. Feb 24th 1869.
 Daisy Cornell died in Kalispell, Mont, Oct 28th 1946 at the age of 69 years.
 Elmer Cornell died Nov 3th [sic] 1955 in Columbia Falls Mont.

NEWS FROM WAHIAKUM COUNTY - DECEMBER 7, 1905

The Washington State Library holds microfilm copies of *Columbia River Sun*, published at Cathlamet, Wahkiakum County, Washington. The earliest microfilmed issue is Volume IV, Number 36, dated December 7, 1905. "*Columbia River Sun*...Issued Every Thursday...At Cathlamet, Wahkiakum Co., Wash....L. C. Burton, Manager...G. F. Hanigan, Editor." The price was 5 cents. The following are extracts of newspaper items containing genealogically useful information.

December 7, 1905, page 1: Except for several advertisements for local firms, the page 1 covered only national and international news.

December 7, 1905, page 2:

"STATE OFFICERS

"U. S. Senators,...Levi Ankeny, Walla Walla...Sam H. Piles, Seattle...

"Congressmen,...Francis W. Cushman, Tacoma...Wesley L. Jones, North Yakima...Wm. G. Humphries, Seattle...

"Governor,...A. E. Mead, Bellingham...

"Lieutenant-Governor,...Chas. E. Coon, Port Townsend...

"Supreme Judges: R. G. Dunbar, Hiram E. Hadley, Wallace Mount, Frank H. Rudkin, Mark A. Fullerton"

"IS AWAY 'OFF' [Editorial]

"It is rumored that the Warren Packing Company are negotiating with West Bros. for the purchase of the tideland adjoining their cannery...."

"LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

"Mrs. Ray Morton and child are visiting at St. Helens with Mrs. Morton's parents."

"Mr. and Mrs. W. R. O'Brien returned from St. Helens Friday morning, where they had spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey, relatives."

"Mrs. Joseph Burke, who was so sick recently, is recovering very fast."

"Mr. Chris Sorensen and Mr. Joseph Hull are in town having come from Gray's River last night. Mr. Hull is looking to purchase a farm in these parts."

"Peter Blone, who has been working during the summer at Armstrong's camp, has rented Mrs. Taylor's place and will go farming about the middle of this month, when Mrs. Taylor and daughter will move to Eastern Washington."

"Clarence White, who last week was rendered so seriously ill by accidentally inhaling benzine fumes, is in Portland undergoing treatment and recovering quite speedily...."

"W. K. Scott, for the past year foreman of the J. S. Dellinger Company, Astoria, composing room, and C. C. Clinton, also of Astoria, have taken hold of the *Pacific Journal* at Ilwaco and will aim to put out a first-class paper. Mr. Scott is an up-to-date printer and a thorough gentleman and we predict for the sheet from now on."

[The following is a list of additional names which appeared in the Local and Personal column. Most concerned the movement of people to and from the community.]

Chas. Baldwin	John Doumit	Thos. Kent	Perl Petermen
Mrs. Bertha Ballagh	Ed Flanders	Joseph McCann	J. B. Polwarth
E. A. Blood	C. H. Fuqua	Hon. J. G. Megler	C. H. Warren
Joseph Brignoni	M. Gorman	Ray Morton	J. B. Winstanley
D. C. Butler's store	G. F. Hanigan	Mrs. P. F. O'Brien	

“Xmas Turkey Shooting.

“On Sunday, Dec. 24, there will be another big day of turkey shooting. Ray Morton has arranged to get traps and in addition to live turkeys and mark shooting there will be clay pigeon shooting. This will give the users of shotguns a chance as well as the riflemen.”

“John a ‘Daddy’:

“Born--To Mr. and Mrs. John Doumit, Wednesday, Dec. 6, a fine baby boy, Dr. Peacock in attendance. Mother an [sic] child getting along well.”

“Monthly School Reports

“District No. 1 - Report for the month ending Nov. 24, 1905

“Number pupils enrolled...32.....Percent of attendance...92...”

“Names of pupils neither absent nor tardy: Alec Ingram, Ed. Flanders, Myrtle Dunham, Laura White, Mabel Christensen, Esther Lindquist, Mayme McKinnon, Grace Miner, Lulu Pellant, Lena Doumit, Nellie Flanders.

“The following are the names of pupils deserving certificates of attendance: Grace Miner, Laura White, Esther Lindquist.

“W. W. HEAD, Teacher”

“District No. 20 - Report of School District No. 20, for the month ending Nov. 24, 1905:

“Number pupils enrolled...18.....Percent of attendance...99.5...”

“Number [sic] of pupils neither absent nor tardy: Alvin Arness, Mabel Rassmusson, Edward Rassmusson, Alma Rassmusson, Gidsken Arness, Selma Gunderson, Mary Knutson, Mary, Annie and Getty Birkland, Paul and Walter Gisselberg, Olga Svensen and Lief and Peter Pettersen.

“CHARLOTTE ANDERSON, Teacher”

“District No. 23

“Number of pupils enrolled...5.....Percent of attendance...95.4...”

“Names of Pupils Neither Absent Nor Tardy: Jessie Olmstead, Martin Olmstead and Homer Olmstead.

“FLORENCE HASLEM, Teacher”

“Cathlamet School Items

“By a Seventh Grade Pupil

“Miss Ethel Below, who was on a visit down from Vancouver, spent Wednesday afternoon at the school.

“Will and Leo Doyle were absent from school Monday.

“Gertrude Congdon, who had been ill for nearly two weeks, resumed school Monday.

“Alec Ingram was absent last Friday.

“The teachers and scholars regret that Laura White, one of the brightest pupils in the Sixth Grade, discontinued school on Tuesday.”

“Outcome of Ball.

“The Arrangement Committee of the late I. O. R. M. Thanksgiving Masquerade Ball, given in Redmen Hall...found that the net proceeds amounted to exactly eighty dollars, and have since turned the amount over to Earnest Kern, a member of the tribe in good standing but who for the past year and a half has been in ill health from a wound received at work in the woods at Marshfield, Ore. The ball being a benefit for Mr. Kern many purchased ball tickets who did not attend....

“N. A. KENT, E. I. BALLAGH, G. F. HANIGAN. Committee.”

“Gives Up the Ghost

“W. E. Brown writes us that the Pacific Journal will not appear this week. He took charge of the paper about six weeks ago, soon after it was abandoned by W. R. Whitman, and has made a hard struggle to make a success of it but he says that he would have done better had he started a new paper, as the Pacific Journal name is now thoroughly discredited, and Ilwaco has been pretty nearly ruined as a newspaper field,...Mr. Brown is a rustler and a good newspaper man, and if he can't make a success of the paper, it will be hard to find a man who can. Ilwaco will have to subsidize A. N. Bohn to return from the Dalles and take charge again, as he was the last man to make a success of it....—S. B. Journal”

“COUNTY LANDS FOR SALE

“On Monday, the 25th day of December, 1905, commencing at the hour of 9 A. M., and concluding at the hour of 4 P. M., of said day, at the front door of the Court House at Cathlamet, David West, County Treasurer, will offer for sale and sell at public auction, to the best and highest bidder, for cash in hand, the following real estate situated in Wahkiakum County, State of Washington, and described as follows, to-wit: Being the south-west quarter of section thirty-one, in Township nine north, range four west, of the Willamette Meridian.”

“ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE

“Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of F. R. Strong, deceased,...are hereby notified to present the same to me, duly verified, at Brookfield,...J. G. MEGLER, Administrator. Dated November 30, 1905.”

“IMPROVED O. R. M., QUILLIS TRIBE NO. 60

“Meets at Cathlamet, Wash., Saturday evening, October 21, 1905, at 7:30, and every alternate two weeks thereafter. All regular and visiting members requested to attend.

“CARL LILIENTHAL, Sachem. C. W. FLANDERS, C. of Records”

“NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

“Department of the Interior, Land Office at Vancouver, Wash. September 14, 1905

“Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Vancouver, Wash., on December 15, 1905, viz:

“LOREN A. FOSTER

“for the SE 1/4 of Section 14, Twp. 9-N., R. 5 W., W. M.

“He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John E. Brink, Daniel H. Prescott, Joseph Ellis, A. F. Cooper, all of Cathlamet, Wash.

“H. C. PHILLIPS, Register.”

December 7, 1905, page 3:

“RIVER GOSSIP

“Alfred Johnson, who for the past three months has been engaged working in the Portland Flouring Mills, is in town visiting relatives and friends.”

“John Yeon’s camp at Rainier closed down Monday to continue closed until February 1st....A number of his men came to Cathlamet and will begin work for Mr. H. E. Armstrong.”

“Miss Lottie Anderson, who is teaching school on the island, spent a couple of days the first of the week in Skamokawa, visiting relatives and friends.”

[The following is a list of additional names which appeared in the River Gossip column. Most concerned the movement of people to and from the community.]

Edgar Farrel

Mr. Frederickson

Johnson Bros. butcher shop

Mrs. J. L. Johnson

Matthew Johnson

Robt. McMath

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Shreve

“BOATS AND BOATING.

“Captain E. W. Spencer will lay his steamer *Chas. R. Spencer* off the Portland-Dalles run for the winter, and in the meantime she will be given a thorough overhaul.”

“Purser Charley Fowler, of the *Lurline*, is at present spending his lay off days in Cathlamet preferring our gentle breezes to the cold sea beach. Charley has many friends here who would be only too pleased to see him make Cathlamet his permanent residence.”

“Will Extend Railroad.

“John E. Brink arrived in town last Thursday morning with a scow load of steel rails for the Armstrong logging camp at this place. The rails will make an extension of at least a mile of track onto the present road.”

“Thanksgiving Shooting.

“The turkey shooting of the 29th continued over Thanksgiving Day and if anything a larger number of crack gunners were on hand than at the previous day. The shooting began with Perl Petermen and Chas. Mann, each winning a ‘bird,’ but before the day was out Frank White proved to be the only thoroughbred ‘in the race,’ and won eight turkeys.

“Others to win turkeys, shooting were Pleasant Johns, Ed Flanders and Rufus Elliott, while a number were also raffle off by shaking dice.”

“Benson Will Build.

“Means to Extend Railroad Line to the Newhalem.”

“S. Benson, the logger, formerly of this place, will have a railroad in operation for 12 miles toward the heart of the Newhalem country within a year....Mr. Benson operates under the style of the Benson Logging & Milling Company, but he owns every share, except one, and has built his six mile road with funds from his logging business. He has issued no bond, and does not own a dollar.”

“Gray’s River

“Mr., and Mrs. H. A. Walker departed Tuesday, the 28th for their future home in Portland stopping off at Cathlamet to spend their Thanksgiving with Mrs. Walker’s mother, Mrs. Jesse Baker....Mr. and Mrs. Walker

were among the most popular and prominent young people on Gray's River, and their many friends will miss them very much,"

"A large shooting match took place at F. A. Durrah's store on Nov. 28th. Many ducks, geese and chicken were raffled off."

"John Hull is back again from Southern California, shaking hands with his old Gray's River friends."

"Dr. Barr of Astoria spent Thanksgiving on the river."

"Thanksgiving Program.

"The following is the Program which was rendered in Miss McDougall's room on Wednesday, Nov. 29."

[The article lists and number of songs sung by the students, and the teacher read the President's Proclamation and the story of the Pilgrims. The following persons performed recitations:]

Mermiss Amelia	Frances Haslam	Lillie Larson	Edna Overn
Alice Birnie	Walter Haslam	Herman Lindquist	Nellie Redmond
Katie Cawker	Weldon Haslam	Ray McGill	Odell Wise
Mary Congden	Clell Johns	Lovern Miner	Odessa Wise
Joseph Doyle	Cleo Johns	Eddie Olsen	
Kathleen Doyle	Selma Johnson	Alfred Orcutt	
Evelyn Emerson	Einar Larson	Myrtle Orcutt	

"AT ROCK CREEK SCHOOL.

"Thanksgiving exercises were held in Rock Creek Schoolhouse, District No, 29.

"The program consisted of recitations and songs. After the program refreshments were served.

"Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead, Mr. Wm. Douglas, Mrs. Julius Hansen and children, Mrs. Lottie Taylor, Miss Ella Hansen and Mr. Richard Olmstead.

"School Entertainment.

"School District No. 2, near Altoona, gave a Thanksgiving entertainment at the schoolhouse, which was attended by the following persons: Mr. and Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Sounlek, Mr. Mesch, Mr. Chas. Elliott, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Jack, Mr. Brodson, Mr. Meehan, Misses Rose and Sarah McDonough, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Elliott, Mrs. Miles, Mr. Grant Elliott, Mr. Joe Elliott, Mrs. Wm. Elliott, Mr. Heiner, Mr. and Mrs. Alden, Mrs. Peers, Mr. Peers, Mrs. Fitzpatric, Miss Johnson, Mr. Geo. and James Jones, Ruth Elliott, Lea Alden, Rosco Miles, Christian Henry.

"PROGRAM" [The program of songs and recitations were performed by the following:]

Inez Alden	Lydia Ero	Louise Henry	Ethel Jones
Lea Alden	Willard Ero	Mary Henry	Henry Jones
Edna Elliott	Agnes Henry	Agnes Jones	

"MISS MARION MORRILL, Teacher."

December 7, 1905, page 4: News items on page 4 primarily covered state-wide news.

"BREWSTER COMPANY SELLS OUT

"Okanogan Power & Irrigation Company Files Articles.

"Brewster -- A deal was closed last week whereby the Brewster Improvement & Investment company disposed of its entire holdings to the Okanogan Power & Irrigation company. The latter company has filed its articles of incorporation. The officers of the new organization are: R. D. Herid, president; Charles Hatch, vice

president; L. P. Horton, secretary and treasurer; Edward E. Hall, general manager. The above named gentlemen and D. S. Gamble constitute the board of directors.....”

“STATE TREASURY IS EMPTY.

“Washington Warrants Will Draw Interest for a Time.

“Olympia -- Beginning December 1, the state treasurer, for the first time in over four years, will be compelled to stamp general fund warrants ‘not paid for want of funds.’ Treasurer Mills estimates that by April 1, about two months warrants will be outstanding....”

“New Industry for Chehalis.

“Chehalis -- The Sound Iron Works, of Everett, will move its business to Chehalis at an early date. Negotiations have been pending for several weeks between citizens of Chehalis and C. F. Groenke, head of the concern,....The business at Chehalis will be conducted under the name of C. F. Groenke & Son.....”

“Advocates Raising of Beets

“Ellensburg -- Mitchell Stevens, who was sent to the beet raising sections by the commercial club, has returned well satisfied....”

“Pomeroy Creamery is ‘Off.’

“Pomeroy -- The new creamery which was to have been commenced this fall has been hung up, probably for ever [sic]....The stockholders claim that their signatures were obtained by misrepresentation, and a committee of three, viz: Messrs. Krouse, Sanford and Knettle, were appointed to investigate matters.”

“O. O. Calderhead Gets Job.

“Olympia -- Under the provisions of the railway commission law providing for the employment of expert assistance, the commission has appointed O. O. Calderhead rate expert. Mr. Calderhead was formerly cashier for the Northern Pacific in Seattle and is a brother of S. B. Calderhead, general freight and passenger agent of the Washington & Columbia river railway company.”

“President Bryan Returns.

“Pullman -- President Bryan has arrived home from Washington, D. C, where he was a delegate to the National Association of Land Grant colleges. While in the East he secured Dr. James A. Woodward as commencement day orator and lecturer for the summer science school for teachers.”

ADVERTISEMENTS

The following extracts are from those advertisements in the December 7, 1905, issue of *Columbia River Sun* which identified individuals.

December 7, 1905, page 1 advertisements:

“Reliance Electrical Works – H. W. Cyrus, Manager....Astoria, Ore.”

“Shaver Transportation Co. Steamer *Geo. W. Shaver*,...Will leave Portland, foot of Washington St.,....”

“Dr. F. J. Friedrich Dentist....Astoria”

“Dr. O. B. Estes Physician and Surgeon Astoria - Oregon”

“...Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific....Three Trains East Daily....Lower Columbia River Steamer *Hassalo* leaves Portland daily.... A. L. Craig, G. P. A. Portland, Oregon.”

"Seaside Bakery Herman & Alopaeus Proprietors....Astoria - Oregon"

"The Steamer *Sarah Dixon*....Portland landing at Oak street wharf."

"The Esmond Hotel Oscar Anderson, Manager....Portland, Or."

"Regulator Line....Steamers *Bailey Gatzert Dalles City Regulator Metlako*....Columbia River & Northern Railway Co....M. Talbot, V.P. & G.M. Gen. Office, Portland, Ore."

"A. V. Allen, Jr., The Artistic Taylor....Astoria, Oregon"

"Morton's New Butcher Shop Cathlamet, Wash.....Ray Morton, Proprietor"

"David Ingram The Largest General Merchandise Store in Cathlamet - Wash...."

"Columbia Hotel A. N. Friedrichsen, Proprietor...."

"The Fine and Commodious Little Steamer '*JORDAN*,' Charles Jordan, Master...."

"J. L. Carlson. O. E. Carlson. Carlson Brothers....Liquor Dealers....John L. Carlson, Sole Agent....Astoria, Oregon"

"...Steamer *Iralda* C. I. Hoaghkirk, Master....Leaves Rainier daily...."

"J. H. Seymour Watchmaker and Jeweler....Astora [sic]"

December 7, 1905, page 2 advertisements:

"...Foley's Honey and Tar.....Foley's Kidney Cure.... Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup....For sale by A. F. Cooper."

"Furious Fighting....'For seven years,' writes Geo. W. Hoffman, of Harper, Wash., 'I had a bitter battle, with chronic stomach....Electric Bitters....Sold,....by Doumit Bros...."

"Deep River Route Str. *Shamrock* - Leaves Astoria for Deep River....John Pickernell, Master."

"King of All Cough Medicines....Chamberlain's Cough Remedy....For sale by David Ingram."

"Kodak Supplies.---All the latest notions in Kodak and Photographic supplies to be had at the store of Dr. Hart,....Astoria....Hart's Drug Store."

"Dr. W. C. Logan, Dentist, 578 Commercial Street, Over Shanahan's Store, Astoria, Oregon."

"....Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption....Bueklen's Arnica Salve,....Dr. King's New Life Pills....25c at Doumit Bros."

"The Oregon Bakery Mrs. S. I. Cleveland, Prop.....Astoria - Oregon."

"Jens H. Hansen....Astoria, Oregon....Plumbing and Tinning...."

"....W. R. Doyle or the Cathlamet Drug & Jewelry Co....across the street from the old printing office...."

"Dr. C. W. Barr Dentist Mansell Building, 573 Commercial St. Astoria, Ore."

"Patronize White Labor -- The Troy Laundry in Astoria does the finest and best work...."

"Johnson Bros. Meat Market West Dock Cathlamet, Wash...."

"Choice Quality of Goods....General Merchandise Store A. F. Cooper, Cathlamet, Wn."

"Astoria Iron Works....John Fox, President and Manager. F. L. Fox, Vice-Pres. and Supt. F. L. Bishop, Secretary....Astoria, Oregon."

"L. H. Henningsen & Co., Furniture, Ranges and Stoves,....Astoria, Ore."

"Our Fall and Winter Goods....Walker Shoes....Logger's Supplies....Doumit Bros., Cathlamet, Washington."

"....Northern Pacific Yellowstone Park Line,...Ticket office at Portland....A. D. Charlton, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Portland, Ore."

"W. C. Laws & Company, Plumbers and Steamfitters....Astoria, Oregon."

December 7, 1905, page 3 advertisements:

"....Choice Tailored Suits and Coats....Foard & Stokes Company Astoria, Ore."

"C. M. Cutbirth Latest Designs in Wall Paper, Mouldings,..."
 "For excellent work in photography call on A. A. Saari, Astoria,..."
 "Clothing that always looks well on you....Call on P. A. Stokes,...Astoria, Ore."
 "You need a shoe....calling at Peterson & Brown's, Astoria...."
 "...Chamberlain's Salve. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Pills....For sale by David Ingram."
 "Cornelius & Watts, Physicians and Surgeons Portland, Ore."
 "I have a swell lot of handbags for ladies,...Chas. Rogers Astoria Odd Fellows Bld'g."
 "...Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup....Foley's Honey & Tar....For sale by A. F. Cooper."
 "...Holiday Books, Stationary and Toys....Svensen's Book Store Astoria, Ore."
 "Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!...are for sale at Wherity, Ralston Co., Astoria, Ore., old stand of John Hahn...."
 "Fred Brown's Tonsorial Parlor and Bath House...Birnie Dock, Cathlamet, Wash."
 "Bishop Hicks of Park City, Utah, Alias Lee Herring, Skipper and Gen, Manager Bill Munford, Night Clerk National Saloon and Cafe 652 Commercial St. Astoria"
 "A. Kiljunen...The Leading Tailor....Astoria, Ore."
 "Astoria Soda Works, J. H. Duncan, Proprietor....Astoria, Ore."
 "Great Removal Sale of Wall Paper....B. F. Allen & Son, Astoria, Oregon."
 "...Sporting Goods All line can be found at A. G. Spexarth's Astoria, Oregon...."
 "Union Engine Company's Marine Engines....J. M. Arthur & Co., Portland, Oregon, Sales Agents, Glen Dippel,...Astoria, Ore."
 "Excellence In All Things....Groceries....Ross, Higgins & Co. Astoria's Leading Grocers."
 "....The G. Heitkemper Co. Jewelers and Silversmiths,...Portland, Ore."

December 7, 1905, page 4 advertisements:

"A Letter from the Ex-Governor of Oregon....[to] The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O.: Dear Sirs--I have had occasion to use your Peruna medicine....Yours very truly, W. M. Lord."
 "Malleable Iron Stump Pullers.....Reiersen Machinery Co,...Portland, Oregon"
 "Portland Business College,...Portland, Oregon....A. P. Armstrong, LL. B., Principal...."
 "...Dr. W. A. Wise....Dr. T. P. Wise....Wise Bros. Dentists....Third and Washington Sts. [Portland] ..."

WAHKIAKUM MARRIAGES ANNOUNCED - DECEMBER 21, 1905

The following marriage announcements were made on page 2 of the *Columbia River Sun*, Cathlamet, Wahkiakum County, Washington, December 21, 1905.

Mrs. Maudy Magney, age 34, was married to Mr. Everett Mason, age 36; and Miss Elsie Magney, age 18, was married to Mr. Wm. Raymond Pellant, age 22, in a double wedding by Rev. C. W. Wells on Tuesday, December 19, at the parsonage in Cathlamet.

On Tuesday, December 19, Joseph Wade Smith, age 27, and Miss Mabel Crippen, age 17, both of Skamokawa, were issued a license to wed.

Miss Sara Girard, formerly of Cathlamet, eldest sister of county auditor Joseph Girard, was married to Andrew Kees on Wednesday, December 20, at the home of the groom in Cape Horn, Washington, where they will make their future home.

"On Christmas Eve William Painter of Astoria, ...will be united in marriage to Miss Minnie Cathleen Hutchins of McMinnville in that city at the residence of the bride's parents."

THE ARMSTRONG FAMILY – ALWAYS TO THE WEST

by Dr. Robert E. Armstrong, DVM, MS

My father's side of our family took their own sweet time arriving in the State of Washington. Way back on July 20, 1803 my fourth great-grandfather, John Armstrong¹, and his wife Mary (Simons)² Armstrong took their three youngest children, five year old Sarah,³ two year old James,⁴ and three month old Mary Ann⁵ to the Dissenting Baptist Church in their little English village of Quarndon, in Leicestershire, and had them all baptized. The family was in the midst of planning a long and arduous journey across the broad Atlantic, and since the trip would likely be fraught with uncertain dangers they were convinced it would not be prudent to travel with the youngest and most vulnerable in the family unbaptized. The other six, Thomas,⁶ John,⁷ William,⁸ Joseph,⁹ Joshua¹⁰ and Matthew,¹¹ all strapping boys, had already been formally dedicated to a proper Christian upbringing.

Important things were going on in America at that time. The American President, Thomas Jefferson, had just sent two explorers on an expedition up the Missouri River in an effort to find a northwestern route to the Pacific Ocean. Our branch of the Armstrong Clan arrived in New York late in 1803 and traveled a northwest route themselves to the small settlement of Pittsford, a few miles southeast of what is now Rochester, New York.

John had been a blacksmith in England and had scrimped and saved for this opportunity, and he was not about to let it pass him by. He immediately purchased one hundred acres from Alexander Dunn for the grand sum of \$1000. The land was on the top of a hill on the Mendon Road, a few miles south of Pittsford. He then proceeded to draw up plans for a substantial house. John Armstrong fathered an eighth son, Richard¹² in 1806, but he never finished building his house as the War of 1812 intervened. "Captain" John Armstrong was stricken with typhoid during his service in the War. He died in 1812, at the age of 52. However, John Jr. finished building the home and christened it "Top O' The Hill." According to historians in Pittsford the place is still referred to as Armstrong Hill, and a New York State historical marker still identifies the house. John's wife and sons took up the reins of the family and several of them went into various businesses in the small town of Pittsford. The fifth son, Joshua, then an 18 year old, also served in the 1812 war, but at the rank of corporal.

Joshua, who is recorded as a founding member of the Baptist Church in Pittsford, soon fell in love with young girl from Massachusetts, Phoebe Stearns.¹³ It appears that Phoebe may have been a follower of the Dissenter minister Joseph Priestley,¹⁴ who also was the discoverer of Oxygen, an acquaintance of the Ben Franklin and Thomas Jefferson, and founder of the first Unitarian Church in American. Because of this romantic relationship, in 1816 the Pittsford Baptists booted poor Joshua out of their church. But as you will see, these Armstrongs do not let little difficulties slow them down. Joshua and Phoebe, along with their year-old daughter, Clarinda,¹⁵ and their newborn son, William Forrester Armstrong,¹⁶ set off in a wagon in the winter of 1819 to find new land opening up near the tiny town of Waldo, Ohio. In Waldo, Joshua started out as an inn keeper and was soon the owner of the Armstrong Hotel. Later Joshua was listed in the census as a chair maker, in business with his son William.

After he reached adulthood, William Forrester Armstrong was quite a busy man. He operated a shingle making business with his father, and opened a hardware store, both in the neighboring town of Cardington, Ohio. William served as Cardington's Sheriff. He also served as the City Treasurer, and in several other capacities in the city government. He was active in many civic functions and was also member of the Universalist Church, and the I.O.O.F.

In 1837 William married Mary Denman,¹⁷ by whom he fathered three children, an unnamed daughter¹⁸ for which there are no records, a second daughter, Clarinda¹⁹ who was born in 1841, and a son Joshua²⁰ who was born in 1843. Joshua was killed early in the Civil War at Antietam. I could find no record of Mary (Denman) Armstrong's death.

However, in 1847 William remarried. This time to a society matron, Clarissa Orilla Conklin,²¹ whose family traces itself back to the American Revolution. Clarissa had been previously married to Mr. Elihu White,

with whom she had produced three children, all of whom died young. William and Clarissa Armstrong had three children of their own: Philander,²² who died quite young, Philemon D.²³ and Matthew Leroy.²⁴

When Clarissa died in 1856 William soon remarried, this time to the widow Elizabeth Miner²⁵ in 1857, and she gave him two children, Alice²⁶ and William Henry.²⁷

Shifting Gears!

Young Philemon D. Armstrong, mentioned above, was my first great-grandfather. As a boy his life was influenced by the American Civil War and especially by the death of his half-brother Joshua. Determined to avenge the death of Joshua, Philemon tried several times to enlist in the Union Army, but each time was turned down because of his age. Then one day he hitched a ride to Columbus, Ohio. There, on September 7, 1864, he signed a three-year contract with a recruiter for the 18th U.S. Infantry Regiment. He was only fourteen but tall for his age. He would receive a week of training and then depart for Lookout Mountain, near Chattanooga, Tennessee. The recruiter told him he was now a member of Company F of the Second Battalion, a battle hardened unit of no nonsense soldiers. He was to report to Captain Henry Haymond.

The fate of Philemon Armstrong was to be decided by events over which he initially had little interest and certainly no control. These events would, however, shape the way he lived for the rest of his life.

Within the second month of his service Philemon developed a painful condition which the Regimental Surgeon diagnosed as quinsy. He was given a medical furlough on October 24, 1864 and sent home by train. When he arrived back in Cardington, the condition the doctor had diagnosed was overruled by his stepmother. She recognized his illness as Yellow Jaundice, and treated him accordingly. She put him straight to bed, fed him, bathed him, and with much attention, nursed him back to health. His recovery was slow, and it wasn't until February 1865 that he was strong enough to travel. By this time the war was over, but telegrams had arrived directing him to report to Kansas City at his earliest opportunity.

Philemon took a steamer down the Ohio River. He had lost twenty pounds and limped into camp like a grey gelding with a shoe missing. At Fort Leavenworth the Army was in such an uproar that the skinny young soldier was hardly noticed and had not been missed. Philemon soon learned that the Second Battalion, 18th Infantry, was making swift preparations for an entirely new campaign. General William T. Sherman, who now commanded the armies, had directed the 18th to reinvent itself for a mission west. They would retain their Springfield musket-rifles, a smooth-bore, muzzle-loading nightmare, but now they would be fighting from horseback. Philemon observed that fighting from horseback with a musket would be akin to shooting pool with a garden rake. Obviously the troops would have to dismount. Sherman referred to his new creation, not as Cavalry, but as "Mounted Infantry."

The details of Philemon's service in this doomed mission against Red Cloud and Crazy Horse on the Bozeman Trail is the subject of another story, suffice it to say he served honorably, traveled west with the famed scout, Jim Bridger, survive several skirmishes with the Sioux, and was finally discharged three years later.

On September 4, 1867, two months before his eighteenth birthday, Private P. D. Armstrong rode with fourteen other men from Fort Reno, across Crazy Woman Creek to Fort Phil Kearney, where on September 7th he surrendered his musket and his horse and received his discharge from the then re-designated 27th Infantry. Immediately he began a long journey back to Cardington, Ohio on foot, to visit with his father and stepmother. Apparently he stayed with his family in Ohio for at least the next seven years. As time passed however, the grandeur of the western prairie began to draw him back.

He was living in Vermilion County, Illinois, when on the August 26, 1875, in nearby Ford County, he married Miss Jennie Golladay,²⁸ In June 1876, in Bellevue, Peoria County, Illinois, Jennie gave birth to a healthy boy, my grandfather, Charles Forrester Armstrong.²⁹ In 1877, back in Cardington, Ohio, a second son, Matthew Philemon Armstrong³⁰ was born, and in 1879 a third son, Oliver Victor Armstrong³¹ was born in Ohio.

At this point, Philemon and his family began moving, first apparently to Nebraska, to take advantage of his soldier's land benefits, and where it appears that in 1881 a daughter, Ida Estella³² was born. In 1883 a second daughter, Lilly May³³ was born. Then in 1886 came Elizabeth Adaline,³⁴ and in 1888 Lucy Alice,³⁵ and finally in 1890 Mabel Delilah³⁶ was born. It appears that Philemon was employed by the Singer Sewing

Machine Company, and in most census records his occupation is listed as a machinist. In May 1892, P. D. Armstrong listed his post-office address as Bloomfield, Iowa. In June 1899 he lived in the town of Toledo, Tama Co., Iowa, later moving to Lake City, Iowa.

In 1906 Philemon Armstrong moved his wife and five daughters from Lake City, Iowa even further west, this time to a small town in the state of Washington, on the Yakima River, where hunting and fishing was reportedly very good. Philemon made his home at the corner of 10th and Pacific Avenue in North Yakima. He had worked every day of his life, except the Sabbath, and in Yakima he retired.

On July 12, 1910 he decided he would visit his eldest daughter in her home and spend the day. On the 13th he visited his second daughter, and on the 14th the third daughter. On the 15th he visited his fourth daughter, and finally, on the 16th he visited his youngest daughter, and as he had previously done he spent a day with her. On the evening of July 17, 1910, as had long been his custom, he went out to his sleeping tent at the side of his house and went to sleep. Philemon did not wake up. The local Meade Post of the G.A.R. took charge of his funeral, but it had to be delayed until his sons were summoned; Charles from Madison, South Dakota and Oliver from Appleton, Minnesota.

The Sons of Philemon Armstrong.

It appears that in the early 1890s Philemon's three boys had begun to seek business careers for themselves. Charles went to South Dakota for a time, but in April 1896 he was in Waseca, Dodge County, Minnesota where he met and married a young immigrant girl, Alma Louise Johnson³⁷ of St. Petersburg, Sweden. It also appears that the Armstrong brothers may have moved about together, because brother Matthew signed Charlie's marriage document as a witness. In fact, Charles did move frequently as he was then hired by the Remington Repeating Arms Company as a red hot demonstration shooter.

Soon Charlie and Louise moved to Lake City, Iowa to be near his father's family. In March 1904 Louise Armstrong died of Bright's Disease, a chronic kidney ailment. The couple had been childless. However, it was tragically obvious that Charlie wanted to sink roots in Iowa, and have children. He had already gone so far as to purchase a burial plot with five spaces in the Lake City Cemetery. Today Louise (Johnson) Armstrong lies in the second space. The other four spaces remain empty. Charlie then temporarily moved up to Mapleton, Minnesota.

Early in 1905 Charlie, while on a visit to Lake City, met Miss Jeanie Belle Brown,³⁸ the seventeen year old daughter of one of the town's patriarchs, John Brown of Glasgow, Scotland. Charlie was now 29 years old, a successful business man, and as proof of that, he owned a new automobile. One evening he put on a shooting demonstration behind the Grange hall and Jeanie, the belle of Calhoun County, persuaded her father to attend. One at a time, an assistant threw domino sized blocks of wood into the air, while Charlie hit 97 of 100 with a new Remington .22 rifle. John Brown, a veteran of the siege of Vicksburg, was greatly impressed with Mr. Armstrong.

Charlie and Jeanie were married at the county seat in Rockwell City, Iowa on July 28, 1905, and immediately left for Wisconsin where Charlie had recently rented a small apartment. On the July 30th, while on their way to Wisconsin, Jeanie celebrated her 18th birthday.

Philemon's second son, Matthew Leroy had traveled to California in 1906, and was visiting in San Francisco when a massive earthquake and fire destroyed much of the city. Matthew's body was never found.

Thus, in November 1910 the two remaining sons, Charlie and Oliver ("O.V.") arrived in Yakima in time for the funeral of their father, which according to the death certificate, was scheduled for November 21st. After the services the two men set about to explore the Yakima Valley, searching out potential sites for business opportunities. Finding the Yakima area an excellent location for building a future, they moved their families west almost immediately. And to finalize the move Charlie purchased a home at 712 South 10th Avenue, and after burying his father, once again purchased five nearby burial spaces for his family in Yakima's Tahoma Cemetery.

O.V. initially purchased land in the lower valley and began planting fruit trees. He also purchased a plot of land southeast of the town of North Yakima and planted even more soft fruit trees.

Charlie the machinist, and O.V. the fruit grower, soon invested money in a plan to develop and patent a fruit brushing machine to clean the various sprays and residue from the apples. However, when a competitor came up with a machine to wash apples they soon abandon their project.

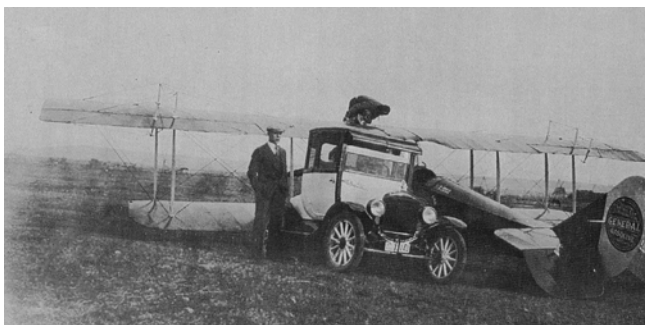
O.V. soon owned a large plot of land in Yakima at the southern most extension of Fairview Avenue, (now 18th Street) which was for a time known as Armstrong Lane. Later, he built a large home there. In a second venture he went into the egg business, tearing out trees and building several monstrous chicken houses, one being two stories high. At one time he owned the largest egg producing farm in the state, and the year he disposed of his poultry farm he had nine thousand pullets ready to go into egg production. But as the economic depression of the 30s set in he put in a deep well, divided his land, installed a pumping system and sold off small pieces of land for building sites. He harvested not only rent but water payments. O.V. was also employed as the ditch tender for the Old Union Ditch Company which tapped into the Roza Canal and furnished irrigation water for home owners in suburban Yakima.

Charlie, on the other hand, moved to Yakima with his wife, a daughter and a son. The daughter, Thora,³⁹ was born in Lake City, Iowa in 1906 and the son, Charles Edward,⁴⁰ was born in Madison, South Dakota in 1908. This son, a talented athlete, died at the age of fifteen in a scouting accident. A second son, Robert R. Armstrong,⁴¹ my father, was born in Yakima in 1911.



Charlie, a skilled mechanic, went to work for the Yakima County government and was soon in charge of their vehicle fleet, a position he held for seven years. In 1922 he built his first service station. It was called the Mission Service Station (photo at left), on 1st and C streets. The architecture followed the design of the old Spanish missions he and his wife had seen during a vacation trip to California. Later came the Eleventh Avenue station, and just before the depression hit its low point in 1935 he built a new Signal Oil station on the corner of 4th and West Yakima Avenues. It was a modern station, complete with neon lighting and electric pumps.

In opening that third service station, Charlie arranged for one of the first aircraft ever to visit the city of Yakima. A two seat bi-plane owned by General Petroleum landed in a cow pasture on a Spring day in 1935. The pilot crawled out and lectured a large crowd about the superior quality of General Petroleum products and the fine service Charlie would provide at his new location. (Photo at right shows the pilot refueling the wing tank, with Robert Armstrong observing.) Later, rides were offered in the small aircraft. Charlie's son, Robert, would manage the station. Robert's wife, LaVerne "Boots" (Beddoe) Armstrong,⁴² was the first in the crowd to step up and purchase a ten minute ride. After looking over the flimsy craft she began to have second thoughts and then declined. For that, I have been eternally grateful, as this author was born alive at the Cottage Hospital, at 6 a.m. on the following morning.



The Cottage Hospital, a small maternity hospital, was located at 715 East Yakima Avenue. It was operated by Grace R. Ritz, RN, and Ruby Luther, RN, but today the building has been replaced by new banks and motels.

Charlie Armstrong (photo at left) was an outdoorsman, a skilled hunter and fisherman. He was a long time member of the Elks Lodge. He supported the establishment of Sportsman's Park, and found land for a local Girl Scout troop for the building of their Camp Roganunda. In the late 1930s Charlie announced himself as the Democratic candidate for Sheriff. He ran against the incumbent

Republican, Lew Evans, who had not lost an election in years. Charlie ran a clean campaign, and was his own man. He found something admirable about President Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps, but he did not favor the WPA. The first week of August in 1941 Charlie took a stroll along the Roza Canal, hoping to catch a few trout for his breakfast. Climbing the steep bank he slipped and fell on his creel. He lay for several minutes, catching his breath, then struggled up. He drove home, and that night his wife called Oliver who took him to the hospital. He died of a ruptured spleen just before dawn on Friday, August 8, 1941.



On August 11, 1941 the *Yakima Daily Republic* published the following in the "DAILY MIRROR OF YAKIMA" column by the popular columnist S. I. Anthon:

"In recent years Charles Armstrong has not been able to play his usual sturdy part in the life of the community. Those who knew him in the days when his health permitted him to share in every worthwhile activity, whether as a county officer or as a business man, will mourn the passing of one who exemplified the highest traits of citizenship in his daily endeavors. Of many people it is said that his word is as good as his bond. Charlie Armstrong's word was always so good no one ever bothered about seeking a bond. He kept faith with those to whom he pledged either aid or interest and similarly lived up to his own ideals without faltering even when the going was difficult."

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¹ John Armstrong; born Feb 9, 1760 in Loughborough, Leicestershire, Eng.; died Aug 24, 1812 in Pittsford, Monroe Co., NY; married Mary Simons Apr 15, 1784 in Loughborough, Leicestershire, Eng.

² Mary Simons, daughter of Thomas and Ann Simons; born May 23, 1766 in Loughborough, Leicestershire, Eng.; died Jul 22, 1835 in Pittsford, Monroe Co., NY.

³ Sarah Armstrong; born Oct 8, 1798 in Loughborough, Leicestershire, Eng.; died Dec 16, 1873 in Newton Twp, Calhoun Co., MI; married Burr Gilbert Treadwell Oct 22, 1815 in Ontario Co., NY.

⁴ James Armstrong; born Nov 5, 1800 in Loughborough, Leicestershire, Eng.; married Olive Ann King.

⁵ Mary Ann Armstrong; born Apr 13, 1803 in Loughborough, Leicestershire, Eng.; married Lemuel Allen.

⁶ Thomas Simons Armstrong; born Feb 22, 1786 in Loughborough, Leicestershire, Eng.; died Sep 11, 1828 in Pittsford, Monroe Co., NY.

⁷ John Armstrong (Jr); born May 23, 1788 in Loughborough, Leicestershire, Eng.; died Feb 4, 1841 in Rochester, Monroe Co., NY; married Ann Eliza Parker.

⁸ William Armstrong; born Oct 1, 1790 in Loughborough, Leicestershire, Eng.; married Artemesia King abt. 1813.

⁹ Joseph Armstrong; Jul 17, 1792 in Loughborough, Leicestershire, Eng.; died Apr 18, 1862 in Pittsford, Monroe Co., NY; married (1) Esther Cole abt. 1814; and (2) Ann Strickland abt. 1831.

¹⁰ Joshua Armstrong; born Sep 24, 1794 in Loughborough, Leicestershire, Eng.; died Jun 10, 1868 in Waldo, Marion Co., OH; married Phoebe Stearns abt. 1816 in Pittsford, Monroe Co., NY.

¹¹ Matthew Armstrong; born Oct 28, 1796 in Loughborough, Leicestershire, Eng.; died Sep 1858 in Michigan; married Sarah Treadwell in 1818.

¹² Richard Armstrong; born 1806 in Pittsford, Monroe Co., NY; died Aug 6, 1821 in Pittsford, Monroe Co., NY

¹³ Phoebe Stearns, daughter of Isaac Stearns and Phebe Wait; born Apr 8, 1796 in MA; died Jan 21, 1885 in Waldo, Marion Co., OH.

¹⁴ Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, "Joseph Priestley," <http://woodrow.org/teachers/ci/1992/Priestley.html>

¹⁵ Clarinda Armstrong; born Dec 25, 1817 in Monroe Co., NY; died Feb 25, 1888 in Marion Co., OH; married Philander K. Francis Oct 29, 1837 in Marion Co., OH.

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- ¹⁶ William Forrester Armstrong; born Oct 17, 1819 in Pittsford, Monroe Co., NY; died Mar 24, 1881 in Piqua, Miami Co., OH; married (1) Mary Denman Oct 26, 1837 in Marion County, OH; (2) Clarissa Orilla Conklin Dec 7, 1847 in Marion Co., OH; and (3) Elizabeth A. Miner Jun 8, 1857 in Cardington, Morrow Co., OH.
- ¹⁷ Mary Denman, daughter of Andrew Denman and Mary Camp; born abt. 1820; died abt. 1845; married William Forrester Armstrong Oct 26, 1837 in Marion County, OH.
- ¹⁸ Infant daughter (name probably Phoebe) Armstrong; born abt. 1838.
- ¹⁹ Clarinda Maria Armstrong; born Aug 11, 1841 in Cardington Twp, Morrow Co., OH; died Oct 19, 1922 in Albany, Gentry Co., MO; married Richard Wells Apr 4, 1858 in Cardington Twp, Morrow Co., OH.
- ²⁰ Joshua V. Armstrong; born abt. 1843 in Morrow Co, OH; died Sep 19, 1862 in Annapolis, MD (No 1 Ash Grove Cemetery).
- ²¹ Clarissa Orilla Conklin, daughter of Jacob Conklin and Orra Payne; born Jun 8, 1820 in Liberty Twp, Delaware Co., OH; died Mar 15, 1856 in Cardington, Morrow Co., OH; married (1) Elihu White, and (2) William Forrester Armstrong Dec 7, 1847 in Marion Co., OH
- ²² Philander Armstrong; born Dec 1848 in Cardington Twp, Morrow County, OH; died before 1885.
- ²³ Philemon D. Armstrong; born Nov 13, 1849 in Cardington, Morrow Co., OH; died Jul 17, 1910 in Yakima, Yakima Co., WA; married Lucinda Golladay Aug 26, 1875 in Paxton, Ford Co., IL.
- ²⁴ Matthew Leroy Armstrong; born 1851 in Cardington Twp, Morrow Co., OH; died Dec 6, 1923 in Yakima, Yakima Co., WA; married Anna Pricilla Baughman Dec 28, 1873 in Marion, Marion Co., OH.
- ²⁵ Elizabeth A. Miner, daughter of Daniel Miner and Margaret Fluckey; born Jul 30, 1825 in Perry Co., OH; died Oct 26, 1893 in Dana, Vermillion Co., IN; married William Forrester Armstrong Jun 8, 1857 in Cardington, Morrow Co., OH.
- ²⁶ Alice E. Armstrong; born between 1858 - 1862 in Ohio; married ____ Williams.
- ²⁷ William Henry Armstrong; born Jul 3, 1861 in Cardington, Morrow Co., Ohio; died May 6, 1922 in Miami, FL; married (1) Dorothy V. Malone Sep 18, 1883 in Vermillion Co., IN; and (2) Anna B. Hanlon in 1919.
- ²⁸ Lucinda "Jennie" Golladay, daughter of Benjamin Golliday and Elizabeth Louis; born Nov 10, 1848 in Marysville, IL; died Nov 19, 1919 in Yakima, Yakima Co., WA.
- ²⁹ Charles Forrester Armstrong; born Jun 3, 1876, Bellevue, Peoria Co., IL; died Aug 8, 1941, Yakima, Yakima Co, WA.
- ³⁰ Matthew Philemon Armstrong; born Oct 22, 1877 in Cardington Twp, Morrow Co., OH; died abt. Apr 15, 1906 in the San Francisco, California Earthquake. He married Nellie.
- ³¹ Oliver Victor Armstrong; born Mar 21, 1879 in Ohio; died Oct 24, 1952 in Yakima, Yakima Co., WA; married Frankie H. Knapp Dec 25, 1897 in Ft. Dodge, IA.
- ³² Ida Estella Armstrong; born Aug 7, 1881; died Sep 12, 1954 in Yakima Co., WA; married Claude S. Wright Dec 25, 1897 in Ft. Dodge, IA.
- ³³ Lilly May Armstrong; born Jul 15, 1883; died 1964; married (1) Jean Roll before 1898; (2) Richard S. Bush abt. 1898; and (3) Harley Hursey, aft 1948.
- ³⁴ Elizabeth Adaline Armstrong; born Jul 26, 1886 in Nebraska; died in Yakima, Yakima Co., WA; married David L. Holstein Nov 23, 1905.
- ³⁵ Lucy Alice Armstrong; born Dec 21, 1888 in Nebraska; died in Yakima, Yakima Co., WA; married (1) Alfred L. Johnson in 1905; and (2) Wilson.
- ³⁶ Mabel Delilah Armstrong; born Dec 30, 1890; married (1) O. F. Leland and (2) ____ Pollock.
- ³⁷ Alma Louise Johnson, daughter of Carl Jonsson and Johanna Lindkvist; born Aug 19, 1879 in St. Petersburg, Sweden; died Mar 29, 1904 in Lake City, Calhoun, IA.
- ³⁸ Jeanie Belle Brown, daughter of John Brown and Elizabeth Dickson; born Jul 30, 1887 in Lake City, Calhoun Co., IA; died Apr 24, 1978 in Yakima, Yakima Co, WA.
- ³⁹ Thora Belle Armstrong; born Jul 13, 1906 in Lake City, Calhoun Co., IA; died Oct 23, 1969 in Spokane, WA; married Arthur Frey Jr. Jan 2, 1932 in Yakima, Yakima Co., WA.
- ⁴⁰ Charles Edward Armstrong; born May 29, 1908 in Madison, SD; died Jul 24, 1923 in Yakima, Yakima Co, WA.
- ⁴¹ Robert Ralph Armstrong; born Sep 10, 1911 in Yakima, Yakima Co., WA; died Aug 18, 1973 in Yakima, Yakima Co., WA; married LaVerne Bernice Beddoe Feb 13, 1934 in Yakima, Yakima Co., WA.
- ⁴² LaVerne Bernice Beddoe, daughter of Ernest Beddoe and Josie Johnson; born Jul 12, 1916 in Yakima, Yakima Co., WA; died Dec 7, 1953 in Yakima, Yakima Co., WA.