

Short Biographies and Personal Notes S-Z of All of the Surveyors Associated with the General Land Office in Oregon, 1851-1910



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Type of Surveyor	Year	
First Contract or Engagement		
to		
Last Contract or Engagement	Year	

Sanderson, Edward Wavell

1844-1913

Dem

Rep

USDS

Contract 368

to

Contract 417

1880

1881

Born in England, Edward came to the U. S. in 1851 as a youth, and became a citizen when his father was naturalized. His family settled in Tennessee, and in 1870, Edward was County Surveyor of Blount County, Tennessee. He was a stock farmer in Butte Creek, Wasco County, Oregon in 1880, the Sheriff of Gilliam County in 1889, and married Angie B. Hamilton in San Jose, California in 1883. He received two Contracts in Umatilla County in 1880-81. By 1890, he was in Santa Clara, California, and was listed as an orchardist in there in 1892, a surveyor in 1900 in Gilroy, California and a carpenter in Oakland in 1910. Angie died in Oakland in 1911, and Edward in 1913. He was sued by a sister for the collection of a \$125 promisory note, maybe left over from his Contract.

**Sartwell, Dugald
Stewart "D. S."**

1823-1910

USDS

Contract 241

to

no more

1875

Dugald was born in New York, the son of a physician. He was a jeweler in New York in 1850, and always was listed as a watchmaker in 1860 and in the California voter registers. He came to California in 1852 via Panama, and by 1860, Dugald was in Crescent City with an 18 year old Indian girl named Betsey Tatausi and a half Indian 3 year old son. He would sire two more half Indian sons in the next three years. From 1859-62 he was the lightkeeper at Battery Point Lighthouse, and was an elected Supervisor of Del Norte County in 1864.

Dugald stayed near Crescent City the rest of his life, was listed as a surveyor in 1870, a civil engineer in 1880, and from at least 1870-75 was Del Norte County Surveyor. Dugald received Contract 241 for one township in Oregon just across the border in Curry County. Dugald was a widower, living with his two youngest sons in 1910, and died later that year. His oldest son, Henry, died in a rescue attempt of stranded Sailors on the shipwrecked schooner Elvinia in 1882.

**Saunders,
William N.**

1829-1901

USDS

Contract 322

to

no more

1879

Born in Ireland, William came to the U. S. in 1851. By 1863 he was the Josephine County Assessor, lasting until 1865. By 1874, he was the Josephine County Surveyor, and held that office nearly continuously until 1888, living in Kirby, Grants Pass and Althouse. He received Contract 322 for one fractional township in 1879 in Curry County. A national publication noted him as the Josephine County Superintendent of Schools in 1884. William was simply listed as a widower and a surveyor in Grants Pass in 1900. He was single in the previous census in 1880.

Schiller, Eugene

1855-1917

USDS

Contract 648

to

Contract 673

1896

1896

Born in Germany, Eugene was in Oregon by 1886 when he married Anna Maria Jenne Mueller, a recent widow with five children, ten years his senior. Anna had immigrated to the U. S. in 1866, from Germany also, and they had one son together. He received Contract 648 for one township in Wallowa County and Contract 673 for one township in Jackson County, also in 1896. Eugene was an engineer for a RR at Klamath Falls in 1899, and surveyed the bay at the Port of Toledo in 1910. He was divorced in Beaverton in 1910, and died in Sylvan in 1917. Anna was living separately in 1910, died in 1919, and is buried next to Eugene, and is memorialized on the same tombstone.

Scholfield, See WA GLO personal notes

Socrates

1831-1914

Whig

USDS

Dr/Clerk

Claim Contract 93 1859

to

Clerk 1859

Scoggins, George

R.

1872-1925

USDS

USDMS

Contract 737 (with William Elliott) 1901

to

Mineral Surveys 1901

OR PE 279. George was born in Oregon as the son of a stock raiser, lived in Portland in 1880, and graduated from Portland High School in 1881. He was a civil engineer in Portland in 1900, living with his mother, and received Joint Contract 737 with William Elliott in 1901 for two townships on the Oregon Coast. George declined a job with the Forest Service in Portland in 1901, and by 1904, they had not begun the Contract. He surveyed 11 Mining Claims in Linn County in 1901 and 10 Mining Claims in Grant and Baker Counties, also in 1901.

William Elliott was the City Engineer of Portland in 1904, and George was his Principal Assistant, probably the reason for the lack of progress on their Contract. William and George formed an engineering partnership called Elliott and Scoggins, and they worked in Portland and Southwest Washington from 1905-1920. George married his wife, Lillian L. D. Kelly, in 1906, and they were living in Portland in 1910 and 1920. William and George lost a court case in 1924 and had a judgement imposed. George died in Portland in 1925.

**Scrafford,
Eleanor J.
Seaman**

1847-1940

Dr/Clerk

Clerk

1883

to

no more



1883

Eleanor J. Seamon Scrafford was born in Canada in 1847 and first showed up in the records in the 1870 Census in Benton County, Oregon, where she was listed as Eleanor J. Scrafford, with a three year old daughter named Diana, born in Iowa. She was living with an extended Scrafford family, consisting of Diana's grandparents, and three uncles and an aunt, which suggests she was married to a Scrafford son, or had a child by one. The 1880 Census had Diana living both with James B. Scrafford at one time, referred to as a niece, and living with her grandparents at another.

Eleanor worked for the State Legislature in 1882 and from 1883-85 served as a Copyist in the Surveyor General's Office of James C. Tolman. Marshal Scrafford was a politician and ran for the Legislature, and probably helped her secure this work. She married someone named Pierce from Wales in 1886 and had two more daughters. She was living with her two daughters in Tuolumne, California in 1900, but noted as married. Eleanor was a widow in Oakland in 1910, and from 1920 on in San Francisco, residing in the old folks home there from 1930 until she died in 1940. She had a grandson named Edgar A. Klippel, Jr., who was the nephew of one of the ladies she worked with in the Surveyor General's Office. He was the son of her first daughter, Diana, and was born in 1895. Diana died before 1905.

**Sears, James
Manford**

1854-1929

USDS

Contract 764 (with
Andrew Porter)

1905

to

no more



Born on a farm in Iowa, James came to Polk County Oregon with his family by 1870. He was working on the farm of his sister in Polk County in 1880, but later that year married Ella S. Whitley, a local girl. Ella died in 1889, and he remarried to Mary L. "Mollie" Dale in 1890. He was a saloon keeper in Dallas in 1900, but received Joint Contract 674 with Andrew Porter in 1905 for two townships in Northwest Oregon.

**Sharp, Frank
Howland**

1868-
USDS

Contract 59 (with
Edward F. Sharp) 1892

to
Contract 618 1893



Frank was born in Grant County, Oregon, and was the brother of Edward F. Sharp. He moved with his family to lower Three Mile in Wasco county in 1871, and they were living in The Dalles in 1880. Frank attended four years of College someplace, and was a chainman for his brother in 1891. Frank received his own Contract for two townships on the Oregon Coast in 1893, and another for two more townships on the West side in Southern Oregon in 1893.

He married Carrie E. Parker in Wayne, Indiana in 1895. He lived in Indiana for a few years, but by 1900, he was a salesman in New York. He continued that career for nearly 40 years, mostly out of Buffalo, New York, much of the time as a traveling salesman

**Sherlock,
Thomas Henry**

1850-1918

USDS

Contract 286 1878

to
no more

Born in County Cork, Ireland, Thomas went to New Zealand with his brother, Richard, where another brother was farming. Thomas and Richard left New Zealand, and came to Lake County, Oregon in 1872, where other brothers were homesteading, settling near Summer Lake. The brothers joined forces in farming and sheep raising. Thomas received a very small Contract to survey 3/4 mile of meanders of Summer Lake in 1878 under Special Deposits. A settler about 10 miles from the Claim of Thomas needed his patent, and put up the deposits. All that was involved was to compass and chain from one meander corner to another. He finished and was approved right away. Thomas sold his property at Summer Lake in 1904, and purchased a farm on Davis Creek near Alturas, California.

Thomas married Lillian M. Scott in 1890, and they had two sons, but were divorces by 1918. Thomas suffered from dementia and confusion in 1918, and was committed by his son to the California State Hospital in Mendocino. He had been wandering about trying to buy property and mortgage his farm. He was sent home on leave, but had a severe cold. It turned into pneumonia he died quickly. There is no hard evidence connecting this Thomas Sherlock to this survey, except for proximity and lack of other candidates.

Shiple, William

J.

1838-1915

Dr/Clerk

Clerk

to

no more

1872

Born in Missouri, William came to a farm in Corvallis, Oregon with his family in 1853. He enlisted in the Army in 1864 in the Oregon Infantry Volunteers, where he was a First Lieutenant in charge of Company H at Fort Vancouver, and then Quartermaster at Fort Yamhill. He married Anna Maria McAfee in 1865, and was a school teacher in Benton County. in 1870. William was a Clerk in the Surveyor General's Office of William Odell in Eugene in 1872, and then continued in the Office of Benjamin Simpson until at least 1875, during which time, the Office was moved to Portland in 1874. He was a bookkeeper in Portland in 1880. William left Portland to become Commandant of the Old Soldiers Home at Roseburg, Oregon until at least 1900. He retired to San Jose, California by 1910, and died in Oakland in 1915.

Shook, Robinson

Smith

1828-1884

Comp

Claim Contract 102

(As compassman for

Ralph Wilcox on

portions)

to

no more

1859

born in Tennessee, Robinson was in Oregon by 1859 when he was a Compassman for Robert Wilcox on Claim contract 102. He married Juliaette by 1868, and they had one child. Juliaette died in 1881, and Robinson in 1884, both in Newberg. Robinson was a farmer.

Short, Robert

Valentine

1823-1908

Dem

Rep

USDS

Claim Contract 16

1853

to

Special Instructions

1863



Born in Pennsylvania, Robert attended Ohio Wesleyan University and self taught himself in the Davis System of surveying. He came across the Oregon Trail in 1847, driving an ox team for Joseph C. Geer. Robert ended up in Oregon City, where he temporarily opened up a tailor shop. He married Mary Geer in 1848, the daughter of Joseph Geer, and aunt of future Governor T. T. Geer, and soon left for the gold fields in California.

He took a sailing ship from the mouth of the Willamette, and a rowboat from San Francisco to Sacramento, but mined for only three months. After Robert returned to Oregon, he surveyed the town of Portland and made the first plat. He then moved to Oregon City and bought an interest in a steam sawmill. He filed on a Donation Land Claim on the Willamette in Yamhill County in 1851, organized a militia, of which he was Captain, and was elected both the first County Surveyor of Yamhill County and a Justice of the Peace in 1855. He received three Claim Contracts from 1853-56 near Yamhill, and another at an unknown location in 1859.

After he served in the Oregon Constitutional Convention in 1857, the Legislature moved his Claim from Yamhill to Clackamas County, where he was elected County Assessor in 1862. In 1888, Robert was elected to the State Legislature, and he retired in Portland in 1891. Mary died of a stroke in 1899, and Robert in 1908, both in Portland.

Simmons, Alfred

See WA GLO personal notes

H.

1832-1881

Dem

Contract 176 (as 1872
compassman for
George Williams)

to

Contract 327 1879
(cancelled)

Simmons, Isaac

Born at Weldon's Point, Clark County, Washington, the son of U. S. Deputy Surveyor, Alfred H. Simmons, Isaac was with his family in Walla Walla in 1870 and Umatilla, Oregon in 1880. He received Contract 624 for two townships Northwest of Jordan Valley in 1893, and surveyed them in 1894. He was examined and after failing to correct, the Contract was rejected in 1898. He was always single and died of emphysema in Clarkston, Washington in 1920, where he was living with his sister, Margaret Case. His mother died in 1928, and is also buried in Vineland Cemetery.

James "Ike"

1861-1920

USDS

Contract 624 (rejected) 1893

to

no more

Simons, Nelson

Born in New York, Nelson married Mary Ann Wise in Illinois in 1844. and was still there in 1850. He received Claim Contract 32 in 1854 for Claims in Linn County, but no surveys were found in the record by Nelson. He ran a store at Sand Ridge and owned a drug store in Lebanon, selling herbs. He was listed as a Physician in Harrisburg in 1860, with no family. He was known as Doc Simons.

1861-1920

USDS

Claim Contract 32 1854

to

no more

**Simpson,
Benjamin
Franklin**

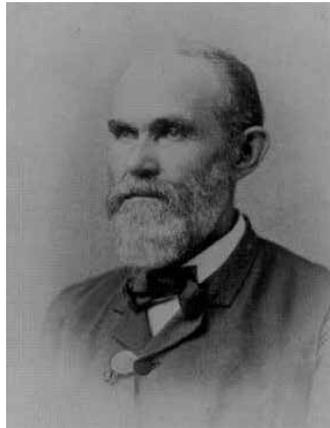
1818-1910

S G

Surveyor General 1874

to

no more



Born in Tennessee, Ben first married in Missouri at age 17 to Caroline Gordon in 1835. He remarried to Elzira Jane Wisdom in Missouri in 1839 and they had one son. Elzira died in 1841 and Ben remarried again to Nancy June Cooper. Ben, Nancy, three children and Ben's parents came across the Oregon Trail and Barlow Pass in 1846, with Ben as Captain of his wagon train. He settled on French Prairie in 1847, North of Salem.

Ben built sawmills on several rivers and sent lumber to California during the gold rush. He fought in the Indian wars, owned stores, and built a warehouse on the Willamette. Ben went to the Legislature 4 times from 4 different Counties and was the Indian Agent on the Siletz Reservation for eight years. He built a military road over the Cascades and the lighthouse at Yaquina Bay. From 1874-78 he was Surveyor General of Oregon, responsible for moving the Office to Portland, and then was Oregon's Postal Inspector for two years. Nancy died in 1883, having given Ben ten children. He was then assigned to the Postal Department in Alabama in 1883 and returned to Portland in 1895. He was living in Portland with his daughter Dora in 1910 when he died.

**Simpson, Elnora
Thurston
"Nora"**

1852-1925

Dr/Clerk

Clerk

1877

to

no more

Born in Oregon, the daughter of Benjamin Simpson, Nora attended enough school to become a teacher by 1870. She was named as a Clerk in the Surveyor General's Office of her father in 1874, and was still living at home in 1880. She was the enrolling Clerk for the Oregon House of Representatives in 1882, and married in 1894 to William Thomas Burney, a widower lawyer with five children. She continued teaching school, and they moved to California where both Nora and William died in 1925.

Simpson, Grover Benjamin

1858-1934

Dr/Clerk

Clerk

to

no more

1874

Born in Oregon the son of Benjamin F. Simpson, Grover was a Messenger in the Surveyor General's Office of his father from at least 1874-76. He was a mailman in 1880 in Portland, and married Alma C. Beasley in 1885. Grover and his family were in Chicago in 1900-1910, where he was an officeal with an express company. Alma died in 1912, and he remarried to Mabel Dowse Fleming in Chicago in 1916. He was the General Manager of Wells Fargo Express Company in 1920, and retired in 1930, still in Chicago. He died in 1934, and Mabel was living with one of her daughters in 1940.

Simpson, Samuel Leonidas

1846-1899

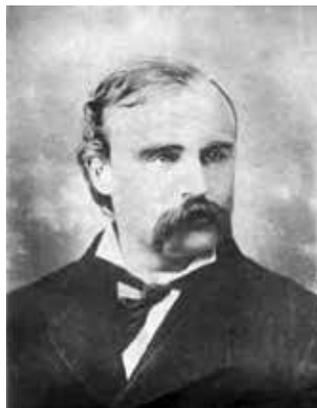
Dr/Clerk

Clerk

to

no more

1874



Sam was born in Missouri, and came across the Oregon Trail with his father, Ben Simpson, and family in 1846. His father had many enterprises in Western Oregon, including 4 terms in the State Legislature. Sam attended Willamette University from 1861-66, and graduated with an A. B., and then studied law and passed the Bar. At that time, he married Julia Humphrey, and in 1871 quit law and purchased the Corvallis Gazette.

That failed, and by 1874, he was a Clerk for his father in the Surveyor General's Office. After the Gazette, he wrote for many enterprises, from newspapers, to books, to editing readers. He helped to compile Bancroft's "History of the Pacific Coast" for some time. He began writing poetry at the University, publishing most, and had a wide following. "Beautiful Willamette" was one of his most famous poems. He became Oregon's 19th Century Poet Laureate, writing beautiful poems and prose about Oregon. Unfortunately, he was an alcoholic for the last 29 years of his life, and died from injuries in a fall in 1899.

Simpson, William Milton

1856-1927

Dr/Clerk

Clerk

to

no more

1875

Born in Oregon, the son of Benjamin F. Simpson, William married Mary L. Dickinson in 1879. He served as a Clerk in the Surveyor General's Office of his father in Portland in 1875. He worked as a real estate agent in 1900 in Portland, and a publicity agent in 1920. He died in Portalnd in 1927.

Skinner, Alonzo

Albert

1814-1877

Whig

Dr/Clerk

Transcribing Clerk

1866

to

no more

Born in Ravenna Ohio, Albert studied law and passed the bar there in 1840. He crossed the Oregon Trail in 1845, arriving in Oregon, and filing a Claim in Jackson County. He filed another in 1846 in Yamhill county, and another again in 1847 at Tuality. Alonzo was appointed the first Circuit Judge for what would become Oregon Territory, with his jurisdiction being all of what is now Oregon, Washington, Idaho and part of Montana. He would travel all of this territory, holding court at least twice a year in each of the eight counties. This continued until 1848 when Oregon became a Territory, and Territorial Judges were appointed.

In 1849 Alonzo was named a prosecutor in a murder trial of six Indians. He was part of a three-member-commission in 1850-51 that negotiated the Willamette Valley Indian Treaties. He then served as Indian Agent in 1851 for the Rogue River Tribes. He had an unsuccessful run for U. S. Congress in 1852, losing to Joseph Lane. Alonzo married Elizabeth Hopkins Lincoln in Lane County in 1853, and they taught school at Astoria before moving to Willamina and then Eugene. She had been one of five school teachers that came West in 1851 via Panama to teach school in Oregon, sent by Vermont. At Eugene, Alonzo practiced law, served as a Clerk in the Surveyor Generals Office in 1866, and was City Recorder and Lane County Clerk.

At the beginning of the Civil War, he was provost marshal, supervising the Draft in Oregon. Upon the death of a Justice, he was appointed temporarily to the Oregon Supreme Court in 1866. In 1870, he was appointed Collector of Customs at Coos Bay. Alonzo and Elizabeth had four children living with them at different times, whose surnames were not Skinner. Poor health caused Alonzo to go to Santa Barbara, California, which is where he died in 1877, and is buried in an unmarked grave. Elizabeth died in 1894, and is buried in Masonic Cemetery in Eugene.

Slang, Charles

See WA GLO personal notes

A.

1888-1987

USDS

Contract 793 1910

to

no more

**Slusher, Thomas
Winfield Scott**

1848-1890

Dem

USDS

Contract 284 1878

to

no more



Born in Pennsylvania, Thomas lied about his age in 1862, and enlisted in the Union Army. He served until he was mustered out in 1865 as a noncommissioned officer, and began attending college. After he graduated, Thomas came to the Willamette Valley, where he was a teacher. He went to Wasco county and took up a homestead in 15 Mile Valley, and continued teaching for a while.

He was elected Wasco County Surveyor in 1872, and again in 1876. Thomas received Contract 284 in Wasco County for two townships in 1878, and surveyed them the same year, noting himself as compassman. He married Arrabelle Hannah Dufur in Wasco County in 1878, and together they had eight children. Their house burned down about four miles above Dufur in 1881, and an old man lost his life. Thomas was named the Receiver in The Dalles Land Office in 1886 when the Grover Cleveland administration took office, and at about that time named a newborn son. "Grover Cleveland Slusher".

In 1890, Thomas was still the Receiver when he died of a "lingering illness" at his home leaving a wife and many small children. At the time of his death, he left an estate with over 800 acres of prime farmland in the 15 Mile Valley. Arrabelle remarried to William Staats in order to raise her family, but is buried with Thomas.

Smith, Alleck C.

See WA GLO personal notes

1828-1875

Dem

USDS

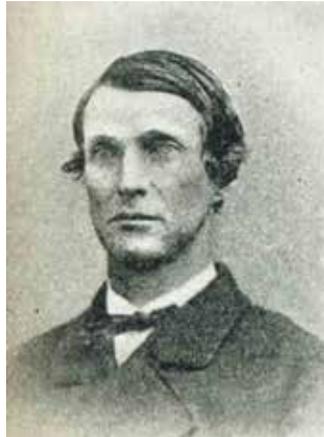
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Dr/Clerk

Claim Contract 22 1854

to

Special Instructions 1863



Smith, Clark

1843-1920

Rep

USDS

Contract 291 1878

to

Contract 307 1878

Born in Illinois, the son of future U. S. Deputy Surveyor William E. Smith, Clark came to Oregon with his family in 1864. Clark had attended Marshall College and Illinois State Normal School before heading to Oregon, but finished at Willamette University with a Masters of Arts in 1869. He married Anina Royal, a school teacher, in 1872, and they had four children. He ran a drug store in Cornelius in 1875 and received a Contract to survey four townships in the Northern Coast Range in 1878.

There were errors, and he had to go back in 1879 and correct some lines, accompanied by a "confidential agent" from the Surveyor General's Office. Another Contract followed in the same year for three townships near Yaquina Bay. His father notarized all the oaths as a Judge. Clark graduated from Texas Medical School in Galveston, Texas in 1879; practiced medicine in Texas; engaged in educational work in various colleges; spent a year as Superintendent of Instruction and teacher at Tule River Indian Reservation; and was pastor of the Methodist Church at Tulare City, California. He was sent to Africa as a medical missionary, but Anna died there in 1885.

Clark returned to Cornelius in 1886 to practice medicine and remarried to Regina Stadler in 1888. he was elected Washington County Superintendent of Schools in 1888.and 1890, and created over 20 new districts. He was a Physician in Santa Cruz, California in at least 1900-02, a physician in Berkeley in 1910, and a surgeon in Berkeley in 1920 when he died there.

Smith, Columbus

1852-
Comp
Contract 153 (as
Compassman for
William E. Smith)
to
no more

1871

Born in Illinois, the son of Deputy Surveyor William E. Smith and the brother of Deputy Surveyor Clark Smith, Columbus came to Washington County, Oregon with his family in 1864. They settled four miles North of Cornelius on a farm, and the family stayed there until 1892. He was a student, living with his brother in Vancouver, Washington in 1870. Columbus was a Compassman for his father on Contract 291 in Columbia County in 1871-72. He was the Republican nominee for Washington County Surveyor in 1872. Nothing more is known for now.

Smith, Hiram

Wesley
1812-1876
Comp
Contract 67 (as
compassman for
Samuel D. Snowden
for portions)
to
no more

1856



Hiram was born in Ohio and married Mary Bevins in 1834 for his first wife, and he remarried to Sarah Jane Marshall in 1843 in Illinois. He took his family of many children over the Oregon Trail in 1952, and settled on a Claim in Tillamook, staying there until he died. He was a compassman for Samuel Snowden when Samuel was surveying in Tillamook County, and then was a house carpenter in 1860.

Smith, Lewis D.

1846-
Dem
USDS
Contract 426
to
Contract 505 (portions t 1884

1881

Lewis was born in New York and was in Oregon by 1870 as a farmer, married to Hulda, and was living as a farmer in Willamette Forks, in Lane County in 1880. He was active in Democrat politics, and when Grover Cleveland was elected President, Lewis was awarded Contract 426 for two townships West of Eugene. Experienced Deputy Surveyor Laban Wheeler had just finished the adjacent townships, and notarized both the preliminary and the final oaths. The work was finished by 1884 when Lewis received another Contract near Eugene. Charles E. Hill was the compassman for that township. Lewis co-owned a hardware store in Eugene in 1884, and ran for the House of Representatives as a Democrat in 1894 from Gervais. Hulda was a widow in 1900, living with her daughter in California.

**Smith, Robert
Glenn "Rob"**

1864-

Rep

Dem

Dr/Clerk

Clerk

1881

to

no more

Born in Oregon, he graduated from high school in Jacksonville and was living with Surveyor Tolman in 1880 in Portland, where he served as a Clerk in the Surveyor General's Office at age 16. He returned to Klamath County to teach school, but moved to Grants Pass and studied law while working as a clerk in a store, passing the bar in 1888. He practiced law for the rest of his life, and was elected to the State Legislature in 1894.

Smith, William

1826-1899

Dr/Clerk

Clerk

1863

to

no more

Born in England, William travelled to Oregon in 1847, and married Nancy Adeline Luckey in Eugene in 1851. He was a farmer near Eugene in 1860, 1870, and 1880. In 1863 he served as the Messenger for the Surveyor General's Office of Bynon Pengra in Eugene and died in Eugene in 1899.

**Smith, William
Edmund**

1817-1902

USDS

Contract 153

1871

to

no more

Born in Ohio, William had ten children in Illinois before coming to Oregon in 1864, bringing along nine of his children. He purchased a farm four miles North of Cornelius, and he lived there until 1892 when he moved to Hillsboro. He had married Nancy Adams in Illinois in about 1839, and she died in Washington County in 1871. William received a Contract for ten townships in Columbia County in 1871, and used his youngest son, Columbus, as compassman. The author notes that he bark scribed only, but left a distinct chaining notch on his witness trees. It was finished in 1872. He was Washington County Surveyor sometime and also elected a Judge from 1878-82. He remarried to his second wife, May, in 1880, 33 years his junior. He was also a Methodist Minister along the way, and died in Hillsboro in 1902.

Smith, William P.

USDS
 Contract 675 (rejected) 1897
 to
 no more

William P. Smith received Contract 675 in 1897 for T16S R11W. The Oregonian reported that he was from Portland at that time. He surveyed the work and it was inspected by William J. Lightfoot in 1900 and David Kincaid in 1902. He was ordered to redo the survey in 1903, while he was living in Salt Lake City, or hire a compassman to redo it. He was given a new exam by William Douglass in 1905, and after his report, the Commissioner rejected the survey and went after the bondsmen. No individual can be tied to this surveyor at this time. Charles M. Collier received a new Contract to survey the township in 1907.

Smyth Hugh

1877-1917
 USDS
 Contract 698 (with Hezekiah Johnson) 1899
 to
 no more

Born in Nova Scotia, the son of an engineer, Hugh came to the United States with his family to Boston. He was in Oregon city, Oregon, where his brother Sidney was an engineer, by 1899 when he received Joint Contract 698 with Hezekiah Johnson for seven townships in Malheur County. They shared the work, and both signed the oaths and finished in 1899. Hugh joined the Army in November 1899, served at Vancouver Barracks, and was discharged in January of 1900. They were examined by John McLeod in 1900, resulting in minor corrections in the field, and the work was approved in 1901. Hugh was living in Portland with his brother in 1899 and 1900, but returned to Boston to marry Bertha Christine Fellmeth in 1912. He died there in 1917.

Smyth, Sidney

1864-1934
 USDS
 Contract 682 (with Stephen H. D. Hungate) 1898
 to
 no more



OR PE 85. Born in Canada, the son of an engineer, Sidney came to Oregon City in the late 1880's. He was naturalized in 1881 in Boston with his occupation noted as a surveyor. He returned to Boston to marry Bessie M. McGraw in 1890, and they returned to Oregon City. He was both Clackamas County Surveyor and Oregon City Engineer in 1891. He received Joint Contract 682 with Stephen Hungate in 1898 for four townships in Malheur County, and they shared the work and both signed the oaths.

Ella married someone by the name of Sparks, but either he died or they were divorced. While in the Surveyor General's Office, she met John W. Rowland, another Clerk, and they were married in 1895 and were living with her parents in 1900. Her father lobbied for Henry Meldrum to dismiss Chief Clerk George Waggoner and replace him with John Rowland. This was accomplished, and John was the Chief Clerk for many years. John died in 1927, and Ella remarried after that to someone named Leaman, but is buried with John in Old City Cemetery, Vancouver, Washington.

Sperry, Edwin

Anson

1857-1935

USDMS

Mineral Surveys 1899

to

no more



Edwin was born a twin, as the son of Anson Sperry and attended Northwestern University in Illinois, Class of 1880. He spent many years working as a mining engineer in Colorado and several Western states, including Oregon in 1899. He married Emma Bradley in 1887, and they had a son in 1897, born in Denver. Edwin took a staff position at Pei-Yang University, Tientsin, China in 1911, where he taught as a Professor of Metallurgy. He taught for 24 years, and they lived out the rest of their lives in the University Compound until they died there.

Sprague, Elisha

W.

1841-

Comp

Mineral Survey 1873

to

no more

Born in Maine, Elisha was in Coos County by 1866 when he married Mary Catherine Loose. He acted as the compassman for the survey of the Sprague and Norman Gold Mine in Coos County in 1873. Mary died after one daughter, and he remarried to Mary E. Clinkinbeard, the daughter of John Clinkinbeard, in 1877. they had two daughters. Elisha was a trunkmaker in 1884, owned a saloon with his brother, Andrew, and the opened a restaurant with his wife in 1884. He died before 1900, and Mary moved to San Francisco

Stanley, Frank D

see WA GLO Surveyors Personal Notes

1854-1925+

USDMS

Mineral Surveys 1901

to

Mineral Surveys 1904



Stevenson,

see WA GLO personal notes

Henry J.

1838-1926

Wkngmn

USDS

Contract 132 (with M. 1869

L. McCall)

to

Contract 218 1874

Stone, John

Harvey

1839-1922

USDS

Contract 235 (by 1875

George W.

Cradlebaugh as
compassman)

to

no more

The likely candidate for USDS John H. Stone would be the young man that was one of the main contractors for NPRR out of Spokane. He was a contractor in Portland in 1880, and was superintendent of the big sawmill of NPRR at Ainsworth in 1882. He was also a contractor for the Corps of Engineers in 1876, removing rocks from the Columbia. John used a compassman for all of the work on Contract 235, which was for ten townships in the valley South of La Grande, Oregon. His compassman for all of the work was George W. Cradlebaugh, whose father was a U. S. Congressman from Nevada. George's brother was a newspaper publisher in Hood River. George was a graduate of West Point, Class of 1867, and left the Army in 1871. He died in Portland three months after finishing the survey.

John was born in Vermont, and was in the Northwest by about 1870 when he was working for the Corps of Engineers in Portland under General Nathaniel Michler. He was in both Tacoma and Kalama in 1874, and may have been working on the NPRR construction at that time. He finished his survey Contract in 1875 and returned to Portland to marry Emma J. Phillips. Operating as Grant and Stone with William Grant, he was awarded a contract for rock removal in the Columbia River in 1876. John was involved in land and timber speculation in Skamania County in 1879. He was a contractor in Portland in 1880 and ran the sawmill at for NPRR at Ainsworth in 1881.

He lived in Spokane the rest of his life, becoming a wealthy man. He was continuously in court involving money, debts, and contracts. John was charged criminally with stealing federal timber in 1892, and after a long trial was acquitted. He had purchased timber from entrymen who had not proved up on their claims. The federal government then sued him in civil court, but the outcome is unknown. In 1905 the newspapers in Spokane ran a story about how his son Harry had abandoned his wife and baby in Northport. Harry had been sent back east to study music and was very talented. The wife and child were reported to be destitute, being helped by a frail mother-in-law.

**Stoner, Sidney
Nicholson**

1876-1951

SES

Special Instructions

1907

to

Special Instructions

1907

Stoner worked for the USGS for several years before switching to the GLO in 1907. He had married Marjorie Sprague in Florida in 1901. He was the topographer for the Troutdale quadrangle in Oregon. In 1908-09 he was an investigator in the Cumingham coal lands investigation in Alaska, where several investors and surveyors in the Pacific Northwest were involved, and lost their Claims. He lived in both Portland and Seattle. by 1910, he went back to the USGS in California until at least 1927, living much of that time in Sacramento and Oakland. He transferred to Florida and worked there until his death in 1951.

**Stout, Mary
Elizabeth**

1875-1971

Dr/Clerk

Clerk

1893

to

no more



Born in Oregon, Mary grew up on her family's farm at Mehema, near the farm of William Henry Byars. Mary was the niece of William Henry Byars and the sister of Ray Lewis Stout. She attended college for four years, and when her uncle became Surveyor General, Mary was appointed a Transcribing Clerk at age 18 in 1893, a full time position. She was back on the farm at Mehema in 1900, but married Columbus Mulkey in 1901.

1890

**Stowell, Janette
McCalley**

1847-1916

Dr/Clerk

Clerk 1883

to

no more



Janette McCalley was born in Scotland, and came to the U. S. as a child in 1851, and was in Salem, Oregon by 1861, where she was a student at Willamette University. She married George Stowell in 1870 in Springfield, where George was a draftsman in the Surveyor General's Office. She had four children through 1889, and was appointed a Copyist in the Surveyor General's Office of James C. Tolman in by 1883, where her husband was the draftsman.

The family moved to Sitka Alaska in 1899, where George was again a draftsman. They lived in Juneau in 1910, where Janette became ill, and later died in Portland in 1916.

**Stowell, Percy
Eldon**

1872-1959

Dr/Clerk

Clerk 1893

to

no more



Percy was born in Oregon, the son of Chief Clerk George Stowell and his wife, Janette Stowell. He attended college for five years before being appointed a Clerk in the Surveyor General's Office of William H. Byars. In 1894, where his father was also serving. He married Alice Lee Wells, the daughter of a physician, in Portland in 1900.

He was a salesman in 1910, a manager in a wholesale company in 1920, s sales manager in 1930, and retired in 1940, all in Portland. They lived in Astoria in 1953, and Alice died in 1957 and Percy in 1959, both in Coos Bay, where their daughter resided.

Stratton, Horace Fitch
 1835-1906
 Rep
 Dr/Clerk
 Clerk
 1863
 to
 no more

Born in Pennsylvania, Horace moved with his family to Indiana by 1838 and crossed the Oregon Trail in 1853. He served as assistant quartermaster in the Indian War in 1855-56. He was a Clerk in the Surveyor General's Office of Bynon Pengra in 1863, married Marilda Ferris Dunn in 1869 in Eugene, Oregon, and was a merchant from 1860-79 in Eugene. Horace was a member of the Oregon State Legislature in 1879. He sold dry goods in Farmington, in Whitman County, Washington from at least 1880-87, where he was elected to the Washington Territorial Legislature in 1881. He then moved to Seattle where he was a lawyer in 1892 and a mining broker in 1900. He went to Alaska in about 1898, and had been an enthusiastic amateur geologist all of his adult life. He died in 1906 in Seattle.

Stump, David
 1819-1886
 Rep
 USDS
 Claim Contract 40
 1854
 to
 Special Instructions
 1863

David was born in Ohio and crossed the Oregon Trail in 1845, and settled at the foot of Writsman Peak in Polk County, Oregon, about six miles South of Monmouth. He married Catharine Elizabeth Chamberlin in Polk County in 1850. David had been a surveyor in Iowa and received Claim Contract 20 in 1854 in Western Polk County, during which he used his brother Jesse Stump as chainman. He paid for 800 sheep to be brought overland in 1854, of which 400 arrived in Oregon. David was elected to the Oregon State Legislature in 1874. He built a fine home at the corner of Jackson Street and College Avenue in Monmouth in 1878.

David donated land to begin Christian College, the predecessor of Western Oregon University. His daughter, Cassie Stump, graduated from Christian College in 1876 with a Masters Degree, and then attended Wellesley College in Boston in 1881, She returned and taught at what was to become Western Oregon University until 1886 when her father died. Mary Stump Campbell also graduated from Christian College in 1872, and became the publisher of Monmouth's first newspaper before she married. When her husband died, she returned to Monmouth to live with her mother and Cassie.

Sulger, Abraham
 1820-1880+
 USDS
 Claim Contract 46
 1854
 to
 no more

Abraham was born in Pennsylvania in 1820 and was in Oregon as a Merchant in 1850. He surveyed one Claim Contract near Portland in 1854, but was back in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania by 1860 as a very prosperous merchant. It appears that he and two sisters had come into an inheritance, with each having \$19-26,000 in assets in 1860. Abraham was a member of the scientific organization in Philadelphia in 1880, The Franklin Institute.

**Sweitzer, Nelson
Bowman Jr.**

1869-1958

SES

Special Instructions 1903
to
Special Instructions 1903



See WA GLO Surveyors Personal
Notes

**Swope, Florence
A.**

1876-1930+

Dr/Clerk

Clerk 1897
to
no more

Born in Pennsylvania, Florence was with her parents in Portland, Oregon by 1880. She was hired as a Transcribing Clerk in the Surveyor General's Office of Robert Habersham by 1897, but was furloughed for lack of work as short time later. However, Ethel Cotter, a part time Clerk was kept on, which caused Florence to file a civil service complaint in 1898. By 1899, the position was declassified, and Ethel kept the job. Florence married Harry K. Sargent in 1899, an attorney from Canada, and they kept living in Portland. They had a son in 1906, and separated in 1912. Florence filed for divorce in 1915, but Harry was still listed as married, but was living alone in 1920. Florence was single in Portland in 1920, working as a law stenographer, and unemployed there in 1930.

**Tallman, Samuel
Wells**

1817-1902

Dem

USDS

Contract 356 1880
to
no more

Born in Ohio and crossed the Oregon Trail in 1849, settling in Clatsop County. He was a Texas Ranger in the Battle of Buena Vista, being wounded three times. He then went to Idaho and discovered a gold mine that netted him \$50,000, but he lost it all in a silver mine. He filed a Donation Claim on Blind Slough, covering the present site of the town of Knappa. By 1882 he had patented 1242 acres, all by cash sale and timberlands, except for his DLC. Several purchases at Wauna added up to 760 acres, and another 200 acres was three miles West of his DLC on Big Noise Creek. By this time, he was claiming Westport as his residence, the nearest town to his Wauna property. He had a wharf there and was selling cordwood to the steamers.

Samuel received Contract 356 in 1880 at age 63 to survey fractional township T8N R8W, about four miles West of his DLC. It amounted to 23 miles of line. He made his last purchase in 1882, the same year he ran for Clatsop County Surveyor on the Democrat Ticket. He sold his Wauna property in 1885 for \$10,000 Entrymen recruited him in 1890 to survey two townships in Clatsop County because the examinations of the current Deputies were taking too long, but Surveyor General William Byars refused to speed up the process. By 1900, he was an old man living with a nephew in Illinois and died there in 1902. He never married, reported himself as a government surveyor for 40 years, and left an estate of \$9000.

**Taylor, Alice
Frances Carr**

1859-1949

Dr/Clerk

Clerk

1889

to

no more



Born in California, Alice married Douglas William Taylor in Portland in 1879. she had two small children at home when she was noted as a Special Clerk in the Surveyor General's office of her husband, Douglas W. Taylor. She was making \$4.00 a day. They lived at 605 South First Street in Portland at least until Douglas died in 1918. Alice died in the Masonic Home in Forest Grove in 1949.

**Taylor, Douglas
William Sr.**

1851-1918

Dem

S G

Surveyor General

1886

to

no more



Born in Iowa, Douglas came to Portland via Nicaragua in 1854 with his mother, after his father had already travelled here in 1852. He graduated from Portland Academy in 1868 but learned civil engineering and surveying through experience. He was on the survey crew for the City of Portland, and then became a surveyor for the O&C RR in 1872 and 1874. Douglas was named Portland City Engineer from 1874-78 and 1881-83. In this timeframe he laid out River View Cemetery.

Douglas married Alice F. Carr in Portland in 1879, and when he was Oregon Surveyor General from 1886-1890, he hired Alice as a Clerk. He had been elected to the Oregon State Legislature in 1886, but had to be disqualified because of his appointment as Surveyor General. He was Portland Superintendent of Streets 1891-93. He served as superintendent of Trinidad Asphalt Paving Company in 1905 before again being named Portland City Engineer from 1905-1909. His son, Douglas W. Taylor Jr., graduated from the University of Oregon in Civil Engineering and became associated with his father in consulting in Portland. Douglas Sr. died in Portland in 1918.

Taylor, Lincoln

1861-1929

Citizens

USDS

Contract 690 (with
Harvey Taylor)

to

no more

1898

Born in Oregon the son of a farmer, Harvey received a scholarship to the University of Oregon in 1878. He was noted as returning to school in 1883. He married Sarah Matilda Powell, "Tilla", in 1896 and received Joint Contract 690 in 1898 with his younger brother, Harvey, for one township in Lake County. It does not appear that they surveyed the township. He was a surveyor in Oakland, Oregon in 1900, the same year that he ran for Lane County Surveyor on the Citizens ticket. He was a civil engineer in Cottage Grove in 1910, an unemployed civil engineer in 1920, and died in Cottage Grove in 1929.

**Taylor, William
Harvey**

Fusion

USDS

Contract 690 (with
Lincoln Taylor)

to

no more

1898



Born in Oregon the son of a farmer, Harvey attended school through the eighth grade and received Joint Contract 690 in 1898 with his older brother, Lincoln, for one township in Lake County. It does not appear that they surveyed the township. He ran for Lane County Surveyor in 1898 on a Fusion, free silver ticket. He married Belle C. Baughman in Cottage Grove in 1900, and they started a family. Harvey and Belle lived in or near Cottage Grove until Harvey's death in 1943. He was listed as a surveyor in 1900, civil engineer in 1910, a farmer in 1920, a surveyor for a timber company in 1930, and retired in 1940.

Terwilliger,

Lewis L.

1833-1893

Comp

Contract 67 (as
compassman for
Samuel D. Snowden
for portions)

to

no more

1856

Lewis was born in Pennsylvania, and was still a student in 1850. He served as a compassman for Samuel Snowden on Contract 67 in Tillamook County in 1856, and was a teacher in Portland in 1860. He moved to Delaware, in Leavenworth County, Kansas by 1865 and married 17 year old Clementine Abshire there in about 1868. He had been boarding in the Abshire home since at least 1865. By 1865 he was listed as a physician, and practiced medicine the rest of his life in Delaware.

Thatcher,

Everett A.

1849-1929

USDS

Contract 243 (With
Alonzo Gesner)

to

Contract 325

1875

1879

Born in Illinois, the son of Deputy Surveyor Henry M. Thatcher, Everett crossed the Oregon Trail with his family, first to California in 1853 and then to Oregon by 1857. He married Mary A. Croft in 1869 in Salem, an immigrant from England, noting himself as a surveyor, and was a druggist in 1870. He received Joint Contract 243 with Alonzo Gesner for six townships in Eastern Oregon, which was signed by Alonzo. From 1877-79 Everett received three Contacts on his own in Eastern Oregon for a total of 23 townships. He was a surveyor in 1880, an attendant in the Oregon State Insane Asylum in Salem in 1900, a druggist in the Asylum in 1910, and a Commissary for the State in 1920. Mary died in 1922, and Everett in 1929 in Salem.

Thatcher, Henry

Martyn

1826-

Rep

USDS

Contract 320 (with
Eugene McCornack)

to

no more

1879



Born in Pennsylvania, Henry moved with his parents to Illinois in 1837. He married Sarah Little there in 1846, where his son, Deputy Surveyor Everett Thatcher was born, the first of an eventual eight children. Leaving his wife and newborn son in Illinois, he crossed the Oregon Trail to California in 1850 to hunt for gold. With modest success, he returned to Illinois via Panama in 1852.

He crossed the Oregon Trail with his family this time to Utah in 1852, teaching school during the winter. He continued to California in 1853 where he bought a 160 acre farm near San Jose, and then relocated to Oregon in 1857, settling in Albany in 1859. He was a livery stable owner in 1860 in Salem, and a stage agent there in 1870. From the beginning, he was involved with the Republican Party. Henry was appointed Postmaster of Salem in 1876, continuing until he received Joint Contract 320 with the very political Eugene McCornack in 1879. There were six townships in Baker County, and Henry surveyed the only three that they surveyed and finished in 1879. He was a stock raiser in Salem in 1880.

There was a biography of Henry M. Thatcher in a Boise book in 1899. The subject was this Henry with the same parents and wife, although the birth date was wrong. He was noted as living in California, Albany and Salem as described above. However, the biography states he married Lou L. Hart of Portland in 1878 and bought a stage line out of Boise, running it for three years. He had two more children by his new wife, and owned a ranch in Cassia County from 1881-90. He then bought a 440 acre ranch just East of Little Wood River, which he owned until he died. He was elected a Justice of the Peace in 1894, and still held the position in 1899. He was involved in an irrigation project in 1899.

An obituary in the Oregonian in 1900 confirmed that in fact, Henry had gone to Idaho as described and died in 1900 in Hailey, Idaho. There was no mention of the second wife or children. Sarah died in Salem in 1910, and William is not in Salem Pioneer Cemetery with Sarah and some of their children.

Thiel, Oscar F.

1868-1954

USDS

Contract 658

to

Contract 729

1896

1900

OR PLS 4. Born in Oregon, the son of William Thiel. William spent his youth on the farm at Oakland. He was educated at East Oakland and Oregon Agricultural College and served at least one term as Douglas County Surveyor 1898-99. He married Grace May Reed before 1910 in Douglas County. Being the son of William Thiel, he was taught surveying at an early age and lived his entire life in Douglas County, mostly near Yoncalla. He was a surveyor and farmer,

Thiel, William

1837-1903

Dem

USDS

SES

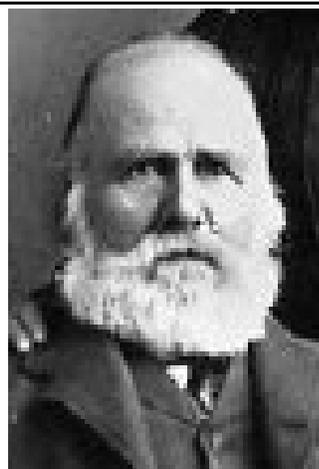
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1877

to

Special Instructions

1893



William was born in Germany and was educated there in the discipline of surveying. He came to the U. S. in 1853 and soon left for Oregon in 1855 via Panama. He married local girl, Mary Delia Watkins, in 1868, and together they had eleven children. Future Deputy Surveyor Oscar Thiel was their first child. William was twice Douglas County Surveyor in 1874-76 and 1884-86, a Justice of the Peace, and a Member of the State Legislature.

William surveyed five Contracts for seven total townships near his home from 1877-79. A few years later in 1887, he surveyed the boundary of the Klamath Reservation by Special Instructions. William held a Joint Contract with Oscar in 1891 for four townships in the Coast Range. He wrote the Surveyor General that he was suffering from a hernia during this Contract but he kept going until his bowels escaped in late November. He examined one Contract in 1893 for the Surveyor General. He moved with his family in 1889 to a larger farm a mile out of Yoncalla, which is where they lived until both William and Mary had died. He still had nine children at home in 1900.

Thompson, Allen

Brother of David P. Thompson. Allen surveyed Contracts in Idaho from about 1868-1885, and his entries account for 39 pages in the Idaho Index. He died of a stroke in Salem, Oregon

M. "Al"

1837-1889

Comp

USDS

Contract 94 (portions 1860
as compassman for
Lafayette Cartee)

to

Contract 119 (with 1867
Bynon J. Pengra and
David P. Thompson)

**Thompson,
David Preston**

1834-1901

Whig

Contract 50 (as 1854
compassman for John
and Joseph Trutch for
portions)

to

Contract 382 (with 1881
Rufus Moore)



See WA GLO Surveyors Notes.

**Thomson,
Origen**

1829-1882

Rep
Comp

Claim Contract 39 (as 1854
compassman for Zenas
Moody)

Born in Indiana, Origen came West over the Oregon Trail in 1852. He filed a Claim in Linn County and proved up on it in 1858, before returning to Indiana. While in Oregon, he surveyed Claim Contract 39 near Albany and much of the Umpqua country as Compassman for Zenas Moody. During that time, he was listed as a civil engineer, and was involved in forming the Republican Party in Linn County. Back in Indiana, he married Arzilla McCoy in 1860, and was listed as a surveyor in 1863 and a civil engineer in 1870. Arzilla died in 1879, and Origen in 1882.

to

Contract 51 (as 1855
compassman for Zenas
F. Moody)

**Thorn, William
Henry "Bill"**

1863-1963

SES

Special Instructions 1908

to

Special Instructions 1908



See WA GLO Surveyors Notes

**Thurston,
George H.**

1846-1927

USDS

Contract 157 1871

to

Contract 191 1873

George was born in Iowa and crossed the Oregon Trail with his parents as a baby in 1847. His father was U. S. Congressman from Oregon, Samuel R. Thurston, who died in 1851, returning from back East. His mother remarried to William H. Odell, U. S. Deputy Surveyor and future Surveyor General. George was educated in Willamette University. He began surveying as a chainman on a Contract, and then surveyed for William H. Odell and B. J. Pengra, who were locating their Military Road to Idaho. He attended school in the winter until 1870, when he bought an 800 acre ranch near Springfield. From 1871 to 1873, he received three Contracts for 39 townships on the East side, at least the first of which was asarded by his step-father.

George married Marietta Henderson in 1872, built a new house on the farm , which is the subject of a recent historical project, and continued ranching and surveying until 1879. At that time he began reading law and passed the bar in 1882, although he never did actually practice law. He was involved with the management of the Willamette Valley and Cascades Mountain Wagon Road until 1885, when he left Portland for his ranch at Springfield. He began raising sheep in Lake County in 1880, but quit when he lost 10,000 head in a bad winter in 1887. He kept the 3700 acres in Lake County. He is the namesake of an area in East Springfield, Oregon, an area that once had its own Post Office, and of Thurston Elementary School and Thurston High School.

**Tichenor,
William Clinton**

1813-1887

Rep
USDS

Contract 236	1875
to	
Contract 248	1875



William was born in New Jersey in 1813 and went to sea at age 16. He married Elizabeth Brinkerhoff in New Jersey in 1834, and they had several children. He was in Illinois in 1848-51 as a State Senator, and at that time was a friend of Abraham Lincoln, who roomed with him for a while and gave speeches with him. He was a Captain on the Oregon Coast in 1850, sailing from San Francisco to Portland on his ship, the Sea Gull, before he was appointed a harbor pilot on the Columbia in 1851.

William knew the Oregon Coast and desired to found a colony at Port Orford harbor. He hauled 9 men to the beach there in 1851, and when they landed, they were confronted by Rogue River Indians. The men demanded arms from Tichenor, and he gave them the signal cannon from the ship and four old muskets. When the ship left to get more supplies, the men retreated to Battle Rock, a fairly defensible position on the beach at Port Orford. The Indians attacked with a force of 150, and the men held out and escaped during the night, after killing 23 Indians. They all made their way through the wilderness some one hundred miles to the nearest civilization in the Umpqua Valley. Historians state that William was either very stupid or very greedy to put those men in that position. William immediately filed a Donation Claim at Port Orchard as soon as he came back to the Columbia River.

William brought 60 more men to Port Orford later in 1851 by promising them gold mining opportunities and a route to the Rouge River gold fields. These men started up a mountain, they called Tichenor's Humbug (later shortened to Humbug Mountain), and were disappointed in their instructions and Tichenor. He had promised they could see the route to the gold fields from the top of the mountain. Tichenor moved to his Claim himself in 1851, built blockhouses, and brought his family in 1852, after securing some military support.

That military support led to a long controversy, in which William prevailed in 1882. The Army built some log buildings on William's Claim, and after the Indian War was over, abandoned them except for the one housing one agent as caretaker. When William was appointed Customs Collector in 1864, he used the buildings for his work. When he asserted his Claim and ejected the agent in 1864, he was arrested and imprisoned in Alcatraz in San Francisco, and was released only when he promised to let the Army stay. When William returned to Oregon, he immediately proved up on his Claim and received his patent for the entire 640 acres with no mention of the military. In 1880, the Army filed a suit in Federal Court to void the patent, at least to the 230 acres they were claiming. The U. S. Circuit Court dismissed the suit.

William received two Contracts in Curry County about 15 miles East of Port Orford in 1875, and surveyed 18 regular Sections in two townships in a sea of distorted surveys. Although he had no known survey experience, his identity as a Deputy Surveyor is confirmed by his signature. Elizabeth died in 1880, and William had a stroke in 1881 before remarrying to Elizabeth Romanes shortly thereafter in San Francisco. He married again in 1884 to Arietta A. Lansingh and died in San Francisco in 1887.

William is buried in Tichenor Cemetery at Port Orford with his first wife, overlooking the ocean, and his gravestone is a flat slab of concrete with the markings etched in by hand when the concrete was wet. His wife has a tall beautiful tombstone. He is the namesake of Tichenor Rock, Tichenor Street, Tichenor Bay, Tichenor Cemetery Road, and Humbug Mountain, all in or near Port Orford.

Todd, Andrew

1845-1908

USDS

Contract 541

1889

to

no more



Andrew was born in England, and graduated from Glasgow University with a BA and MA in Civil Engineering. He went to New Zealand for a few years before he married Blanch Jones, and then came to America with their two children in 1883. Their first home was in Silverton, barely habitable, and then they bought 160 wooded acres at Elliott Prairie near Hubbard.

He worked hard to transform that land into a farm and succeeded. He received Contract 541 for five townships in the Nehalem Valley in 1889. They were examined by P F. Bussey in 1890, and then rejected by the Commissioner. There is no discussion about whether he was given a chance to correct. He continued farming for 25 years and raised seven children on the farm, trying to tutor them in a classic education. In 1908, he was hauling a load of straw, and when the rack gave way, he fell beneath the heels of the horses, causing the wagon wheels to pass over his neck.

Thomas was killed in an accident shortly thereafter in 1895 in Fallbrook, San Diego County, California, while visiting his brother. He was hauling a wagon load of wood, when in attempting to apply the brakes on a steep grade, he fell forward and under and was run over. The newspaper article noted him as a civil engineer and accomplished musician, and he was headed to town to play with the Fallbrook Band.

Tolman, Emma

F.

1866-1924

Dr/Clerk

Clerk

to

no more

1881

Born in Oregon, Emma was raised in Jacksonville until her father was appointed Surveyor General of Oregon in 1878, and the family moved to Portland. She was working as a Clerk in the Surveyor General's Office of her father in 1881 at age 15, earning \$1200 per year, a very good salary for an adult. She married Otis O. Helman in Ashland in 1896. He was the proprietor of a Sulphur bath in 1910 and 1920, and Emma died in Ashland in 1924.

Tolman, James

Clark

1813-1902

Whig

Rep

USDS

S G

Contract 199 (with portions by Alexander McKay, Chandler B. Watson, Horace G.

Hurlburt, and James S.

Howard as compassmen)

to

Surveyor General

1878



Born in Ohio, James apprenticed in leather manufacturing in 1830 and the family moved to Iowa in 1839. He ran for the legislature twice as a Whig and lost. James crossed the Oregon Trail to California in 1849, prospered and returned to Iowa in 1851. He married Elizabeth E. Coe in Iowa, and in two days started to Oregon via the Oregon Trail in 1852, ending in Jacksonville via Yreka. .

He bought a Claim and started raising stock, but sold them in California for fear of Indian hostilities. He left for Coos Bay and founded the town of Marshfield, but returned to the Rouge River Valley in 1854 to raise stock again by purchasing a ranch with the stock. When the Indians became a problem again, he took his stock again to California and sold them. After the war he purchased and raised blooded horses and cattle. James was elected a Judge in Jackson County in 1858, and reelected in 1864. James received Contract 199 in 1873 for 5 townships in Jackson County and five townships in Curry County. He may not have participated in the survey, for he used Alexander McKay, Chandler B. Watson, Horace G. Hurlburt, and James S. Howard as compassmen.

James was the Republican Candidate for Governor in 1874, but lost because of a third party. President Hayes named him Oregon Surveyor General in 1878, and President Authur reappointed him in 1882. While living in Portland in 1880 as Surveyor General, he was lodging 3 of the Clerks in his office in addition to his children.

**Tolman, John
Crittenden**

1859-1929

Dr/Clerk

Clerk

1879

to

no more

Born in Oregon, John was raised as a youth in Jacksonville until his father was appointed Surveyor General of Oregon in 1878 and the family moved to Portland. He was a Clerk for his father in the Surveyor General's Office from 1879-80 at age 20-21, making \$1200 per year. He married Mary Hannah Anderson in Jackson County in 1884, and they had three children. Mary died in 1895 in Ashland, and John and their children moved back in with his parents. In 1910 he was a Deputy U. S. Marshal in Kenai Alaska, living with one of his

Truax, Sewell

1830-1894

Comp

1855

USDS

Contract 38 (as

1853

compassman for Anson
G. Henry for portions)

to

Contract 80

1859



See WA GLO personal notes

Trutch, John

1828-1907

Clerk

Comp

USDS

Clerk

1853

to

Contract 62 (with
Joseph W. Trutch)
with David Thompson,
Charles T. Gardner,
and Henry Gile as
compassman for

1856



see WA GLO personal notes

**Trutch, Joseph
William**

1826-1904

Dr/Clerk

Clerk 1852

to

Contract 62 (with 1856

Joseph W. Trutch)
with David Thompson,
Charles T. Gardner,



see WA GLO personal notes

**Turner, William
Mclean**

1828-1887

Rep

USDS

Contract 142 (with 1870

James S. Howard)

to

Contract 393 1881

Born in Ireland, William came to New York with his parents at four years old. They moved to Pennsylvania, but in 1850 William joined the flood of miners to California. He worked in mining, clerking, and the newspaper business, and was a miner in Klamath, California in 1860. He was appointed by Lincoln as Assistant Federal Assessor for the Northern Counties of California, but resigned when he moved to Salem, Oregon in 1865, where he was the Assistant Clerk for the State Legislature. In 1866 he took over as manager of the Western Union Telegraph office and as editor of the Jacksonville Sentinel. In 1867 he married Emaline Morgan Overbeck, a widow with at least one child. He was very involved in Republican politics all his life

He received Joint Contract 142 in 1870 with James S. Howard, an experienced surveyor, for five townships in Southern Oregon, and they shared the work. Between 1871 and 1881, William received five more Contracts in Southern Oregon, two as Joint Contracts with James Howard, one as a Joint Contractor with Nathaniel Langell and two on his own. Langell had no survey experience, but he was in the State Legislature. They used James Howard as the compassman, with Nathaniel as a chainman and William as the axman.

William was still the manager of the Western Union Telegraph Office in Jacksonville in 1877. In that capacity he participated in the transfer of several thousand dollars in a Democrat bribery scheme. He was summoned to Washington, D. C. to testify before Congress, but declined to answer any questions. He was named Agent for the Malheur Indian Reservation in 1877, and was appointed United States Gauger and Storekeeper for Southern Oregon from 1883-86, He was ill for a year before he died in Jacksonville in 1887.

**Underwood,
James Benson**

1838-1882

Rep

Dr/Clerk

USDS

Clerk

to

Contract 111 (with
Walter Forward)

1863

1865

James was born in New York and came to Oregon in 1859, and then soon asked his fiancé, Maggie Charles, to join him. He studied Law and was a practicing attorney all his short life. James was a Clerk in the Office of Surveyor General Bynon Pengra in at least 1863, before he was admitted to the bar in 1864. He received a Joint Contract with Walter Forward for five townships in Eastern Oregon, but does not appear to have been involved in the survey. He was a Eugene Mayor and Councilman, served in the State Legislature, and was appointed Postal Agent for Oregon, Washington and Idaho. James was involved in many business ventures, and became wealthy, building the finest house in Eugene. He died young at age 43 of dropsy and "too free use of strong drink".

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to

Special Instructions

1908

Utter, Darwin A.

1861-1935

USDS

Special Instructions

1904

to

no more



Darwin lived in Washington County, Idaho, and was Surveyor General of Idaho in 1910. He also organized the Idaho Society of Engineers in 1910. He was a civil engineer in Mountain Home, Idaho in 1920 and 1930.

**Vaughan,
Benjamin
Franklin**

1853-1903

Rep

USDS

Contract 211

1874

to

no more



Born the son of a farmer in Coberg, Oregon, Benjamin lived on the farm through 1870. He received Contract 211 at age 22 in 1874 for four townships in Union County, and used future Deputy Surveyor Vanison Gesner and his brother, Oren Vaughan, as chainmen. He was living in Nez Perce, Idaho in 1879 as a farmer and returned to Coburg in 1886.

That same year he moved to Heppner, Oregon, and in 1893 he took a course in the American College of Dental Surgery in Chicago, and returned to Heppner to begin his practice. Benjamin was appointed Postmaster of Heppner in 1898, and reappointed in 1903, using his Republican ties. He died in Heppner on June 14, 1903, the same day as his wife, when a wall of water 50 feet high came through the town of Heppner. Inspired by thunderstorms, it destroyed 141 structures and took 247 lives, including the Vaughans. It is still today, the deadliest natural disaster in Oregon.

The marriage history of Benjamin is unclear, for records indicate that he married Elisabeth Stevens in 1878, and the 1880 Census from Idaho notes that he was in fact married to Elizabeth Stevens. He had several children from 1880-1892, but the 1900 census notes that he had been married to Nancy Brians for 31 years, and that she had seven children. Nancy died in the flood and is on his tombstone. She was noted as visiting her sons at OAC in Corvallis in 1902. Their oldest daughter was a student at a Catholic School in Pendleton as a child.

**Vickers, Leonard
B.**

1831-

USDS

Claim Contract 33

1854

to

no more

Leonard was born in Ohio and was living with his parents in Washington, Indiana in 1850. He crossed the Oregon Trail in 1852 and filed a Claim between Airport way and the Columbia, East of 148th Ave, which he patented in 1865. He was awarded Claim Contract 33 for Claims in four townships near Sandy and Gresham, but there are no surveys by Leonard in those townships. He had obviously undergone an evangelical religious conversion while in Oregon, and wrote two books published in Portland on his inner thoughts. The first in 1864 was called "The Loud Voice and Everlasting Gospel". He wrote: "On my way traveling overland, for to the West, I was much vexed by the wickedness of my companions, which drove me much from their society."

He wrote further, "...one like a man of African color, came and stood in the air some fifty feet from me, and twenty feet up from the ground..." The second book in 1866 was "Civil Theology and an Opening of Heaven; and Unlocking of the Book of Revelations and of Other Dark Figures by the Nature and Figurative Use of the Seven Spirits of God." It goes on for 311 pages, mostly analyzing all of the Book of Revelations. They must have some value for both have recently been reprinted. He left Oregon in about 1865 and travelled back East, with the California papers reporting his death by the hands of Indians on the return journey. The Oregonian reported on a letter in 1865 from Leonard that refuted that story, and that he was in New York.

Leonard was in Denver in 1890, when he was committed to the Puelblo Insane Asylum. He remained there for six years, until he quietly walked away. While at the asylum, he wrote critically at length about the conditions of the inmates, and was noted as a man of education. He was a trustee, and was given significant liberty, because his mania was mild. One would only have to read his writing in the 1860's to see that he had a troubled mind.

<p>Voight, Emil F. <i>1857-1927</i> USDMS Mineral Surveys to Mineral Survey</p>	<p>1890 1894</p>	<p>Emil was in Baker City, Oregon by 1889 and began Mineral Surveys in Oregon in 1890 in Union County in the Granite Mining District. He then worked as a mining engineer in Rossland, B. C. before coming to Princeton, B. C. in 1898. Emil was in Yale-Cariboo in the 1911 census. He was a mining engineer at Princeton, and he and his wife filed many Claims, becoming the "King of Copper Mountain". All 52 of his Claims were sold after his death at Princeton, but he had refused all sales while he was alive. In the next 70 years over six billion dollars of copper would be extracted from that Copper Mountain site.</p>
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<p>Waggoner, George E. <i>1868-1939</i> Rep Comp USDS Dr/Clerk Ch Clerk Contract 645 (with Henry Meldrum) to</p>	<p>1896</p>	<p>George was born in Walla Walla, Washington, but grew up near Corvallis. He was a compassman for John Arnold 1891 at Peldleton, and started as a temporary Clerk in the Surveyor General's Office of John Arnold in 1896. Arnold awarded him Contract 645 in 1896 for eight townships in Central Oregon. He became a draftsman before being appointed the Chief Clerk to Surveyor General Robert Habersham the same year. George continued in that role with Henry Meldrum, but was indicted with Meldrum for fraud in 1903 in the Puter series of land fraud charges. During this time, he was forced out of office by Jacob Proebstal, the father-in-law of John W. Rowland, who succeeded him.</p>
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Contract 771 (resurvey 1907
and retracement re.
Contract 769) (with
Charles M. Collier)

Meldrum was sent to jail at McNeil Island for performing fraudulent surveys similar to the Benson Syndicate. Waggoner would have participated for this to happen. Waggoner's indictment was still pending in 1909. George received three Joint Contracts with Charles M. Collier in 1907 and 1908, but all the townships were surveyed by Collier. He married Margaret Persham after 1900, and they had a son in 1909. They were living in Portland in 1914, but by 1929, Margaret was a widow living with her son.

Walden, Nicolas

O. "Nick"

1834-1897

USDS

Contract 198 (with 1873
Louis T. Barin)

to
Contract 224 1875



Born in Sweden, the son of a lawyer, Nicholas was left a large estate at age 22 when his father died. He visited China, Australia, and Europe before returning to Sweden. He soon left for the United States, arriving in Oregon in 1871, with his inheritance spent. He cut wood, and then engaged in building the locks at Oregon City. He had a good education, and received a Joint Contract with Louis Barin in 1873 for ten townships East of Baker City.

He was then a compassman for John Meldrum for at least one township near Huntington. He was awarded his own Contract in 1874 for six townships in Umatilla County. The next year he surveyed another six townships near Vale. Nicholas was the Chief Clerk in the Oregon City Land Office for several years. He was the co-organizer of the Willamette Transportation & Locks Company, which is the predecessor of Portland General Electric Company, for which he was a director at the time of his death. He was also a director of the Bank of Oregon, and had been one of the organizers. He built a house on the bluff at Oregon City, and it is now on the National Historic Register

**Walker, Levi
Chamberlain**

1850-1909

USDS

Special Instructions 1871

to

Contract 763 1905



Levi was born in Forest Grove, Oregon in 1850, the son of a preacher, and married Sarah Isabelle Putman, a graduate of Pacific University in Amity, Oregon in 1875. He had graduated from Pacific in 1873 and taught Mathematics and Chemistry there for two years. Levi and Belle taught at the Chemawa Indian School and the Siletz school after that. His parents were early missionaries and pioneers of 1838. He was living in Bake Oven, Wasco County, Oregon in 1880 in the same town as Mark A. Fullerton and Alonzo Gesner.

He received a Contract in Wasco County in 1879 for one township, and another Joint contract in 1880 with Mark A. Fullerton for 10 townships. Contract 549 in 1889 was examined by P. F. Bussey and rejected. His last Contract was for 3 townships on the East side in 1905. Levi was a civil engineer in Forest Grove in 1900 and Washington county Surveyor 1909 at the time of his death. He had been County surveyor several times and Forest Grove City Recorder several times. He was reportedly one of the state's best mathematicians

**Walker, William
R. "Billy"**

1844-1911

USDS

Dr/Clerk

Transcribing Clerk 1870

to

Transcribing Clerk 1872

William was born in Missouri and came to Oregon with his parents in 1858 over the Oregon Trail. He was a Clerk in the Surveyor General's Office in 1870 and 1872-74. William received two Joint Contracts with H. C. Perkins in 1871 for 10 townships. He worked for Lane County Bank for several years, and then was Lane County Clerk for two terms. He apparently never married, and was living on the family farm with his mother in 1910, just before he died.

Waln, Robert H.

1873-1950

USDS

Contract 674 (rejected) 1897
(finished by William
M. Bushey,
compassman)

to

Robert was born, raised and educated through high school in Iowa. He was County Surveyor of Gilliam County, Oregon in 1900, living with a roommate. He was a chainman and axman for William Bushey for several townships on the West side from 1893-96. He received Contract 674 for one township on the Grand Ronde River North of Wallowa in 1897. After turning in his notes, it was examined by A. B. Little in 1898. He made corrections and had examinations by J. D. McLeod in 1900, and W. O. Owen in 1900 He was rejected in 1902, and the Surveyor General gave Special Instructions to William M. Bushey to finish the survey as compassman, paid for by the bondsmen.

no more

Robert was a laborer in the woods at Goble in 1910, a logging engineer in Bear Valley in 1930, and retired in Portland in 1935 and 1940. It appears that he married a lady named Louella after 1940.

Ware, Joel

1832-1902

Dr/Clerk

Ch Clerk

Clerk

to

Chief Clerk

1863

1867

Born and educated in Ohio, Joel crossed the Oregon Trail in 1852 to California, where he was printer until 1857. He moved to Portland in 1857, and then Eugene in 1858, where he worked for the first newspaper there. He married Bettie Cochran in Oregon in 1859. He sold his interest when he was appointed a Clerk and Chief Clerk in the Surveyor General 's Office in Oregon in 1861. He held the office of Lane County Clerk from at least 1870-88. Joel lived in Eugene much of his life, as a farmer, as Lane County Clerk, and as US Circuit Court Commissioner of Oregon in 1898. He engaged in the abstract and real estate business until he retired.

Warner, John

Frank "Frank"

1857-1924

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Special Instructions

1902

to

Special Instructions

1902

Frank was born in Michigan in 1857, and married Mrs. Angelene "Jennie" Hollywood Ward in 1897 in Big Horn County, Wyoming . He was a U. S. Deputy Surveyor in Wyoming in 1897, partnering with Sidney Blout, and was listed as a surveyor in Cheyenne, Wyoming in 1900. He was a Special Examiner of Surveys in at least Oregon in 1902, examining three Contracts. He moved on to Alaska in 1903, where he was again a Special Examiner of Surveys, and reported on the locations needing the extension of surveys.

Frank joined the Direct System in 1911, and spent a lot of time in Alaska, where he surveyed the boundary of Anchorage in 1915. Jennie and their daughter were living in Los Angeles in 1920, with Jennie listed as married, but no John. John died in Los Angeles in 1924, with Jennie eventually buried beside him, some thirty years later.

Warner, James

A.

1834-1920

USDS

USDMS

Contract 135

1870

to

Contract 717

1900

Born in Missouri, the son of a prosperous farmer, James was a civil engineer in 1860, still living at home. He came to Albany, Oregon in 1863 via Panama. He was a surveyor and draftsman on the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountain Wagon Road in about 1867-68, and surveyed on the Santiam Canal sometime 1866-73. He was a surveyor in Albany, Oregon in 1870, and in that year he received Contract 135 for 4 townships East of Sweet Home. He was a compassman for Nathaniel Martin on Contract 188 in 1873 for a portion of five townships East of Crater Lake and one at Newport.

He was a surveyor on the Willamette Valley and Yaquina Bay RR sometime between 1872-78. James continued government surveying with three Contracts between 1876-81 for two townships at Newport, one at Waldport, and for 30 miles of Standard Parallel in the Cascades. He was a U. S. Deputy Mineral Surveyor in the Roseburg District in 1878, but never finished a plat. At age 66, still a civil engineer in Albany, he completed his last Contract, a small one for only 5 miles of line near Detroit. James was in Albany as a civil engineer in 1910 and a surveyor in 1920, and was City Engineer of Albany for many years. He died there in 1920, and it appears he never married.

**Watson,
Chandler Bruer**

1848-1934

Comp

USDS

Contract 199 (as 1873

compassman for James
C. Tolman)

to

Contract 603 1892



Chandler was born and raised in Illinois, and arrived in Ashland in 1871. He was a compassman for Ashland Judge, James C. Tolman in 1873, and graduated from Ashland Academy in 1875. Chandler married classmate Ella J. Chitwood, and they had two children. They were the ultimate civic pair, working for women's suffrage, a Carnegie library grant, and the Southern Oregon Chautsuqua.

He studied law, ran unsuccessfully for State Representative in 1874, and received a Contract on his own in 1878 for nine townships near French Glenn. Chandler was the editor of the Oregon Sentinel in 1875, was a prosecutor in Lakeview, Customs Collector in Coos Bay, deputy district attorney in Astoria, Ashland City Attorney in the 1890's, and Jackson County District Attorney in 1897.

Chandler took an interest in natural and historic preservation in the second half of his career, supporting the Crater Lake Reserve, the Oregon Caves Monument, and a large natural park at Ashland. He wrote several books, including "Prehistoric Siskiyou Island and Marble Halls of Oregon" in 1909. He is the namesake of the entry grotto at Oregon Caves Monument. His tombstone at Ashland Cemetery is a granite rock, symbolizing his love of nature.

Watt, Ahio Scott

1824-1909

USDS

Claim Contract 52 1854

to

no more

Ahio was born in Ohio and moved to Missouri with his family in 1838. He crossed the Oregon Trail in 1848 and settled near Amity, where Ahio and his brother Joseph founded the town. Ahio was the first school teacher and named the town. He filed a Claim, engaged in farming, and taught school for awhile. Soon after arriving, he was the first Clerk to the newly formed Territorial Legislature. He married Mary Elizabeth Kider in 1850, an 1849 pioneer, and to them were born seven children.

Ahio received Claim Contract 52 in Yamhill County in 1855, and in that work, he surveyed his own Claim near Lafayette. He was Yamhill County Surveyor 1864-70, and was State Senator from 1876-80. Ahio became land and tax agent for SPRR and later ORN Co. in 1884, keeping that position for 20 years. He was living in Forest Grove in 1880 and Portland in 1900, which is where he died.

<p>Watts, Alexander Innis 1831-1912 USDMS Mineral surveys to no more</p>	<p>1890</p>	<p>Born in New York but brought up in Sagamon County, Illinois, Alex left for Oregon in 1851 and was a miner in Williamsburg in 1860. He returned to Sagamon county in 1866 and married Alexina J. Lander in Jacksonfille, Illinois in 1867. They left the same month for Oregon, but Alexina died in Applegate, Oregon in 1868. Alex was a miner in Jackson County, Oregon in 1870, and a miner in Williamsburg, Oregon in 1880. He remarried to Elizabeth Emily Daniels in Josephine County in 1881, and they had seven children. He surveyed three Mining Claims in Waldo Mining District in 1890 in Josephine County. He patented a 160 acre Homestead in Williams Valley in 1882, and lived there until he died in 1912.</p>
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<p>Webber, Wiliam T. "Will" 1849- Rep Dem USDS Contract 258 to no more</p>	<p>1876</p>	<p>Born in Iowa, Will was in Benton County Oregon by 1876 when he married Louella Stevens. He received Contract 278 for one township at Newport, and surveyed it in that year. He was a Notary Public in Dayton in 1878 and a civil engineer in Elk City in 1880. For the next 20 years, he was involved in railroad and development speculation near Newport, starting with being an incorporator of a RR from Newport to Cape Foulweather in 1886. That same year he incorporated a water Company to serve the City of Newport. In 1890, Will was also incorporating the Newport & King's Valley RR.</p>
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He recieved the political plum of Custom's Inspector at Yaquina Bay in 1893. He was on the Democrat Ticket for County Surveyor in 1894, and on the Republican Ticket for the same job in 1896. The Panic of 1893 apparently took its toll, and he had significant property sold at Sheriff's sale in Newport in 1899. Will was a recorder on the survey crew for the Corps of Engineers at Newport in 1899. Louella was living with her children and her father in Medford in 1900, and Will was a consulting civil engineer and surveyor in Hood River in 1903-04. Louella lived in Portland in 1904, and was a widow there in 1930.

**Webster,
Kimball**

1828-1916

Dem

Comp

USDS

Contract 11 (as 1852
compassman for James
Freeman)

to

Contract 37 1853



Born in New Hampshire, Kimball crossed the Oregon Trail to California in 1849 with a group of men from New Hampshire. He wrote a book, "The Gold Seeker of '49", in the last years of his life, based on diaries he kept in California and Oregon. He did not make much money mining gold, but worked cutting cordwood, mowing hay, digging ditches, and in 1850 worked as a chainman for future Deputy Surveyor Robert Elder. Robert was surveying townsites near Sacramento, took a liking to Kimball, and even taught him some drafting.

Kimball met up with Robert Elder again in 1851, after Robert had met with John Preston travelling through San Francisco, on his way to Oregon, and Robert asked Kimball to go to Oregon with him. He accepted, and began studying surveying and trigonometry. Soon after the two arrived in Oregon City, Robert was named Chief Clerk, and Kimball went to work for wages by building a sawmill up the Tualatin River, since there was no field work yet. Work was light in the Surveyor General's Office, and Robert was hired to make a new survey of the townsite of Oregon City, and hired Kimball to help him.

After finishing that survey, Robert arranged for Kimball to work on a Contract for Deputy Surveyor James Freeman near the Santiam River in the late fall of 1851. Future Deputy Surveyors, Zenas Moody and George Hyde, and Clerk, Seymour Hall were on the crew. Kimball started as axeman, but eventually graduated to doing the trigonometric calculations for Freeman for the river crossings. Before the end of the Contract, Freeman let Kimball run the compass. Freeman received another Contract in late 1851 for the subdivisions of the townships just surveyed, and Kimball soon became the compassman for most of the work through the winter. In his book, he goes into great detail about the difficulties of wading ice covered sloughs, and finding log cabin accommodations from settlers.

Robert Elder resigned his job as Chief Clerk in March, 1852, and he received a Contract for 10 townships in the Yamhill Valley. Kimball was his compassman, while Robert wrote up the notes. Kimball was named a U. S. Deputy Surveyor in April, 1852, and he and Robert Elder received a Joint Contract to survey 8 townships in Washington and Yamhill Counties. They formed two parties and shared the work. Kimball's party included future Deputy Surveyor Henry S. Gile, and Robert's party included Andrew Murphy, the nephew of Daniel Murphy, and James O'Conner as compassman. Kimball received his own Contract in December 1852 for five townships near Albany. He discusses the difficulty again of rain and wading flooded rivers.

On finishing the Contract he returned to find that Elder had secured another Contract in the Umpqua Valley, this time with Henry S. Gile as a joint contractor. Robert asked Kimball to help train Gile to run the compass and run a party. Kimball acted as compassman for about one half of the work. Kimball and Robert had another Contract in the Rogue Valley, but it was caused to be cancelled by the Indian uprising. Kimball received another Contract in late 1853 for 8 townships in Long Tom Valley in the Western foothills of the Willamette Valley. He finished the next April and was approached by a man to do a coal mine survey at Bellingham. He agreed, and went there, only to learn that at that time it was the site of an Indian war. He still did the survey.

Not having any suitable Contracts offered him by the new Surveyor General, Charles K. Gardner, Kimball returned to Hudson, New Hampshire in 1854 after an absence of five years. He got a job as surveyor and land examiner for the Hannibal and St. Joseph RR Company, and then worked in the granite quarries. He married Abiah Cutter in early 1857, and was listed as a farmer of increasing prosperity in 1860, 1870, and 1880. He was a surveyor part time all along, and was listed as a civil engineer in 1900 and on his death certificate. For many years Kimball served as a Justice of the Peace, and had a large probate practice. He wrote a book on the history of Hudson before beginning his own autobiography. Current surveyors rate his work as excellent.

Welsh, Jeremiah
"Jerry"

1830-

Comp

Claim Contract 25 (as 1854
 compassman for John
 P. Welsh

to

Claim Contract 67 (as 1856
 compassman for John
 P. Welsh

Born in New York, the younger brother of John P. Welsh, Jeremiah was listed as arriving in Oregon in 1852. He filed a Donation Claim in 1953 beside the one of his brother in the valley of the North Fork of Coyote Creek, Southwest of Eugene at Lorane. He was the compassman for several Claim Contracts for his brother in 1854-57 in the vicinity of their Claims, including their own. his location after 1860 is unknown.

Welsh, John P.

1826-1864

USDS

Claim Contract 25 (by 1854
Jeremiah Welsh as
compassman)

to

Claim Contract 67 (by 1856
Jeremiah Welsh as
compassman)

Born in New York, the younger brother of Jeremiah Welsh, John came to Oregon in 1853 via Wisconsin. He filed a Donation Claim next to his brother in 1853 on the North Fork of Coyote Creek, Southwest of Eugene at Lorane. He received three Claim Contracts from 1854-56, most of which were for 21 townships in the vicinity of his Claim, including his own. The rest was for ten townships North of Salem. He used his brother, Jeremiah Welsh, as compassman on all the work. He began an organization, partly with USDS Timothy Davenport, to bring purebred animals to Oregon. He owned a Thoroughbred stud named Rifleman, that was bred in Kentucky. John was elected Treasurer of Lane County in about 1858.

He made at least one trip back to the East to buy purebred horses. John was returning to Oregon in 1864 with a string of purebred mares, accompanied by his father and two brothers, but died at Fort Laramie, Wyoming. The circumstances are unknown, but in that year there were significant Indian hostilities around Fort Laramie, and those horses would be a prize.

Westgate,**George Allison**

1870-1948

Rep

S G

Surveyor General 1907

to

no more

Born in California, George was a clerk in 1889-90 and an accountant in 1896, all in San Francisco. He was a grain dealer in Albany, Oregon in 1900, and when he married his wife Henrietta in about 1901. He was an accomplished civil engineer and was the Republican Central Committee Chair in 1906, resulting in the election of Senator Bourne. George soon was appointed Oregon Surveyor General in 1907. George served until the election of Woodrow Wilson in 1913, which is when he resigned. He went back to being a grain dealer in 1920, living in Portland. He had been elected President of the Merchant's Exchange Association in 1917. He was retired in Clark County, Washington in 1930, and died in Vancouver, Washington in 1948.

Wheatley,**Francis M.**

Comp

Contract 40 (as 1854
compassman for
Harvey Gordon and
Josiah Preston)

to

no more

<p>Wheeler, Harry Kreider 1863-1925 USDMS Mineral Surveys 1900 to Mineral Survey 1900</p>	<p>CA PLS 358. Member AIME. Born in 1863 in California, the son of a judge, Harry lost his mother when he was a baby. He was a civil engineer in Baker, Oregon in 1901, the same year he was listed for a Mineral Survey. He was in Ely, Nevada in 1907. He had married Annie Robertson in 1897 in California, but they were divorced by 1910, when he was noted as married to Lillian Du Bois Wheeler, a graduate of Smith College, and a professional concert and choir singer in New York from 1891-97. Harry was also a civil engineer in Los Angeles in 1920, and died there in 1925.</p>
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<p>Wheeler, Laban Homer 1857-1952 USDS Contract 375 1880 to Contract 482 1883</p>	<p>Laban was born in Wisconsin and was a student at the University of Oregon in 1880. He apparently quit school to receive Contract 375 for two townships West of Eugene in the Coast Range in 1880. He received three more Contracts between 1881-83 for about 17 townships on both the East and West sides. He was an auditor for the Treasury Department in Seattle in 1887 and was living in Seattle with siblings in 1889-92, working as a lawyer. Laban married in Corvallis to Claire Gatch in 1899, the daughter of the President of Oregon Agricultural College. They had one child that died as a infant. Laban continued to live in Seattle until at least 1940, always as a lawyer. Claire died in 1935, and Laban in 1952 in Sonoma, California.</p>
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<p>Wherry, John Robert 1862-1940 Rep USDS Contract 778 1908 to no more</p>	<p>Born in Iowa, John moved with his family to Oregon by 1865. They were in Polk County in 1870 and Clatsop County in 1880. John was still at school in 1880 in Clatsop County, where he finished high school,, living with his widowed mother. He was in Elsie as a farmer and a widower in 1900, 1910, and 1920, and lived in Astoria from 1920-1940. John was a Republican and received County road and bridge contracts in 1906-09. He received survey Contract 778 in 1908, and it was cancelled in 1911 and given to Fred Mensch. John McQuinn was given the job of Compassman for Wherry in 1911, but apparently to no avail.</p>
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Wherry married widow Elizabeth J. McKeever Larsen in 1923, and they were still married in 1940. There is no evidence that this John Wherry did this survey except for proximity. There is a signature on his marriage certificate to prove the point when compared to the Contract.

**White, Norman
Campbell**

1887-1965

USDS

Contract 800 (with Ernest P. Rands) 1910

to

no more



Born in Oregon, the son of an architect, Norman lived in Oregon City in 1900. He completed three years of high school, and was a chainman for Ernest Rands on Contract 765 in 1905, and a moundsman on Contract 791 for Ernest in 1910. He received a Joint Contract with Ernest Rands in 1910 for five townships in Malheur County, but they were not surveyed.. This was at the very end of the Contract era, and the Commissioner may have cancelled the Contract. The work was reissued the next year to Charles Collier under Group 7.

Norman was a farmer in Lake County in 1910, but had begun a career with the U. S. Forest Service by 1918 as a Forest Ranger in Lakeview and in Sprague River in 1920. He married Erma Sharps before 1915, and they were divorced by 1930. He was in Medford in 1930 and the District Ranger there in 1940. Norman remarried to his second wife, Faye, by 1940. By 1942, he was in Prineville for the USFS, and died there in 1965

**White, William
F.**

1851-1934+

USDMS

Mineral Survey 1899

to

Mineral Surveys 1902

Born in England, William immigrated in 1870 and was a surveyor in Grant County, Oregon in 1900, after surveying Mineral Survey 361 there in 1899, and before surveying four more Claims in 1902.. He had married Anna M. Dunn in 1898, both for the second time. He was a real estate salesman in Portland, Oregon in 1920 and 1930. Anna was killed by a hit and run driver at 72nd and Foster in 1934, not far from their home. William was noted as being an invalid at that time.

White, William

See WA Personal Notes

L.

1818-1897

Dem

Clerk 1853

to

no more

**Whitfield,
Nathan B.**

1835-1914

Rep
Dr/Clerk
Clerk

1889

to

no more



Born in Alabama, the son of General Nathan Whitfield, a confederate officer. He graduated from Chapel Hill College, now the University of North Carolina, and served in the Civil War as a Lieutenant for the Confederacy. He surveyed several RR in Oregon, including the RR to Yaquina Bay and one near Sheridan. From at least 1887-1891, Nathan was a Clerk and Draftsman under Douglas Taylor in the Oregon Surveyor General's Office.

He was in Alaska from at least 1902-10, where he was both a U. S. Deputy Mineral Surveyor and a U. S. Deputy Surveyor. Nathan surveyed the town of Wrangell and located railroads. His son was a Dentist there at the same time. Nathan was injured in a streetcar accident in 1913, and died from those injuries in 1914 in Portland.

**Wightman,
Willard
Humphrey**

1852-1889

USDS
526

1886

to

no more

Member ASCE. Willard was born in New York, and after being educated in the public schools and Mexico Academy, he graduated from Cornell in Civil Engineering in 1881. He was an engineer for UPRR in 1881-84 and NPRR in 1884-86. He then surveyed one Contract in 1887-88 before returning to UPRR in 1887, where he worked on the Kennewick Bridge. He used fellow Ashland RR Engineer Albert Hammond as compassman on the work. In 1888 he was Assistant Engineer on the Spokane and Palouse RW, continuing until he got the measles in 1889, which turned into pneumonia and caused his death in Ashland.

**Wilbur, William
H.**

1858-1931

USDS

Contract 542

1889

to

no more

William was reported to have been born in Grand Rapids, Michigan and arrived at Port Orford in 1874. He was married to L. E. Wilcox and they had one son. He remarried to Emma Schimmel in Coos County in 1896. William received Contract 542 for two townships immediately North of Port Orchard in 1889 and finished the work. When he turned in the notes, they were examined and were found to be grossly erroneous. He was given a time extension, but failed to correct, and the Contract was cancelled by the Surveyor General and given to others.

Wilcox, Ralph

1816-1877

USDS

Claim Contract 92 1859

to

Claim Contract 102 1859

(Portions by William V. J. Johnson and Robinson S. Shook as compassmen)



Born in New York, the son of a physician, he studied medicine, and after he graduated from Geneva Medical College, moved to Missouri. While there he practiced medicine and married Julia Ann Fickel. He crossed the Oregon Trail in 1845, and tells of the guide becoming lost causing a loss of six weeks time. Upon arriving in November, Ralph took a 640 acre Donation Claim in Yamhill County, but disliking the isolation, he left it for work in Portland, becoming Portland's first physician and school teacher.

Ralph served in the Provisional Legislature in 1847-48, being elected Speaker, and then served in the Territorial Legislature in 1850-51, again elected Speaker. He was President of the Council (Senate) from 1853-54. President Buchanan appointed him Register of the Oregon City Land Office from 1856-58, during which time he also served as the Mayor of Oregon City. Ralph had purchased a farm in Washington County and was soon elected County Judge, which lasted until 1862, when he was again elected to the House of Representatives for two years. He was appointed Clerk of the U. S. District Court of Oregon in 1865 and U. S. Commissioner for Oregon, which he kept until his death.

Just after he had served as Registrar for the Oregon City Land Office, Ralph received two Claim Contracts in 1859. The first was for 60 miles of line in an undisclosed location, but the second Contact permitted analysis. He used Compassmen Robinson Smith Shook and William V. J. Johnson as Compassman for all of the work, without disclosing where each surveyed.. His final oath was in 1865. Ralph committed suicide in 1877 by placing a derringer on his right temple and firing. He had just arrived at work as Clerk to the U. S. Court. He had been despondent and drinking heavily of late, and was remarked upon in town. He left a note assigning the cause to strong drink, but there was also a bottle of laudanum (tincture of opium) in his pocket, a very problematic unregulated drug in its time.

**Wilkes, Francis
Marion
"Marion"**

1880-1958

Rep

USDS

Contract 750 (with
Lincoln Wilkes and
William Soehren)

to

no more

1902

Born the son of Thomas Scott Wilkes, Marion was living at home in Cornelius in 1900. He received a Joint Contract with his uncle, Lincoln Wilkes, and William southern in 1902 near Roseburg. He married L. Florence Maxfield in Corvallis in 1907, and at sometime attended Oregon State Agricultural College. He was a surveyor for Benton County in 1910. After school, he was hired by the U. S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, and spent the rest of his career with them, starting as a forester for the Siletz Reservation in 1918-20. He was a civil engineer in Corvallis in 1920.

Marion and Florence divorced after 1920, and by 1930 Marion was a forester in Washington D. C. for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, remarried to a lady name Marie. He was listed as a road engineer in 1937 in Phoenix, and the same in Albuquerque in 1935 and 1940. Marion retired to California in 1942, and died in Riverside in 1958.

**Wilkes, Lincoln
Ellsworth**

1865-1944

USDS

SES

Contract 598

1892

to

Special Instructions

1910



1900

OR PE 1046. See WA GLO personal notes.

Wilkes, Thomas

Scott

1858-1936

USDS

Contract 689 (with 1898
Lincoln E. Wilkes)

to

no more



OR PE 723. Thomas was born in Oregon and was the brother of Lincoln and the father of F. Marion Wilkes. He was still living at home in Washington County with his new wife, Nancy Jane Northrup, in 1880 and was a farmer in Cornelius in 1900. He received a Joint Contract with his brother Lincoln Wilkes in 1898 on the southern Oregon Coast, and after some corrections, it was approved in 1899.

Somewhere along the line he formed a surveying partnership called Wilkes Bros., with Lincoln and J. Bruce Wilkes, and was elected Washington county Surveyor by 1901. After eight children at age 42, Nancy died in 1901. Thomas remarried to Louise by 1920, and she had one child by her previous marriage. Thomas was living with his daughter in Corvallis in 1930, which is where he died.

Wilkins, Jasper

W.

1850-1907

USDS

Contract 174 1872

to

Contract 189 1873



Jasper was born on his father's Donation Claim near Coberg, Oregon. He walked four miles to his first school in Linn County, until a school was started in Coberg. He entered Christian College at Monmouth in 1870, and in the summer was a chainman for J. M. Dick near Crooked River. He returned to school, and in the Spring of 1871, was elected Lane County Surveyor.

Jasper received Contract 174 in 1872 for two townships near Eugene and four townships near Bend. He also received Contract 189 for two townships near Eugene and two townships near Bend in 1873. Future Deputy Surveyor Alonzo Gesner was a chainman on this survey. For the next several years, he worked on the farm and did odd job at surveying.

Jasper went to Spokane in 1878, but returned and was elected a delegate to the State Republican Convention from 1880-86, and in 1884, assisted in the election of Benger Herman to the U. S. Senate. He married Carrie A. Seavey in 1888, and they had four children. He was elected to the Oregon Legislature in 1893. He contracted TB and was sick a few years before his death in 1907. He was still living in Coberg and left a sizable estate.

**Williams,
George**

USDS

Contract 154 (with 1871
George S. Pershin)
to

Contract 176 (by Lewis 1872
H. Judson as
compassman) (with

No individual could be determined to be this Deputy Surveyor. The likely candidates are: George H. Williams, Oregon U. S. Senator defeated for reelection in 1870, and appointed as U. S. Attorney General in 1871; Major George Williams, retired from active service in 1870 to return to Oregon where he grew up, and then worked in real estate; and school teacher George Williams of Portland. There is one signature in the oaths, and it does not match that of the Senator. George did not participate in the surveys as shown in the notes.

**Williams, Loren
Lyman "L. L."**

1828-1881

USDS

Contract 151 (With 1871
Addison Flint)
to

no more



c. 1877

Loren was born in New York and moved with his family to Michigan. He travelled to California on the Oregon Trail in 1850, and then went to Oregon in 1851 as part of a 75 man party of William Tichenor. The purpose of this party was to create a settlement at Port Orford and find a wagon road route through to the Oregon Trail at Yreka. This was July, 1851, and Tichenor had failed in his first attempt in June when his small party was attacked, and after three days, fled into the woods to make their way 40 miles to civilization.

Tichenor created two parties to attempt to find a route through the hills. The first gave up quickly and returned to Port Orford. Loren was assigned to a party led by William T'Vault. They started near Humbug Mountain, but soon became hopelessly lost. Half the men returned but the rest continued. They lost their horses and were attacked on the Coquille River in hostile Indian country. Loren and Silas Hedden escaped, but Loren received an arrow through his abdomen. He broke it off and kept it in until he made it to civilization. Silas led and carried him some 40 miles to the Umpqua River where they found help. Silas had been in the original group that fought at Battle Rock at Port Orford the month before. They were friends for life.

Loren performed many surveys along the Southern Oregon Coast, including the Port Orford area, Coos Bay, and the mouth of the Rogue. He enlisted in the Army in the Oregon Volunteers as a Captain in 1865, and was stationed around the Pacific Northwest. He saw significant fighting against the Indians. He mustered out in Vancouver in 1866, and spent most of his remaining years in Roseburg.

He served as Douglas County Treasurer and Clerk for several terms. He was a Clerk in the Roseburg Land Office in 1870, and received Joint Contract 151 with Addison Flint for 11 townships near Roseburg in 1871. Addison was his neighbor in Douglas County, and one of his chainmen was related to the family he was boarding with in 1870. Loren married late in life, had one child and died in San Francisco.

Wilson, Albert P. Albert first showed up in the records as Tillamook County Surveyor 1890-92. He received Contract 552 for five townships North of Tillamook on the Oregon Coast in 1890. He also received Contract 555 in 1890 for two townships on the Coast South of Tillamook. His last Contract was in 1892 for two townships in the Coast Range Northeast of Tillamook, and after an examination, he had to go back and rechain some line. He used J. A. McCall as "assnt. compassman" for part of the work. There is a notarized affidavit in the notes stating that Mr. O Rood wanted to "knock Mr Wilson out of his survey". Alfred was the Tillamook County Republican Central Committee Chair in 1895-96, and that is the last record for him.

USDS Contract 552 to Contract 568	1890 1891
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Withycombe, John, Sr. Born in England, John immigrated to a farm at Hillsboro, Oregon in 1871 with his family. He was the brother of Oregon Governor James Withycombe, who developed agricultural practices on the family farm. John married Anna Lena Williams from Wales shortly before 1878, and remarried to Mary Thomas from Wales in 1885 in the home of Governor Zenas Moody. John was a civil engineer and secured the job of a Special and Mining Clerk in the Surveyor General's Office of John Arnold in 1895, and by 1897 he was the Chief Draftsman. He continued that until at least 1910 and died in Portland in 1915.

1850-1915 Dr/Clerk Clerk to Clerk	1895 1905
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Wooley, Cary Allen Born in Kentucky, Cary moved with his family to Missouri when quite young. He was ordained in 1859, married Elizabeth Ann Huston in 1859, and headed West on the Oregon Trail in 1863, driving Missouri mules. Illness of his wife forced him to stop for two years in Colorado, but he completed his journey in 1865 to the Willamette Valley. He taught school, and for many years was a circuit riding preacher, having a following in at least a dozen small towns. Cary received Contract 414 for one township in the Coast Range West of Eugene in 1881. He was his own compassman and completed it without issue, but BLM questioned whether he ran the lines in rough terrain.

1836-1915 USDS Contract 414 to no more	1881
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Cary organized the Fairmont Church at Eugene, and for many years was its pastor. He almost accomplished the formation of a Presbyterian College at Sodaville, but the consolidation of the churches ended that. He died at his home in Eugene in 1915.

Wooley, Laban Franklin

1849-1923

Comp

Special Instructions (as 1887
Compassman for James
Currin and James
Noland)

to

no more

Born in Missouri, the son of minister Cary Allen Wooley, Laban came west with his family across the Oregon Trail in 1863. His mother became ill, and then stayed in Colorado for two years before completing the journey in 1865. They lived in Benton County in 1870, and Laban was a student in Eugene in 1880. His father continued his ministry, and Laban Married Amelia in 1881. Laban was an axman for his father on Contract 414 in 1881 for one township West of Eugene. There were enough helpers for two crews, and Laban may have been compassman for portions. Laban was the compassman for James Currin and James Nolan on the Umatilla Reservation doing allotments in 1887. After that he was a home builder in Cottage Grove until he retired.

Worden, Charles Elmer

1849-1923

Dem

IAA

Special Instructions 1896

to

no more

Born in Ohio the son of a Physician, Charles completed grammar and high school in Ohio. At age 19, he went to the Indian Reservations in Michigan to trade furs and buy timberlands from the Indians on their allotments. He married Emma C. Crowley in 1871 and started the first drug store in Isabella County, Michigan in that year. After a year, he sold out and returned to Delta, Ohio, where he engaged in buying West Indian slaves for a firm in Portland, Maine. He then went into the real estate, loan and brokerage business until 1894, the time of the "Panic of 1893". From 1890-94 he served as the Democrat State Congressional Committee Chairman in Ohio.

Charles then secured an appointment as Special Alloting Agent to the Klamath Indian Reservation from 1894-1897, where he surveyed 775 allotments. This was at a time that the allotments were challenged by the California and Oregon Land Company. In addition to the allotments, during his time at the Klamath Reservation, he laid out the Agency, named all lots, platted the Agency, named all streets, laid out parks and the cemetery, set apart school lands, named and numbered all Indians, and perfected a Census Roll.

Charles continued to reside and prosper in Klamath Falls after his Agency days. He platted the Klamath Addition to Linkville, Fairview Addition to Klamath Falls, and Mountain View Addition, all in 1903-04. In 1909 he was the President of The American Bank and Trust Co. in Klamath Falls. He had moved to Portland by 1919 when Emma died, and Charles remarried to 43 year old Elizabeth M. Frick in January, 1922 in Vancouver, Washington. He married again to Martha E. Cottier in June, 1923 in Vancouver, but died five months later.

Worrick, Elmer

Oscar

1859-1940

USDS

Contract 632 (with
Alonzo Gesner)

1894

to

Contract 669 (with
Alonzo Gesner)

1897

Born in Illinois, Elmer was in Salem, Oregon by 1894 when he received his first Contract, a Joint Contract with Alonzo GESner, which had corrections. He married Henrietta Fetterhoff in Salem in 1896. His second Contract in 1896 in the Willamette and Umpqua Vallies, was also with Alonzo Gesner. They struggled through six examinations over a period of 15 years before getting part of it approved. Before the first two Contracts were done, the pair received a small Contract in 1897 in Clackamas County. It was examined once by David Kinnaird apparently without issue. In 1899, Oscar joined the Army Infantry as a Captain, and served in the Philippines. He stayed in the Philippines until at least 1929, when he was noted traveling with three children, leaving Manila. Henrietta had divorced him in 1908, but he had a daughter born in the Phillipines in 1910.

Worth, Edward

G.

1863-1948

S G

Surveyor General

1913

to

no more

Edward was born in Oregon on the family Donation Claim, and he was educated through high school. His father died when he was four years old, and he was raised by his mother in Linn county. He was a civil engineer in Portland in 1900, and a merchant in Portland in 1910, always living with his mother. He was the Surveyor General of Oregon from 1913-1921, living with his mother in Portland in 1920, and living with a sister in Portland in 1930. Edward was still in Portland in 1935, and was on a farm in Polk County in 1940. It

Worthington,

Irving

1868-1928

USDMS

Mineral Survey

1904

to

no more

See WA GLO Surveyors Personal Notes

Wright, William See WA GLO Surveyors Personal Notes.

P.

1839-1920+

Dr/Clerk

USDS

Contract 249 1876

to

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Wygant, Morris

Born in New York., he was a farmer in Albany, Oregon in 1900, and a surveyor in Salem in 1910 and 1920. He was a widower, living with his son in Astoria in 1930, and died there in 1935.

1856-

USDS

Contract 742 (with Zachariah Derrick 1902

to

Contract 773 1908

**York, Aaron
Pinkley Fletcher**

Born in Indiana, Aaron married Alice Springer by 1874, and had a son, Aaron York. He was a chainman for Alonzo Gesner West of Burns in 1877, a surveyor in Marion County, Oregon in 1880, a surveyor in Kittitas, Washington in 1887-89, a surveyor in Liberty, Washington in 1900, and also a surveyor in public work in 1910 in Liberty. Aaron was a chainman for Ernest Anderson for Mineral survey 342 at Liberty in 1895. He was married, living alone, in 1887, married to A. R. York from California in 1889, and was a widower by 1900.

1850-

USDS

Contract 309 1878

to

Contract 394 1881

Zahner, Peter

Peter was born in Mifflin, Ohio and graduated from Princeton in 1861. He was an engineer for UPRR out of Omaha in 1866, and later worked for the Denver and Rio Grande Road. He was with the ORN by 1875, and was an engineer for several branches of the RR out of Walla Walla. The Oregon Surveyor General hired him to survey a 640 acre addition to Pendleton in 1883 on the adjacent Umatilla Indian Reservation, and it was completed in 1884 for \$2000. In 1888 he was Chief Engineer of the Washington and Idaho RR Company on a line from Tekoa to Mullen, Idaho, and also of a line from Farmington, Washington to Spokane.

1835-1891

USDS

Special Instructions 1883

to

no more

To quote from his memorial in the Princeton Annual Report, "...A tall, spare man, Zahner was of quiet and unpretending demeanor, but used to bring down the house in uproarious stamping and cheering with his recitations in mathematics..." He died in Pendleton, and his wife moved to Spokane where she died in 1920. His son, Joseph was a civil engineer and surveyor.

**Zieber, John
Shunk, Jr.**

1841-1864

Dr/Clerk

Clerk

1859

to

no more



See Wash GLO Personal Notes

**Zieber, John
Shunk, Sr.**

1803-1878

Dem

Dr/Clerk

S G

Clerk

1853

to

Surveyor General

1856



see WA GLO Personal Notes

Abbreviations

Count	Abbreviation	Name
328	USDS =	United States Deputy Surveyor
68		
7		
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79	USDMS =	United States Deputy Mineral Surveyor
51	SES =	Special Examiner of Surveys (Hired by the Commissioner)
7	EX =	Examiner of Surveys (Hired by the Surveyor General)
19	S G =	Surveyor General
15	Ch Clerk =	Chief Clerk in Surveyor General's Office
77	Dr/Clerk =	Draftsman/ Clerk in Surveyor General's Office
669	Total	

73	Rep	Republican
26	Dem	Democrat
11	Whig	Whig
1	Peoples	Peoples
1	Union	Union
	Ind	Independent
1	Prohib	Prohibition
	Free Soil	Free Soil
1	Fusion	Fusion
	Greenback	Greenback
	Populist	Populist
	Socialist	Socialist