

# The Oregon Territory Inhabitants Prior To 1839



Prior to the first wagon emigration of 1842 there were many visitors to the Oregon Territory. Some adventurers came by ship, some were fur traders and mountain men that came overland and many were missionaries who came to the wilderness to minister to the native population. Below is a list of some of these individuals, the year in which they came and a brief explanation of who they were.

1811 AIKEN, Job: Astorian on Tonquin; drowned at the mouth of the Columbia River

1828 ALEXANDER, Jean P. dit Saunders (see Saunders)

1836 ALTZ, John:

1834 ANDERSON, William Marshall (1807-1881): [OHS MS; also in Frontier Omnibus, edited by A.J. Patrol.]

1834 ANDERSON, Winslow:

1830 ARCOUET, Amable Sr.:

1813 ASHTON, Joseph: Pacific Fur Co Employee; sailor and workman

1830 AUBICHON, Jean Baptiste:

183? AUSANT, Louis; (aka Aucent, Ossant, Aussent, Ozan, Ossin); see OZAN

1832 BALL, John: lawyer, teacher, graduated 1820 from Dartmouth College, joined Wyeth's overland expedition in 1832, established first American farm at Champoeg, became disenchanted with primitive life and returned to NY in 1833, moved to Michigan where he spent remainder of his life. \*1: MSS#195, 9pp letter, typescript in collection of OHS.

1829 BATES, James M. (1809-1882): m'd 1847 CALDWELL, Margaret Mrs.; went to sea in 1827 and visited the Pacific Coast; 1837 returned to Oregon on the ship "Don Quixote"; joined the missionaries as a blacksmith

1812 BEAUCHEMIN, Antoine: Canadian voyageur; overland Astorian, may have dropped out

1836 BEAVER, Jane: m'd BEAVER, Herbert Rev. ; accompanied husband to Fort Vancouver; was appalled at the domestic conditions in affect at the Fort and continued to hold herself aloof from the rest of the population until their departure in 1838

1836 BEAVER, Herbert Rev.: chaplain at Fort Vancouver from 1836-1838; was described as a rather small person, with a light complexion and feminine voice; felt his clerical dignity was defiled by the gentlemen at Fort Vancouver due to the domestic relations of the Hudsons Bay men with local native women; the departure of the Rev. Beaver was hastened by an angry confrontation with Dr. McLoughlin which almost resulted in a duel

1837 BEERS, Alanson (1800-1853): m'd [], Rachel; was born in Connecticut; blacksmith; member of reinforcements that arrived on Diana in May 1837; member of board of Oregon Institute until his death; involved in establishment of Provisional Govt; involved in forming first military organization; stayed on farm after mission was dissolved; father of six children; d. 20 Feb 1853; buried Lee Mission Cemetery, Salem, OR

1813 BELL, George: Pacific Fur Co Employee

1813 BELLANGER, Andre: Northwest Company employee

1808 BELLAIRE, Registre:

1813 BELLANT, Alexis: Northwest Company employee

1811 BELLEAU, Antoine: Pacific Fur Co Employee; Astorian on the Tonquin

1813 BELLEAU, Jean Baptise: Pacific Fur Co Employee; Astorian on the Tonquin

1818 BELLEQUE, Pierre (1793-1849): m'd ST. MARTIN, Genevieve; Northwest Company employee, joined Hudson Bay Co in 1821; settled in Willamette Valley in 1833 to farm; went to CA gold fields; died on journey home and was buried at sea off the mouth of the Columbia

1808 BERCIER, Pierre Sr. (-1830): m'd FINLAY, Emelie; Northwest Company employee

1813 BERNIER, Julian: Northwest Company employee

1813 BETHUNE, Angus: Northwest Company employee

1837 BINGHAM, Rev. Hiram (1789-1869): head of the Presbyterian mission in 1837.

1838 BLANCHET, Francis Norbert: Catholic priest, arrived at Fort Vancouver in 1838 from Canada with Modeste Demers. [see web page under heading Missionaries for additional information]

1813 BOISVERT, Augustin: Northwest Company employee

1813 BOUCHER, Charles: Pacific Fur Co Employee; overland Astorian

1813 BOUCHER, Jean Baptiste: Northwest Company employee; interpreter

1813 BOULLARD, Michel: Northwest Company employee; summerman

1813 BOWITHICK, Joseph: Northwest Company employee; hunter

1804 BRATTON, William Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1792 BROUGHTON, Lt. William R.: accompanied Capt. George Vancouver on exploring expedition that arrived in Oct 1792.

1811 BROUSSEAU, Bazile: Pacific Fur Co Employee; overland Astorian

1811 BRUGIERE, Pierre: Pacific Fur Co Employee; overland Astorian

1811 BRUGIERE, Regis: visitor to Astoria from Canada

1811 CANNON, William: freeman trapper in 1814, millwright for Hudson's Bay Co for a time, by 1843 was running milling operations at Thomas McKay mill at Champoeg; overland Astorian

1813 CARDINALE, Guill.: Pacific Fur Co employee

1828 CARPENTIER, Angelique and Sophie (1828-1859): were the daughters of Charles Carpentier. They were placed in the Methodist Mission School near Salem for a few years when they were left motherless. After leaving the mission, Angelique seems to have had a number of lovers. At the time of her murder, at the hands of her current husband, Charles Roe, the Oregonian reported that "She had previously lived with a Negro and a Kanaka and had children by both."

1812 CARRIER, Michel: overland Astorian

1811 CARSON, Alexander: freeman trapper, distant relative of Christopher Carson, victim of Indian attack c1836 in Yamhill Co on Alec's Butte [which was later named after him]; Gunsmith; overland Astorian

1820 CAILLE, Paschale Bisconet:

1812 CASS, Martin H.: overland Astorian

1813 CAYALLE, Antoine: Northwest Company employee

1838 CHALIFOU, Andre Sr. (1789-1851): m'd RUSSIE, Catherine; was steersman on the brigade bringing Fathers Blanchet and Demers west in 1838; brought wife and several children with him; two of his sons were drowned in a bateau accident at the Dalles; settled on French Prairie.

1837 CHAMBERLAND, Francois-Dolphus (1818-1888): aka CHAMBERLAIN, Adolphus; m1. Julienne Watiece (five known children); m2. Louise Humperville (eleven children); born in

Montreal, Canada; came with Dr. McLoughlin to Fort Vancouver in 1837; worked for Hudson Bay Co as tinsmith; settled on French Prairie; was literate; member of the Provisional Legislature in the late 1840s; Secretary of the St. Paul School Board; some of his children used the English surname Chamberlain, others used the French Chamberland; one of the last to be buried in the Old St. Paul Cemetery, St. Paul, OR.

1804 CHARBONNEAU, Toussaint, interpreter: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1813 CIRE, Joseph: employee of Northwest Co.

1812 CLAPPINE, Antoine: overland Astorian

1804 CLARK, William Clark: headed expedition with friend, Meriwether Lewis to the Oregon country.

1812 CLARKE, John (1871-1852): m'd KANHOPITSA, Joseph; Pacific Fur Co Employee; Astorian on Beaver; 1814 joined Hudson Bay Co; buried Clarke Cemetery, Montreal, Canada (see book "Old Montreal" by his daughter, Adele Clarke)

1811 COLES, John: Astorian on the Tonquin; drowned at the mouth of the Columbia River

1804 COLTER, John Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1804 COLLINS, John Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1835 COMPO, Charles: [an interpreter for missionary, Samuel Parker, he settled near Waiilatpu soon after he came to the mission with Parker in 1835.]

1811 CONE, George: Pacific Fur Co Employee; overland Astorian

1838 CONNER, James: formerly an employee of the HBC and the American Fur Co, he and his Nez Perce wife and baby arrived with the Missionary party.

1813 COTENOIRE, Michel: employee of Northwest Co.

1811 COTE, Joseph (aka Cotte): Pacific Fur Co Employee; overland Astorian

1826 COURNAILLE, Joseph Sr.:

1811 COX, Ross: Pacific Fur Co employee; clerk under both the Astorians and Northwest Company, returned to native Ireland in 1817

1829 CRAIG, William (1807-1869):

1837 CRAIGIE, James (1813-1895):

1838 CRETE, Edouard: French Canadian; came by canoe route across Canada in 1838; employed as master of canoe and bateau fleet for Hudsons Bay Co; brought Spalding and Whitman survivors down to Fort Vancouver after Whitman Massacre for Peter Skene Ogden; 1849 retired to Crates Point below the Dalles, raising stock and transporting emigrants down river in partnership with Charles Lefevre of Pendleton; father of 14 children.

1811 CROOKS, Ramsay: Astorian

1804 CRUZATTE, Peter Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1811 DAY, John: Pacific Fur Co Employee; freeman trapper, hunter; overland Astorian

1805 DEGRE, Philippe:

1811 DELAUNEY, Joseph: Pacific Fur Co Employee; freeman trapper; overland Astorian

1811 DELAUNAY, Pierre: Pacific Fur Co Employee; hunter; overland Astorian

1832 DELOR/DELARD, Joseph: settled on French Prairie

1811 DELORME, Jean Baptiste: Pacific Fur Co Employee; overland Astorian

1811 DINNELLE, Louis (aka Dinelle): Pacific Fur Co Employee; overland Astorian

1838 DEMERS, Modeste: Catholic priest; arrived at Fort Vancouver from Canada with Francis Norbert Blanchet.

1811 DETAYE, Pierre: overland Astorian

1838 DIX, Mary Augusta (1810-1881): m. GRAY, William Henry

1811 DORION, Pierre: Pacific Fur Co Employee; interpreter; overland Astorian

1823 DOUGLAS, David: British botanist who spent time exploring territory from 1823-1827

1830 DOUGLAS, James Sir (1803-1877): was educated in Scotland. He came to Fort Vancouver in 1830 and was second in command for many years.

1837 DOUGLAS, Mr. and Mrs.: arrived on the first of at least two ships to Oregon in 1837]

1837 DOWNING, Susan: m'd 1837 SHEPARD, Cyrus; member of reinforcements sent to aid Jason Lee and the Willamette Mission; arrived in May 1837 and married Cyrus Shepard two months after her arrival in a joint ceremony with Jason Lee and Anna Maria Pittman and Charles Roe and Nancy, an Indian girl.

1830 DRIPS, Alexander: (sometimes spelled DRAEPS); had been trapper/trader since the 1820s; founder, with Henry Vanderburgh of the American Fur Company; accompanied Sutter to the Willamette Valley in 1839; after Fontenelle's death in the winter of 1839-40, Joe Walker became his unofficial partner; the American Fur Company was disbanded at Rendezvous in 1840 but Drips (in company with Bridger and Carson) continued to travel various trails as a guide/trader.

1804 DROUILLARD, George, interpreter: [aka Drewyer] member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1811 DUBREUIL, Jean Baptiste ( - 1849): m'd 1839 Youlkta, Marguerite (Chinook) Pacific Fur Co Employee; was a Canadian boatman who was also called a "hunter"; overland Astorian; settled on French Prairie; died in the gold fields in 1849; widow remarried Charles Plante; Natcisse Cornoyer was appointed guardian of his minor children

1811 DUCHARQUETTE, Francois (aka Dechouquette): Pacific Fur Co Employee; Blacksmith; overland Astorian

1811 DUFRESNE, Andre: Pacific Fur Co Employee; hunter; overland Astorian

1813 DUPUIS, Nicholas; reportedly was at Astoria during this time period, returned east, married and emigrated with his family in 1853

1833 EBBERTS, George W. (1810- ): employee of the American Fur Co when he first visited OR in 1833; returned in 1839

1834 EDWARDS, Philip Leget: native of Kentucky. In 1834, at age 22, he joined the Jason Lee expedition to Oregon as a lay helper. He taught school at Champoeg in 1835, and in 1836 went to California with the other settlers in the area to obtain cattle for the mission. In March 1838, he returned to the states with Jason Lee \*1: MSS#235, 11pp letter, manuscript and typescript in manuscript collection at OHS.

1838 EELLS, Rev. Cushing (1810- ): m. FAIRBANKS, Myra; Congregationalist missionaries which came in 1838 missionary reinforcements; \*1: MSS#1218, letters, typescript in collection at OHS.

1825 ERMATINGER, Edward (1797- ): Edward was born in 1797 on the island of Elba, the s/o Lawrence Edward Ermatinger and an unnamed Italian woman; educated in England; he and his brother, Francis, (see Francis bio for additional information) were appointed clerks in the service of the Hudsons Bay Company in 1818; on July 21, 1825 Edward and his brother left York Factory for the Columbia district, where both had been appointed to serve as clerks; Edward became Chief Clerk at Ft. Vancouver; he retired from the fur trade in 1830

1825 ERMATINGER, Francis (1798-1858): m'd 1858 SINCLAIR, Catherine; Francis was born in Lisbon, Estre Madura, Portugal in 1798, the s/o Lawrence Edward Ermatinger and an unnamed Italian woman; he was educated in England; he and his brother, Edward, were appointed clerks in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company in 1818; they sailed from

Gravesend on May 18 and arrived at York Factory on August 14; on Sep 8, Francis left York Factory for the Severn district, where he was stationed during his first years of service; on July 21, 1825, Francis and his brother left York Factory for the Columbia district, where they both had been appointed to serve as clerks; described in 1828 by Governor Simpson as "a stout active boistrous fellow who is a tolerable Clerk and Trader and qualified to be useful where bustle and activity without any great exercise of judgment are necessary."; Frances spent almost 40 years in the service of the company, mostly on the Pacific Coast and was promoted to chief trader in 1841; Francis was elected first treasurer of the new Provisional Government, a post which he kept until his retirement and return to Canada; he died in 1858 at St. Thomas, Canada West was buried in St. Thomas, Parish Cemetery, Ontario, Canada

1838 FAIRBANKS, Myra (1805-1878): m. EELLS, Cushing Rev.; Congregationalist missionaries that arrived at Whitman Mission in the winter of 1838-39 as part of reinforcements; \*1: MSS#1218 62pp journal manuscript in collection at OHS.

1811 FARNHAM, Russell: Pacific Fur Co employee; clerk; Astorian on the Tonquin

1811 FELIX, Prisque: Pacific Fur Co employee; overland Astorian

1804 FIELDS, Joseph Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1804 FIELDS, Reuben Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1808 FINLAY, Jacques Raphael "Jocko" (1768-1828): s/o James Finlay (a Nor'wester) and a Chippewa Indian; came west as a scout/trail blazer for David Thompson; helped build Spokane House; had 20 or more children who all were involved in the development of the Pacific Northwest (note: most of the children spelled their name as Finley)

182? FITZPATRICK, Thomas: was a member of the Rocky Mountain Fur Co; know to the Indians as "Bad Hand"; 1823 joined party led by Gen. William Ashley to mountains to trap beaver; hired for \$500 by Dr. Elijah White to guide his party to Fort Hall; 1864 appointed Indian agent; guide with the Bidwell-Bartleson Party in 1841

FLANAGAN, Moses: Pacific Fur Co employee; Bookbinder

FLETT, John:

1804 FLOYD, Charles Sgt: d. 20 Aug 1804 near present Sioux City. \*1: MSS#1508, 30pp journal in OHS collection; member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1830 : FONTENELLE, Lucien: died winter 1837-38; replaced Vanderburgh after his death in 1832 as Drip's partner.

1830 FORCIER, Louis:

1811 FOX, Ebenezer D.: Astorian on the Tonquin; drowned at mouth of Columbia River

1811 FRANCHERE, Gabriel: Pacific Fur Co employee; clerk

1804 FRAZIER, Robert Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1811 FRIPAGNIER, Francois: overland Astorian

1813 GAILLOUX, Joseph: employee of Northwest Co.

1834 : GALE, Joseph: m'd Eliza who was d/o Old Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce; traveled at least part way with the Wyeth Expedition; he settled in the Willamette Valley c1840.

1811 GARDIPIE, Jean Baptiste: Pacific Fur Co employee; hunter; overland Astorian

1804 GASS, Patrick Sgt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"; was still in territory in 1807

1835 GAY, George Kirby (1810-1882): m'd HARE (Chehalis, Worley), Louisa; m'd. MANSON, Mary; m'd RUBIDOW, Mary Ann; 1821 apprenticed as a sailor; was in CA in 1833 where he deserted ship and joined Ewing Young in a trapping expedition to the north; came overland in 1835 to the Willamette Valley with William Bailey and John Turner; was involved in an Indian attack that killed several of his companions in 1835; was a member of the party of 1836 sent to CA to secure cattle for the Champoege settlement; built the first brick house in Oregon; owned land in Polk and Yamhill Co; a granite block with a bronze marker, noting George Gay's contributions to the provisional government of 1843 was erected by the DAR in May 1931. It is located on the Salem-Dayton Highway (state 221) at milepost 9.60.

1811 GERVAIS, Joseph: Pacific Fur Co employee; freeman; hunter; married daughter of Clatsop Chief Coboway and settled on a farm near Champoege c.1831; overland Astorian

1804 GIBSON, George Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1838 GILBERT, Sarah: m. SMITH, Asa H. Rev.

c1828 GINGRAS, Jean (1802-1856): m1. 1841 OKANOGAN, Charlotte Skialks (they had been together for twenty+ years already); m2. FORCIER, Olive; s/o Joseph Gingras; (aka Inigras and Gengras, etc) employee of Hudson Bay Company; spent his years of service stationed between the Rockies and the Cascades; in 1841 rose to position of Post Master at Fort Okanogan; retired to French Prairie to a claim on the river west of St. Paul Mission; buried at old St. Paul Cemetery in unmarked grave

c1828 GINGRAS, Jean II (1831- ): m'd 1850 FINLAY, Elizabeth "Betsy"; s/o Jean and Charlotte (Okanogan) Gingras; by 1855 appears to have been living near Walla Walla, WA c1828  
GINGRAS, Joseph (1829-1913): m'd 1848 Bastien, Marianne; s/o Jean and Charlotte (Okanogan) Gingras.

1804 GOODRICH, Silas Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1792 GRAY, Capt. Robert: arrived by ship in 1792 to explore the Oregon territory.

1836 GRAY, William Henry (1810-1889): \*1: MSS#1202, 87pp printed journal in collection at OHS

1813 GUERIN, Morise: Pacific Fur Co employee

1804 HALL, Hugh Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1811 HALSEY, J. Cook: Pacific Fur Co employee; clerk; built a house and trading post on the Willamette near Salem.

1823 HARRIS, Moses [aka Black Harris]: Was a pilot for Nathaniel Ford in 1844; stayed in Oregon for 3 years exploring new land routes into the valley for emigration and trade; rescued emigrants who lost way in 1845; May 1847 returned east where he died May 1849 in Independence, MO from cholera. [: by this year was already an experienced mountain man as an independent trapper. He traveled to St. Louis with Sublette in 1825-26.]

1836 HART, Eliza: m'd SPALDING, Henry Rev.; with Methodist Missionary party. \*1: MSS#1201, 32pp diary typescript in collection at OHS

1813 HARTEAU, Jacque: Pacific Fur Co employee; freeman hunter

1834 HAUXHURST, Webley J.: went to sea as young man, deserted when his ship reached CA; spent 3 years in Monterey as furniture maker and carpenter; came to OR with Ewing Young in 1834; became first white convert of the Oregon Mission, abandoned intemperate ways and became leader in church.

1814 HENRY, Alexander: in Oregon territory by 1814

1813 HENRY, William: clerk for the Northwest Co, in charge of Willamette valley post near Champoeg in 1813

1833-34 HITCHCOCK, Isaac: indications are that Isaac may have been in CA as early as 1833-1834 with the Bonneville party; he had an early knowledge of the Sierra Nevada mountains and appears to show up in the same areas as Walker; accompanied his widowed daughter, Elizabeth Patterson and her 5 children as a member and guide for the Murphy-Stephens party of 1844

1811 HOBACK, John (aka Hobough): Pacific Fur Co employee; freeman hunter; overland Astorian

1811 HODGKINS, Francis William (aka Hodgens): Pacific Fur Co employee; Blacksmith; overland Astorian

1834 HORD/HOWARD/HOARD, John: was illiterate and signed his name with an "X", consequently his name has been found spelled numerous ways; came up from California with Ewing Young in 1834. He was a farmer, carpenter, and tavern keeper at Champoeg.

1804 HOWARD, Thomas P. Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1837 HOWELL, John: reportedly part of an exploration group during this year; returned with family in 1843

1834 HUBBARD, Thomas Jefferson: came to Oregon with Wyeth's second expedition in 1834; shot Thornburg, the expedition's tailor in argument over an Indian girl; was declared self defense.

1837 : HULL, Sarah: a Native American child left her family in the Willamette Valley to live with the Whitmans this year. She died in August 1838.

1811 HUNT, Wilson Price: overland Astorian

1830 JACKSON, David E.: partner in expeditions with Jedediah Smith and William Sublette, Smith-Jackson-Sublette expedition of 1830 was the beginning for the Oregon Trail.

1811 JACQUETTE, Charles: Pacific Fur Co employee; overland Astorian

1821 JEAUDOIN, Charles: in Willamette valley in 1821, settled in what is now Marion Co.

1811 JEREMIE, Paul Den.: Pacific Fur Co employee; Astorian on the Tonquin

1837 JOHNSON, Elivra: m'd PERKINS, Henry Kirk White Rev.; arrived in May 1837 as a member of reinforcements sent to aid Jason Lee at the Willamette Mission; married H.K.W. Perkins at the end of her first year in Oregon.

1817 JOHNSON, William: went to sea as young man, claimed to have fought on the Constitution against the Guerriere in the War of 1812, joined the Northwest Co in 1817, 1821 joined Hudsons Bay Co, was trapper who later took up farming, had Indian wife, c1842 left successful farm and moved to Portland where he began distilling a concoction known as "Blue Ruin" which gained him local fame, built first house in Portland

1811 JONES, Benjamin: overland Astorian

1837 \*2: JUDSON, Rev. Lewis Hubell (1809-1880): [OHS MS, papers for 1837-1849]

1834 KELLEY, Hall J.: Oregon promoter that organized a group of 13 men in southern Calif. to come to Oregon in 1834.

1837 KINNEY, Mary A.: m'd LESLIE, David

1804 LABICHE, Francis Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1811 LABONTE, Jean Baptiste: Pacific Fur Co employee; overland Astorian

1811 LABONTE, Louis Sr.: Pacific Fur Co employee; carpenter; was in service of Northwest Company, joined Astors overland expedition, became employee of Hudsons Bay Company, returned to Canada in 1828 and returned overland again in 1830 to the Columbia where he married a daughter of the Clatsop chief Coboway; overland Astorian

1811 LACHAPELLE, Andre (1781-1881): Pacific Fur Co employee; overland Astorian; employed by HBC in 1817; blacksmith at Fort George (Astoria); 1824 to Fort Vancouver; 1833 to Canada and then returned to Fort Vancouver; returned to Canada again in 1836 for a brief stay; 1841 took up farming on French Prairie where he remained until his death

1813 LAFANTIESSIE, : Pacific Fur Co employee

1811 LAFRAMBOISE, Michel: Pacific Fur Co employee

1811 LALIBERTE, Louis: Pacific Fur Co employee; overland Astorian

1811 LANDRY, Francois: Pacific Fur Co employee; overland Astorian

1811 LANDRY, Joseph: Pacific Fur Co employee; overland Astorian; worked for Northwest Company with agreement that he was free to hunt on Willamette in winter

1811 LANSON, Michel: overland Astorian

1804 LAPAGE, Baptiste Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"; enlisted at Fort Mandan to replace John Newman who was punished for misconduct and sent back to St. Louis Apr 7, 1805.

1811 LAPENSEE, Basil: Astorian on the Tonquin

1811 LAPENSEE, Ignace: Astorian on the Tonquin

1813 LA PIERRE, Joseph: Pacific Fur Co employee

183? LARISON, John (aka Larrison, Larisson): m'd PERRAULT, Helene Reinette; Larison was one of the old breed of mountain men, coming from OH originally; when he left the mountains he retired to a location near the mouth of the Yamhill River

1813 LASSIER, Charles: Pacific Fur Co employee

1813 LATOUR, Francois: employee of Northwest Co.

1830 LATOURETTE/LADEROUTE, Francis Xavier:

1830 LAVAGUEUR, Hyacinthe ( -1846); m'd COLVILLE, Marguerite; was in the west by 1831; settled in the St. Paul area; died in 1846 while helping to build the church at St. Paul; his wife died two years later and both are buried in the St. Paul Cemetery. Hyacinthe was a farmer but also made pottery and iron work articles. Four children survived the parents.

1811 LAVALLE, Louis: Pacific Fur Co employee; overland Astorian

1811 LE CLERE, Giles: Pacific Fur Co employee: Astorian on the Tonquin

1811 LECLERC, Francois: overland Astorian

1811 LE COMPTE, Alexis: Pacific Fur Co employee; overland Astorian

1834 LEE, Daniel Rev. (1806-1895): m'd 1840 WAIR [aka WARE], Maria; was the nephew of Jason Lee and accompanied him to Oregon in 1834. Much of his work in Oregon was done at The Dalles. In 1843 he and his family returned to the east because of his wife's ill health. [ He built Wascopam Mission at the Dalles in 1838 while Jason Lee was in the States.]

1834 LEE, Jason Rev. (1803-1845): m'd PITTMAN, Anna Maria; built first Methodist mission in 1834 with help of nephew, Daniel Lee, and 3 lay assistants Cyrus Shepard, Philip L. Edwards and Courtney M. Walker.

1811 LEROUX, Guillaume: overland Astorian

1837 LESLIE, David Rev. (1797- ): m1. KINNEY, Mary A.; m2. JUDSON, A.; arrived Sep 1837 in reinforcements sent out to Willamette Mission; accompanied by wife and 3 children

1837 LESLIE, Miss #1: d/o David and Mary Leslie

1837 LESLIE, Miss #2: d/o David and Mary Leslie

1837 LESLIE, Miss #3: d/o David and Mary Leslie

1804 LEWIS, Meriwether: headed expedition with friend, William Clark, to the Oregon country. Meriwether Lewis, son of William and Mary [Garland] Lewis, was born on 18 Aug 1774 near the town of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, VA. After returning from the expedition he was nominated and confirmed as governor of Louisiana. In the fall of 1809 Lewis left for Chickasaw Bluffs, now Memphis, TN. He never reached his destination. He committed suicide due to depression and derangement. The State of Tennessee, where Lewis is buried, created Lewis county out of other counties, and in 1848 erected a monument to his memory over his grave. The inscription reads: Meriwether Lewis, Born near Charlottesville, VA., August 18, 1774. Died October 11, 1809. Age 35 years.

1811 LEWIS, Mr.: Astorian; died on Tonquin when overrun by Indians

1813 LITTLE, John: Pacific Fur Co employee; boatbuilder

1837 LONG, John:

1811 LONGTAIN, Andre (1794- ): c1820 OKANOGAN, Nancy; new documentation provides evidence that Longtain was on the Tonquin; became prominent early settler at Champoeg; entered fur trade with NW Co about 1819; was employee of Hudson Bay Co in the Columbia District as a mid-boat oarsman and trapper from c1826-c1833; settled c1835 at Champoeg; the current Champoeg State Park is largely composed of land which was within his claim

1813 LONGTAIN, Etienne: employee of Northwest Co.

1812 LUCIER, Charles: overland Astorian

1812 LUCIER, Etienne: m'd 02 Mar 1772 in Boucherville, PQ, Canada; s/o Michel Lussier & Marie Victoire Deline-Valet \* per Bernard Lussier at asdf@vif.com; overland Astorian; Pacific Fur Co employee; overland Astorian; was a freeman by 1826; maintained a camp near Champoeg where he was dealing in horses; described as short and stocky; by 1814 had an Indian wife; 1829 he joined McLeod's party for an expedition southward to Calif; by 1830 he was back, and had taken up farming.

1838 MAHI, Joseph: died in 1839 in the Sandwich Islands [ Joseph MAHI or MAKI, with wife Maria, arrived to assist the Whitmans in the summer of 1838 as replacements for the Owyhees. A batchelor, Jack, arrived with them [roster Narcissa Whitman]

1838 MAHI (or MAKI), Maria:

1813 MAJEAU, Louis: employee of Northwest Co.

1829 MANSON, Donald: established Ft. Simpson for the HBC in this year; established Ft. McLaughlin (Vancouver) in 1830; in charge of Kamloop station after the murder of Black in 1841; in charge of Ft. Stikeen after the murder of John McLaughlin Jr. in 1841.

1812 MARTIAL, Francois (aka Marcial): Pacific Fur Co employee; sawyer; overland Astorian

1811 MARTIN, John: Astorian on the Tonquin; drowned at the mouth of the Columbia River

1813 MASCON, Alexis: Pacific Fur Co employee

1811 MATTHEWS, William W.: Pacific Fur Co employee; clerk and archt.; Astorian on the Tonquin

1812 MCCLELLAN, Robert: [listed as Robert McLellan]; overland Astorian

1836 MCDONALD, Archibald (or Angus?): probably already a long-term employee of the HBC in the Northwest, took charge of Ft. Coleville in this year and remained as head of the fort until 1843 with his half-breed wife and their four children. 1824 MCDONALD, Finnan: in Oregon territory by 1824, no record of original arrival

1811 MCDUGALL, Duncan: partner in Pacific Fur Co; Astorian on the Tonquin

1811 MCGILLIS, Donald: Pacific Fur Co employee, clerk; Astorian on the Tonquin

1811 MCKAY, Alexander: Astorian on the Tonquin; was murdered by Indians when the Tonquin was overrun during a trading expedition shortly after its arrival.

1811 MCKAY, Jean Baptiste Desportes: overland Astorian; stayed in Oregon after the breakup of the company; c1830 he settled at French Prairie and became a prosperous farmer

1811 MCKAY, Thomas: Pacific Fur Co employee; clerk and interpreter; Astorian on the Tonquin; son of Alexander McKay and Marguerite Wadin. Mother was Indian, remarried John McLoughlin after murder of her husband on Tonquin. Thomas was tall, muscular, had thin face, black hair, whiskers and restless black eyes set beneath projecting eyebrows.

"Despite the fact that he walked with a limp he expressed great energy and daring. Called one of the best shots in the country and was cool and resolute among the Indians. Worked for Hudsons Bay Co. Had Indian wife and divided his time between his home at Champoeg and his home at Scappoose. Buried on his claim at Scappoose." [per Champoeg, Place of Transition by Hussey]

1811 MCKAY, family of Thomas: 2 sons, John and Alexander, who went east with Marcus Whitman in 1838 and returned to Oregon with him. Daughter, Margarete, stayed for education with the Whitmans in the winter of 1837-38. Daughter Henrietta also stayed with the Whitmans the same winter and often thereafter.

1811 MCKENZIE, Andrew:

1811 MCKENZIE, Donald: was originally clerk for Northwest Company before becoming a partner in the Pacific Fur Co. His energy and enthusiasm earned him the nickname "Perpetual Motion"; overland Astorian

1813 MCLENNAN, Donald: Pacific Fur Co employee; clerk

1826 MCLEOD, Alexander Roderick: chief trader for Hudson's Bay Co, was in territory by 1826, no record for original date of arrival. [ Became a companion of McKay after 1836; settled in Tualatin c1846]

c1832 MCLEOD, John (1815-aft 1880): emigrated from Red River c 1832; worked for the Hudson Bay Company; appears there were two John McLeods in the area about the same time; believed to have died in WA

1825 MCLOUGHLIN, Eloisa (1817-1884): m1. RAE, William Glen; m2. HARVEY, Daniel

1825 MCLOUGHLIN, John Dr. (1784-1857): Chief Factor of the Hudson's Bay Company, Columbia District, from 1825-1846; quite prominent in the early history of Oregon; described as being 6'6" tall with long white hair; he used to wear a long blue cloak thrown around him; on the

one hand he had very courtly manners and on the other a very strong will that was prone to temper; he was well thought of by most who knew him and aided many a traveler that stopped at his door

1825 MCLOUGHLIN, John Jr.: Murdered in 1841 near Ft. Stikeen where he had taken charge with William Glen Rae in the winter of 1839-40.

1825 MCLOUGHLIN, Joseph (1809-1848): c1825?, oldest son of John and his first wife, settled as a farmer near Champoeg, and was on the committee to draft a code of laws for the provisional government. He died from the effects of a fall over a cliff in the Umpqua region.

1837 MCLOUGHLIN, Miss Marian: arrived in September on the second of at least two ships to Oregon in 1837 ( per N. Whitman)

1837 MCLOUGHLIN, Mrs.: arrived in May on the first of at least two ships to Oregon in 1837 (per N. Whitman)

1804 MCNEAL, Hugh Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1811 MCTAVISH, Donald: fur trader with the NW Company came to the Oregon Territory in April 1814, as chief trader, accompanied by Jane Barnes. On May 22, 1814, McTavish and four others drowned while crossing the Columbia River.

1813 MCTAVISH, J.G.: employee of Northwest Company in 1813

1838 MEEK, Joseph L. (1810-1875): member of Sublettes party; hunter, trapper; settled on Tualatin Plains in 1841

1837 MILLER, Alfred Jacob: American artist employed by Sir William Drummond Stewart to depict scenes on his expedition

1811 MILLER, Joseph: overland Astorian

1813 MILLIGAN, Richard: Pacific Fur Co employee; tailor

1813 MOCHCOMAU, Joseph: employee of Northwest Co.; hunter

1813 MOINEAU, Antoine: employee of Northwest Co.

1813 MONTIGNY, Ovid: Pacific Fur Co employee; interpreter

1812 MONTOUR, : drifted into valley c1812, legend say he settled near present day Gervais.

1811 MUMFORD, John M.: Astorian on the Tonquin

1811 NADEAU, Joseph: Astorian on the Tonquin; drowned at the mouth of the Columbia River

1834 NUTTALL, Thomas: was member of Wyeth's second expedition; botanist from Harvard College

1813 OCANASAWARET, Thomas: employee of Northwest Co.

1818 OGDEN, Peter Skene: [journal, see Shane's "Early Western Travels"]

1834 O'NEIL, James A.: was member of Wyeth's second expedition; operated a farm and blacksmith shop with Thomas J. Hubbard. [ farmed in the Willamette Valley by 1840]

1804 ORDWAY, John Sgt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

183?: OSSANT, Louis: (see OZAN, Louis)

1811 OUVRE, Jean Baptiste: m'd 1839 Tioult, Jany (aka Catchina Genevieve Sempson); Pacific Fur Co employee; overland Astorian

1813 OWAYAISSA, Etienne: employee of Northwest Co.

1836 OWYHEE, John and Mary: the suspiciously generic names of 2 Hawaiian assistants at the Whitman Mission (Waiilatpu). They returned to the Islands, June 1838 (to many of the Hawaiians the Northwest was a drastic change of climate). "Nina" and "Green" are also assistants at the mission [roster, Narcissa Whitman]. Hawaiians, called Kanakas or "Blue Men" began sailing on trading ships to Oregon, California, the British/Russian outposts, and South America around 1788. King Kamehameha (in power 1810) pursued a policy of encouraging travel for Hawaiian education in economics and Christianity. Hawaiians worked for the Pacific Fur Company, the Northwest Company, for Nathaniel Wyeth and Lee, and for the Whitmans. Oregon Territorial Law, 1848, imposed a special tax on Hawaiians' employers. Most Hawaiians left Oregon after the 1850 Oregon Donation Land Act forbid land-ownership to anyone except whites and half-Indians. [from Dodds, an excellent source on Oregon history.]

183?: OZAN, Louis: m1. [?]; m2 KOHASSA (Cayuse?), Catherine; m3. 1848 MOLALLA, Mary; Louis is found listed in the Hudson Bay Company records under the spelling OZAN (as was the first member of his family to come from France); however, the early church and territory records list him under Ossant, Aussent, Ossin and Osant; he was found in the Rocky Mountains of Canada in 1824; came to OR territory c1830s; retired to a claim north of St. Louis, Marion Co, OR in 1840

1825: PAMBRUN, Pierre Chrysologue (1792-1841): m'd HUMPERVILLE, Catherine "Kitty"; already a long-term employees of the HBC in the Northwest by this time, he was in charge of Ft. Walla Walla from 1839 until his death in 1841 from a fall off a horse. His daughter, Harriet, stayed with the Whitmans in the winters of 1837-38 and 1839-40. The widow Pambrun, and their 9 children, sheltered at Waiilatpu for a time after Pambrun's death; they moved to the Willamette Valley leaving Harriet, the youngest, with the Whitmans. Daughter Maria Pambrun married Dr. Forbes Barclay in 1842 (he arrived in 1839 and was an employee of the HBC)] See also: Pierre and Catherine Pambrun, emigrants of 1826

1811 PAPIN, Antoine: overland Astorian

1832 PARISEAU, Pierre (1820- ): m'd 1850 DOMPIERRE, Marie; s/o Jean Baptiste and Francoise (Aleric) Pariseau of Montreal, Canada; came west as an employee of the Hudson Bay Company; was employed to help build and man Old Fort Umpqua; hated being "crowded" by civilization and spent most of his later years in the Douglas Co back country

1835 PARKER, Rev. Samuel (1779-1866): was a Congregational clergyman. He and Marcus Whitman came west in 1835, looking for a mission site among the Indians. Marcus Whitman returned east to organize the mission and Rev. Parker continued to explore. He spent the winter of 1835-36 at Fort Vancouver. [ He came "down from the mountains" with Compo, his interpreter.]

1813 PAYETTE, Francois: Pacific Fur Co employee

1813 PELTON, Joseph: Pacific Fur Co employee; had been held prisoner by the Indians for about 60 days before going crazy. Francois Payette later rescued him.

1813 PEPIN, Antoine: Pacific Fur Co employee

1837 PERKINS, Henry Kirk White Rev. (1812 - ): m'd JOHNSON, Elvira; returned to the states in 1844. [ arrived in September on the second of at least two ships to Oregon in 1837 (per N. Whitman); established Wascopam, a mission at the Dalles, with Daniel Lee]

1830 PERRAULT, Jean Baptiste:

1813 PERRAULT, William: Pacific Fur Co employee; (boy)

1813 PICCARD, Maurice: employee of Northwest Co.

1811 PILLETTE, Francis Benjamin: Pacific Fur Co employee; clerk; Astorian on the Tonquin

1812 PILLON, Jean Baptiste: Pacific Fur Co employee; overland Astorian

1813 PION, Louis: Pacific Fur Co employee

1837 PITTMAN, Anna Maria (1803-1838): m'd LEE, Jason; came to Oregon in May 1837; married Jason Lee on July 16, 1837 and died June 26, 1838 after the birth of their first child. The child, too, died soon after birth. They were buried in a single grave at the mission near present day Keizer, OR. Later they were moved to the newer Lee Mission Cemetery in what is now Salem.

1813 PLANTE, Antoine: Pacific Fur Co employee

PLOURDE, Francois: m'd DUBOIS, Catherine

1804 POTTS, John Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1836 PRENTISS, Narcissa (1808-1847): m'd WHITMAN, Marcus Dr.; with Presbyterian Missionary party, killed in Whitman Massacre in 1847. \*1: MSS#1204, misc papers, letters, diary available in collection at OHS; [ daughter, Alice Clarisa Whitman died June 1839 per published "Letters of Narcissa Whitman" ed by Drury]

1812 PREVOST, Jean Baptiste (aka Proveau): Pacific Fur Co employee; overland Astorian; employee of Northwest Co.

1804 PRYOR, Nathaniel Sgt.: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1813 QUESNEL, Amable: employee of Northwest Co.

1828 RANNE, Peter: died in territory in 1828. No record for original date of arrival.

1811 REID, John: Pacific Fur Co employee; clerk; name later found spelled REED

1812 RESNER, Jacob (aka Reznor): Pacific Fur Co employee; overland Astorian

1838 RICHARDSON, Mary (1811-1897): m. 1838 WALKER, Elkanah Rev.; with Methodist Missionary party. \*1: MSS#1204, diary, typescript in collection at OHS.

1823 RIVET, Francois

1812 ROBERT, Francois: Pacific Fur Co employee; overland Astorian

1812 ROBINSON, Edward: Pacific Fur Co employee; overland Astorian

1838 RODGERS, Edward

1834 ROE, Charles: was member of Wyeth's second expedition; carpenter; m1. Nancy, an Indian girl in same ceremony as that of Jason Lee; m. 1856 Angelica, a half breed girl who he murdered in 1859 in a fit of jealousy; was sentenced and hanged for his crime

1838 ROGERS, Cornelius: drowned in canoe accident c1843; estate valued at \$800 in Feb 1843 [ came overland as a missionary like the Smiths and Eells; moved to the Willamette Valley in October 1841. After Maria Pambrun refused his offer of marriage he was stationed at Lapwahi, September, 1839.]

1828 ROGERS, Harrison: died in territory in 1828. No record for original date of arrival.

1813 RONDEAU, Charles (c1859-1852): m'd 1839 TETEPLATTE (Flathead), Therese; was a trapper and hunter; 1804 joined the Lewis and Clark Expedition as a guide; found living near among the Mandans by Lewis and Clark on their return east; interpreter for the Northwest Company in 1815; final years spent on French Prairie in Marion County

1812 ROSE, Edward: overland Astorian

1811 ROSS, Alexander: Pacific Fur Co employee; clerk; his "Fur Hunter of the Far West" was quoted in the 1885 Oregonian

1838 ROSS, Charles: m'd Isabelle [maiden name unknown]; emigrated from Red River settlement to Ft. Vancouver; was a factor with the Hudson Bay Company; later helped build Ft. Victoria

1838 ROSS, Isabelle: m'd Charles ROSS; emigrated from Red River settlement to Ft. Vancouver

1838 ROSS, Katherine (1832-1916): d/o Charles and Isabelle Ross; died at Tacoma, WA

1813 ROUSSEL, Augustin: Pacific Fur Co employee

1813 ROUSSELLE, Benjamin: Pacific Fur Co employee

1813 ROY, Olivier: Pacific Fur Co employee

1832 RUSSELL, Osborne: member of Wyeth's first overland expedition. [ Settlement date in the Willamette Valley unknown. On the trail in 1832, 1839, and (at least to Ft. Hall and Crockett) 1840.]

1838 RUSSIE, Catherine: m'd CHALIFOU, Andre Sr.; came from Canada with husband

1804 SACAGAWEA : Indian wife of Toussaint Charbonneau; member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1813 SANSON, Michel: Pacific Fur Co employee; blacksmith

1828 SAUNDERS, Jean P. (1800-1874): aka John Saunders; m1. ; m2. ; DES DALLES, Lizette; settled in Marion County after retirement from Hudson Bay Company; buried St. Louis Cemetery, Marion Co, OR

1836 SATTERLEE, Mrs.: with the Whitman party, died on the Trail at the Platte River.

1811 SETON, Alfred: Pacific Fur Co employee; clerk

1804 SHANNON, George Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"; the youngest member of the expedition

1834 SHEPARD, Cyrus (1799-1840): m'd 1837 DOWNING, Susan; came with Jason Lee party in 1834 and was a teacher at the Jason Lee Mission school; Cyrus died three years later of complications from an amputation. \*1: MSS# 1219, 85pp diary in collection of OHS.

1804 SHIELDS, John Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1824 SIMPSON, George: field manager of Hudson's Bay Co's Northern Dept, visited Pacific Northwest in 1824

1832 SINCLAIR, John: member of Wyeth's first overland expedition, suffered severely from fever and ague, left Oregon on brig Dryad on Oct 18, 1833, no indication he ever returned.

1830 SLACUM, Purser: was in valley in 1830. No record for original date of arrival.

1836 SLACUM, William A.: in Oregon territory 1836-1837. [ He was appointed Congressional investigative agent to Oregon in January, 1837 after testimony before Congress by H.J. Kelley about the "mistreatment" of Americans in the Northwest.]

1838 SMITH, Asa H. Rev.: of the American Board of Foreign Missions; arrived with wife, Sarah Gilbert White Smith, returned to the States c1841 because of Sarah's ill health. [ They sailed by way of Hawaii in 1841]

1828 SMITH, Jedediah Strong: reached Fort Vancouver after the massacre of most of his party by Indians near the mouth of the Umpqua, Smith-Jackson-Sublette Expedition of 1830 was the beginning for the Oregon Trail

1837 SMITH, Margaret Jewett: m'd BAILEY, William J. Dr.; came in 1837 in the reinforcements for the Willamette Mission. She returned to states in 1842 on Brig Chenamus captained by Capt. Couch and then returned to Oregon a year later by ship; poet and authoress; later divorced Bailey and then remarried 2 more times; her thinly disguised biography can be read in "The Grains".

1832 SMITH, Solomon Howard: New Englander of good education and adventurous nature, settled on Columbia, had some medical training as well as business and fishing skills, moved to Clatsop Plains near the mouth of the Columbia, became involved with Celiast, the Indian wife of the Fort's baker. She left her husband and joined Smith at Gervais. 1840 they were officially married and settled near the Methodist Mission on the Clatsop Plains.

1836 SPALDING, Henry Harmon Rev.: m'd HART, Eliza; with Methodist Missionary party; [ letter by H.H. Spalding about the Whitman Massacre in Drury, ed. "Letters of Narcissa Whitman. Also Spalding Papers, 1842-49, OHS MS]

1811 ST. AMANT, Joseph: Pacific Fur Co employee; guide; worked for Northwest Co with stipulation that he was free to hunt on Willamette in the winter; overland Astorian

1822 ST. GERMAIN, Saulteau:

1811 ST. MARTIN, Joseph: Northwest Fur Co employee; came to Fort George, Astoria in 1811; married a Chinook woman

1812 ST. MICHEL, Louis: Pacific Fur Co employee; overland Astorian

1811 STUART, David: partner in Pacific Fur Co; Astorian on the Tonquin

1811 STUART, Robert: a Scotsman who was briefly a clerk with the Northwest Fur Co. before becoming a partner in the Pacific Fur Co.; Astorian on the Tonquin; [ published a book, republished in 1935, New York, P.A. Rollins, editor, "Discovery of the Oregon Trail"]

1834 SUBLETTE, Milton: with Wyeth's Expedition.

1830 SUBLETTE, William L.: 1823 joined Gen. William Ashley to trap beaver, split off with 11 other men to explore the Rocky Mountains, and crossed the continent with Jedediah Smith. Smith-Jackson-Sublette Expedition of 1830 was the beginning for the Oregon Trail.

1838 SUTTER, John August Capt: traveled overland to Oregon in 1838, sailed to Sandwich Islands and to the Russian settlement at Sitka before sailing down to the coast to become in 1839, one of California's most famous residents. [ established Sutters Mill (later famous as the site of the discovery that led to the gold rush) on the Sacramento River.

1807 THOMPSON, David: a Northwest Company employee, geographer, explorer, trader departed in 1807 to explore the Columbia all the way to the ocean.

1804 THOMPSON, John B. Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1811 THORN, Jonathan Capt.: Capt. of the Tonquin that carried the Astorians to the NW coast

1834 THORNBURG, : was a tailor with Wyeth's second expedition; described as being a reckless troublemaker and alcoholic; was shot July 4, 1835 by Thomas Jefferson Hubbard in argument over Indian girl

1832 TIBBETTS, Calvin: stonecutter from Maine, was member of Wyeth's first overland expedition, settled on Columbia, by 1840 was living near Champoeg, 1841 joined Solomon Smith on Clatsop Plains near mouth of the Columbia, 1849 died of cholera [ went to California with the US Exploring Expedition under Lt. Emmons in Sept. 1841]

1833 TOLMIE, Dr. William Frazer (1812-1886): arrived at Astoria May 1, 1833, was with medical department of Hudson's Bay Co, was the physician for Fort Vancouver from 1836-1841, member of provisional legislature of 1846 as representative of Lewis County [now part of the state of Washington.]

1834 TOWNSEND, John Kirk: member of Wyeth's second expedition; was one of America's first scientists to visit Oregon overland; Philadelphia physician and naturalist

1834 TRASK, Elbridge (1815-1863): m1. 1842 ABLE, Hannah Mrs.; arrived on ship "May Dacre" as part of agreement with Nathaniel Wyeth; signed on as a trapper for Wyeth and began his life as a mountain man.

1813 TREPAGNIER, Francois: Pacific Fur Co employee

1812 TURCOTTE, Jean Baptiste: Pacific Fur Co employee; overland Astorian

1832 TURNER, John: American trapper, joined trapping party to Calif under Laframboise for a year [ living in the Willamette Valley by 1840]

1811 VALLE, Andrew: overland Astorian

1792 VANCOUVER, Capt. George: led exploring expedition for the British that arrived in Oct 1792.

1834 WALKER, Courtney Mead: m'd MCTAVISH, Miss; one of three lay persons who joined 1834 party of Jason Lee; worked for a time for the Hudson Bay Company; was a teacher, Indian Agent and surveyor; buried in an unmarked grave in Blaine, Tillamook Co, OR

1838 WALKER, Elkanah Rev. (1805-1877): with Congregationalist Missionary party. [ Married, 1838, to Mary. They went to Tshimiakain mission (Coleville) in September, 1838. Opened a saw and grist mill near Willamette Falls using lumber supplied by Dr. John McLoughlin. He contested McLoughlin's claim to land in Oregon City in 1842. [OHS MS for 1838]

1833 WALKER, Joseph R. [ Rutherford (often Redeford)b. 1798]: led expedition to the Pacific in 1833 by way of the Sierra Nevada [ with Joe Meek (see 1840) and William Craig (see 1840); fought in the Red Stick War 1814; moved from Tennessee to Missouri with sister Jane and brother Joel (see 1840) in 1819; to New Mexico 1820-21; to Taos and Santa Fe 1822-23; to New Mexico with Ewing Young (see 1834) in 1823-25; sheriff of Independence, MO 1825-30; joined Capt. Benjamin Eualie de Bonneville and Michael Cerres (see 1840) on their trip to the Columbia but left them at Bear river to become a trapper 1834; to Arizona in 1837; trapper in the Snake and Wind River area 1838-40; led an expedition to Los Angeles in 1840. Joe Walker returned as an Oregon Trail supplied in 1842 and switched to being a trail guide/buffalo hunter, guiding his first group of overlanders in 1844. He is credited with being the first white traveler to report the wonders of Yosemite. He was married to a Shoshone girl from c1836-1846.]

1811 WALLACE, William: Pacific Fur Co employee; clerk; built house and trading post on Willamette River near Salem.

1811 WEEKS, Stephen: Astorian on the Tonquin; drowned at the mouth of the Columbia River

1804 WERNER, William Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1837 WHITCOMB, Joseph L.: arrived in May 1837; farmer; employed at the Oregon mission as farm superintendent. He returned to the states with his family in 1842 on the Brig Chenamus, captained by Capt. Couch.

1837 WHITE, Dr. Elijah (1806-1879): m'd [], Sarepta; arrived in Oregon in May 1837 with his wife, infant son and an adopted son, George, who was 14 years old. White left the Willamette Mission after conflicts with Jason Lee and returned to the states in 1840. He was commissioned Indian Agent in Washington, DC and returned to Oregon in 1842.

1804 WHITEHOUSE, Joseph Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1836 WHITMAN, Marcus (1802-1847): m'd PRENTISS, Narcissa; established Presbyterian Mission near Walla Walla, WA., was killed in Whitman Massacre in 1847. \*1: MSS#1203, misc papers, letters, accounts available in collection of OHS. [see web page on Missionaries for additional information on Whitman and Whitman Massacre]

1835 WILKINS, Caleb (1810- ): m'd 1852 STEVENS, Marian; was employee of American Fur Co; first settled in Benton Co prior to moving to Washington Co where he became county treasurer

1804 WILLARD, Alexander Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1837 WILLSON, William Holden (1801-1856): m'd CLARK, Chloe A.; arrived in May 1837 in reinforcements for Willamette Mission; was born in New Hampshire; He worked at a variety of jobs before joining the Mission as a carpenter in 1837.

1813 WILSON, William: Pacific Fur Co employee; cooper

1804 WINDSOR, Richard Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1804 WISER, Peter Pvt: member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1834 WORK, John: Hudson's Bay Co employee in 1834

1832 WYETH, John B.: 18 year old cousin of Nathaniel J. Wyeth, joined first overland expediton but turned back at edge of Oregon territory. [ had returned to New England by 1833]

1832 WYETH, Nathaniel Jarvis: organized expedition from Boston to Oregon territory to investigate possiblities of setting up trading post, 1833 returned to Boston to set up second expedition, 1834 returned to Oregon. Competition ran him out and in 1835 he terminated his business adventures and 1836 he returned overland to Boston. [ see "Correspondence and Journals" and also R.M. Shane's "Early Explorations..."]

1804 YORK: negro servant of Captain William Clark; member of Lewis and Clark's "Corp of Discovery"

1834 YOUNG, Ewing (c1810-1841): born in TN. Traveled from Missouri to New Mexico in 1823. In May 1834, he met the Oregon promoter, Hall Jackson Kelley, in southern California and the two, with twelve others came to Oregon in 1834. In 1837 he organized the Willamette Valley Cattle Co to bring cattle from California. In this venture he and ten other settlers were successful, returning with 600 head. After this he became a prominent leader in Oregon.

# Emigrants to Oregon in 1839



## **PEORIA PARTY:**

In 1837-38 Rev. Jason Lee, accompanied by several Indian boys, stopped in Peoria, IL to lecture on his mission and the beautiful Willamette Valley. The picture painted by these individuals was the only inducement needed for a small party of adventurers to join together and plan a journey to the Oregon Territory. This was the first organized emigration to Oregon with plans for permanent location, and although it broke up on the way and drifted on in fragments, some of the members became prominent citizens.

The Peoria Party was organized to go to Oregon and "raise the American flag and run the Hudson's Bay Company out of the country". The members included in this expedition were: Amos Cook, James L. Fash, Francis Fletcher, Owen Garrett, Joseph Holman, Quincy Adams Jordan, Ralph L. Kilbourne, Robert Moore, Obadiah A. Oakley, Thomas Jefferson Pickett, John Prichard, Sydney Smith, Chauncey Wood, John J. Wood, Charles Yates and Thomas Jefferson Farnham. They were later joined by John L. Moore, Robert Shortess and W. Blair. T.J. Farnham was elected leader and the company carried a flag, made by Farnham's wife, that had the motto "Oregon or the Grave!"

Several members of the expedition kept daily journals, and in later years, some wrote reminiscences. Farnham carried his journal strapped to his back and he sat down each night to record the day's happenings. The most consistent theme found in all of the accounts was the severe weather encountered, the constant disagreements that wore away at the resolve of the members of the party and the hunger endured for days at a time when meat became scarce.

The members of the Peoria Party in the list below are designated with \*PP.

## **MISSIONARY PARTY:**

At the same time the Peoria party was forming, a young physician from Helvetia, NY by the name of Dr. William Geiger, was also preparing to make the same journey. Having recently graduated from the Mission School at Quincy, IL., Rev. Geiger had received an appointment from the American Board of Foreign Ministers of Foreign Missions to go west and administer to the Indians. It happened, however, that the funds of the association ran low, and the new plans were defeated. Dr. Geiger, not willing to relinquish his intention of engaging in missionary work, set out on his own account. In Missouri he found a company forming that included Rev. J.S. Griffin and his new bride and Asahel Munger and wife. They had hired Paul Richardson, who had accompanied Wyeth on his first expedition, as hunter and guide. Their small group would be accompanying a party from the American Fur Company led by Mr. Harris. The company split at Fort Hall and Dr. Geiger, accompanied by Johnson and the Mungers, went to the Whitman Mission to winter. The Griffins, meanwhile, wintered at Lapwai. The members of the Missionary Party are designated below with \*MP

## **ILLINOIS PARTY:**

Also forming that same year was a small company from Quincy, Illinois. Included in the party were Alvin T. Smith, a carpenter; Rev. Harvey Clarke and Rev. P.B. Littlejohn. As Rev. Clarke could not overtake the brigade of the American Fur Company that started in 1839, he traveled to Quincy late that winter and induced Mr. Smith to join the company with the intent of starting an independent mission among the Oregon Indians. The members of the party were all newly married and began their journey with two wagons. At Independence Henry Black, a frontiersman, joined them. For more info on "The Illinois Party" see the 1840 list.

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BALDRA, Richard C. (1838- ): s/o William and Maria (Callaby) Baldra; settled in Washington Co

BALDRA, Thomas W. (1836- ): s/o William and Maria (Callaby) Baldra; settled in Washington Co

BALDRA, William (1810- ): m'd 1835 CALLABY, Maria; went to Canada in 1836; lived three years on Red River in Manitoba; to OR in 1839; settled on the Tualatin Plains; was an employee of the Hudson Bay Company in the early years of residence in America; had dau in Aug 1840 that reportedly was first white child born in Washington Co

BARCLAY, Forbes Dr. (1812-1873): m. 1842 PAMBRUN, Maria; came to Ft. Vancouver as chief physician for the Hudson Bay Co; remained there until 1850 when he moved to Oregon City; was mayor, coroner, superintendent of schools and physician; father of 7 children; home on the river bank above the rock ledge was social hub of the town; buried in Mt. View Cemetery, Oregon City, OR

BECK, Joyce: m. bef 1839 JOHNSON, John; Desc: Joseph Greene [email unknown]

BECK, Miss: m. bef 1839 Thomas Otchins; sister of Joyce Beck

\*PP: BLAIR, W.: joined party at Arkansas River Crossing of the Santa Fe Trail; he was traveling with a Santa Fe trade company at the time; Blair was always referred to as "the old man"; when the party split at Bent's Fort, Blair remained with the Farnham party and traveled with Capt. Kelly as a guide to Fort Davy Crockett at Brown's Hole on the Green River; he stayed with the party until they reached Walla Walla and then he cut off for Lapwai where he stayed for several years; Blair went to California and eventually died there; described in Shortess account as " W. Blair, b. Arkansas, Millwright, age c50, honest upright man, but intellectually weak"; Farnham says of Blair:

"A man of a kinder heart never existed. From the place where he joined us to Oregon Territory, when myself or others were worn with fatigue, or disease, or starvation, he was always ready to administer whatever relief was in his power. And in all the trying difficulties that occurred along our perilous journey, it was his greatest delight to diffuse peace, comfort, and contentment, to the extent of his influence. I can never forget the good old man. He had been cheated out of his property by a near relative, of pretended piety; and had left the chosen scenes of his toils and

hopes in search of a residence in the wilderness beyond the mountains....An honest man--an honorable man—a benevolent, kind, sympathizing friend--he deserves well of those who may have the good fortune to become acquainted with his unpretending worth."

CALLABY, Marie: m'd 1835 BALDRA, William; went to Canada in 1836; spent 3 years on Red River in Manitoba; to OR in 1839; settled with husband and children in Washington Co

COURVILLE, Basile: m'd 1851 KCLICKATAT, Marianne; born in NY near the Canadian border; mixed blood; settled in St. Louis area of Marion County; later moved to South Umpqua River in Douglas Co.

CRATE, William Frederick: young London millwright, employee of Hudson Bay Co for several years; 1839 engaged to construct water mills to mill flour at Fort Vancouver.

DALCOURT, Jean Baptiste dit Champagne was recorded in Vancouver in June of 1839; employee of Hudson Bay Co; hunter from the prairies of the north; retired to French Prairie with his wife Agathe Khossa and several children; settled on bend of river below fairfield.

DUTTON, Mr.: see SUTTON

\*PP: FARNHAM, Thomas Jefferson (1803-1848): m'd BURHANS, Eliza; elected leader of Peoria Party, after split of party at Bent's Fort they were led by Capt. Hall J. Kelly to Fort Davy Crockett at Brown's Hole on the Green River; they traveled to Fort Hall and then on to Oregon; Farnham later traveled down into California where he took a ship home and wrote an account of his adventure; returned to California c1846 where he died in 1848 of fever; described in Shortess account as "b. Vt., lawyer, c35 yrs old"

\*PP: FASH, James L.(c1817- ): s/o John and Ann (Bogart) Fash; had a twin brother; apparently returned to Peoria, IL at some point as he is found there in 1845 getting married; I do not have information that would indicate whether he returned to Oregon at a later time or not; he was listed in one of the diaries as Trask rather than Fash.

\*MP: GEIGER, William M. Jr. (1816- 1901): m'd 1847 CORNWALL, Miss; born in NY but by 1833 had settled in ILL; he had known Narcissa Whitman in NY; stopped at Whitman Mission for the winter; taught school in place of Cyrus Shepard who was ill; in spring went on to Hawaii and California; stayed on at Capt. Sutter's on the Sacramento for several years and left for the east in 1842; at Fort Hall he met an American company going to Oregon led by Dr. Elijah White and changed his course and returned to the Willamette where he took up residence at Forest Grove; returned in winter of 1842-43 to help at Mission; practiced medicine, farmer, county clerk; shortly after his marriage in 1847 he and his wife took in Matilda Sager, a survivor of the Whitman Massacre; went to California in the fall of 1848 and returned in 1849; died Forest Grove, OR

GREEN, John: arrived in or prior to 1840; one of eight that built the "Star of Oregon" in 1841; American

\*MP: GRIFFIN, John Smith Rev. (1807-1899): m. 1839 Desire Smith; attended schools and seminaries in New England and Ohio and was finished in Oberlin; ordained in the Congregational Church; the church of Litchfield county, CT. supplied him with the necessary outfit to go west as an independent missionary; left for St. Louis, MO in Feb 1839, met Desire C. Smith there and married her April 10, 1839; wintered at Spalding's mission at Clearwater; the following spring the Griffins set out with an Indian guide to work with the Snake Indians; their guide deserted them in the mountains and they pushed on to Fort Boise where their plans of establishing a mission without outside help proved to be hopeless; returned to Dr. Whitman's Mission and then went on to Fort Vancouver where he was appointed Chaplain and spent 1840 tutoring the children of the Fort; in the spring he settled on the Tualatin Plains on a farm he called "Rocky Mountain Retreat"; he organized a Congregational church in 1842 where he conducted services for several years; active in setting up Provisional Government; buried at Hillsboro.

HALL, Edwin Oscar Mrs.: had spinal disease that prevented her from riding horseback

HALL, Edwin Oscar Rev.: arrived with his wife by ship via Hawaii in May, after the annual Missionary meeting at Lapwahi in August, they brought a printing press to the Whitmans a few weeks later; Narcissa Whitman reports the printing of the region's "first book in the Indian language." The Halls went to Lapwahi mission in September 1839 and left by ship in March 1840.

HATHAWAY, Felix: arrived in or prior to 1840; American; one of a party of eight that built the vessel "Star of Oregon"; ship carpenter, bald-headed, jolly looking; worked at Thomas McKay farm in 1841 doing construction work

HOISINGTON, Sarah Elizabeth: m1. 1825 MUNGER, Asahel Jr.; m2. 1843 BUXTON, Henry; d/o Job and Sarah (Knapp) Hoisington

JOHNSON, John: m'd BECK, Joice, was a dairyman who was hired in England by John McLoughlin to help meet the needs of fulfilling contracts for dairy products to the Russians in trade for their furs; was working at Cowlitz Farm in 1841-42, family was from Holbeach, Lincolnshire, Eng

JOHNSON, Mary Ann: m. BIRD, John; d/o John and Joice (Beck) Johnson; homesteaded in Clark Co, WA

JOHNSON, William: a lay brother of the missionary party originally from New York, arrived with William Geiger in Spring 1839; was described by Geiger as highly educated; was raised in Philadelphia and was engaged to a young lady of that city who left him to marry a young bookbinder by the name of Diamond who was on his way to the Sandwich Islands to bind books for missionaries there; Johnson crossed the plains to see his former sweetheart once more; after seeing her he went to Acapulco, Mexico to see the country; he was arrested and kept in a Mexican jail for a time; was finally released and returned east to New Orleans, arriving broke and almost naked; borrowed money from a friend there and continued on to St. Louis where he

related his story to Dr. Whitman who was on his trip east; Geiger never heard from Johnson again

MULKEY, Philip P.: came to OR territory in 1839 with Fremont. He returned again in 1843 and 1847. He was a wagon scout several years.

\*MP: MUNGER, Asahel (1805-1841): m'd 1825 HOISINGTON, Sarah Elizabeth; s/o Asahel and Lydia (Boland) Munger Sr.; was a carpenter and joiner; became deranged and in a fit of religious fanaticism, expecting God to work a miracle, he fastened himself over the flames of his forge and died three days later from burns leaving a widow and a child.

\*MP: MUNGER, Mary Jane (1840- ): m'd 1854 SMITH, Darius; d/o Asahel and Sarah (Hoisington) Munger; born shortly after parents arrival in Oregon Territory; was living with husband in Washington Co in the mid 1860s

OTCHINS, Thomas (1814- ): m'd BECK, Mary; was dairyman hired in England by McLoughlin to help fulfill contracts for dairy products with Russia in exchange for furs, wife was sister of Joyce Beck; settled in Washington Co

PAMBRUN, Maria (1826-1890): m'd 1842 BARCLAY, Forbes; d/o Pierre and Catherine (Humperville) Pambrun; buried Mountain View Cemetery, Oregon City, OR

PICKERNELL, John Edmunds: arrived in 1839; an English sailor who went by the name of Edmunds

SMITH, Desire C. (1805- ): m'd 1839 GRIFFIN, John Smith; born in Boston; one of the first lady teachers to answer the call to go west; crossed the continent on her honeymoon the summer of 1839; settled with husband on the Tualatin Plains and taught school to the native children; \*1: MSS#1075 26pp diary of Desire S. GRIFFIN typescript in collection at OHS.

\*PP: SMITH, Sydney (1809-1880): m'd 1845 BAYLEY, Miranda; s/o Capt. John S. Smith and grand-nephew of Ethan Allen; member of Peoria Party; shot himself during argument with another member of party, the bullet was extracted with a pocket knife and the wound dressed, he was then carried on a cot strung between two horses for several days until he could mount his own horse again; stayed with Farnham party after split at Bent's Fort: led by Capt. Kelly to Fort Davy Crockett at Brown's Hole on Green River; described in Shortess account as "Sydney Smith, B. NY, Lottery Broker, age c35"; letter from Farnham which was published in Peoria Register lists as "T. Smith"; continued on to Oregon where he spent time in Marion Co before eventually settling in Chehalem Valley; went to California during gold rush, forced home by an attack of scurvy, brought \$3,000 in gold dust with him; merchant at Lafayette; buried in the Masonic Cemetery at Lafayette, Yamhill Co; \*1: MSS#422, 27pp diary on microfilm in collection at OHS.

SMITH, Silas B.:

TRASK, James L. (see James L. FASH)

WISLIZENUS, Frederick Adolphus Dr.: a German physician from St. Louis with a desire to explore the west; traveled with a caravan of fur trappers led by Mr. Harris which also included a small missionary party headed for the Oregon country;

WRIGHT, Ben: was in the territory by 1840; he and Sutton led Shortess over the Cascades to the Willamette Valley in 1840; fought in Indian Wars

## Emigrants to Oregon in 1840



### **ILLINOIS PARTY:**

Forming in 1839 was a small company from Quincy, Illinois. Included in the party were Alvin T. Smith, a carpenter; Rev. Harvey Clarke and Rev. Philo B. Littlejohn. As Rev. Clarke could not overtake the brigade of the American Fur Company that started in 1839, he traveled to Quincy late that winter and induced Mr. Smith to join the company with the intent of starting an independent mission among the Oregon Indians. The members of the party were all newly married and began their journey with two wagons. At Independence, Henry Black, a frontiersman, joined them as a driver. Members of the Illinois Party are noted in the list below with an \*IP.

### **PEORIA PARTY:**

Another party that had formed in 1839 was the Peoria Party. Disagreements and hardships took their toll and many members of the party turned back. The ones that continued on formed into two separate parties. Some proceeded under the leadership of Farnham while the remaining adventurers followed Robert Shortess. Those who followed Thomas J. Farnham, for the most part, reached the Oregon Country in 1839. Those following Robert Shortess wintered over and arrived in 1840. Those members who arrived in 1840 are indicated below with a \*PP.

### **GREAT REINFORCEMENT:**

A large portion of the Great Reinforcement of 1840 became residents of what is now known as Salem, and the vicinity thereof sometime during the years 1840-41. At the time the entire Willamette settlement consisted of not more than about forty men, chiefly with Indian wives and half-breed children, from what is now Butteville, on the north, to the settlement of present day Salem, on the south; all except four or five settlers at or near the present town of Wheatland, and a few in Chehalem valley, were located on the east side of the river, within a small portion of the present county of Marion.

By late summer, the population in the Valley includes: "American settlers, twenty-five of them with Indian wives, 36; American women, 33; children 32; lay members, Protestant Missions, 13; Methodist Ministers, 13; Congregational, 6; American Physicians, 3; English Physicians, 1; Jesuit Priests, including DeSmet, 3; Canadian French, 60. Total Americans 137; total Canadians, including Priests, 63. Total population, not including Hudson's Bay Company operatives within what now is a portion of Montana, and all of Idaho, Washington and Oregon, 200."

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ABERNETHY, George (1807-1877): m. 1830 Ann Pope, came to Oregon on the ship Lausanne via Cape Horn with the Jason Lee party of Methodist missionaries; elected governor of the provisional government in 1845 and 1847; merchant at Oregon City; laid out town of Butteville.

\*2: ADAMS, Thomas: a Chinook who went to the east with Lee returned to Oregon on the Lausanne. BROOKS, the other Chinook who went with Lee had died in the States.

\*2: ALTGEIER, Niclaus or Nicholas: A valley resident by late summer 1840. He left for California with the US Exploring Expedition in 1841.

ARMSTRONG, Pleasant: m'd 1845 SMITH, Jane; respected citizen of Yamhill County when he was killed by Indians in 1853 during the Rogue River Indian War; trapper who married the sister of Francis Fletcher's wife

BABCOCK, Ira L. Dr. (c1808-1888): and wife and one child; came to Oregon on the ship Lausanne via Cape Horn with the Jason Lee party; was a physician, judge, and executive in Oregon; following Ewing Young's death intestate, he was made Supreme Judge with probate powers, a position he held for two years; in 1843 he spent a year with his family in the Sandwich Islands; upon his return he was again elected Supreme Judge, holding that office till he left Oregon in November 1844.

BABCOCK, Ira L. Mrs.; arrived on Lausanne with husband and child

BABCOCK, Son: s/o Dr. Ira Babcock; arrived on Lausanne with parents

BIDDLE, Harriet B. (1817- ): m'd 1835 CAMPBELL, Hamilton

BLACK, Henry (1819- ): m1. 1841 [], Lizette; m2. 1848 [], Mary A.E.; former trapper; he drove a wagon for the ailing A.T. Smith from Green River to Ft. Hall; left the Willamette Valley with the US Exploring Expedition in September of 1841 and returned the next year with a herd of cattle.

BREWER, Henry B.: came to Oregon on the ship Lausanne with his wife via Cape Horn with the Jason Lee party.

BREWER, Henry B. Mrs.: arrived with husband on ship Lausanne with Jason Lee missionary party

CAMPBELL, Hamilton (1812- ): m'd 1835 BIDDLE, Harriet; came to Oregon on the ship Lausanne with his wife and one child via Cape Horn with the Jason Lee party

CAMPBELL, Mary C. (1839- ): d/o Hamilton and Harriet (Biddle) Campgell; arrived with parents on ship Lausanne

CLARK, Chloe A.: m'd 1840 WILLSON, William Holden Dr.; came to Oregon on the ship Lausanne via Cape Horn with the Jason Lee party; assigned as a teacher at Puget Sound in 1840; teacher at Oregon Institute in 1844 in Salem

CLARKE, Emeline ( -1866): m'd 1837 CLARKE, Harvey Rev.; settled on Tualatin Plains; later moved to Forest Grove

CLARKE, Harvey (1807- ): m'd 1837 [ ], Emeline; independent missionary; he and his wife traveled with the missionary party; stayed at Kamiah with the Asa B. Smiths through September 1841; settled on Tualatin Plains; later moved to Forest Grove

CONE, William W.; arrived in May 1840 reinforcements to Jason Lee Mission

\*PP: COOK, Amos (1816-1895): m'd 1853 SCOTT, Mary Frances; member of Peoria Party that started in 1839; after split of party at Bent's Fort he accompanied Shortess party; wintered at Fort Davy Crockett on the Green River; continued journey in spring with Robert Newell as guide to Ft. Hall; after three weeks joined a company taking furs to Ft. Walla Walla; arrived at Ft. Vancouver May 1840; settled in Yamhill Co; buried in Forest Grove Cemetery

COUCH, Capt. John H. (1811-1870): m'd FLANDERS, Caroline E.; a sailor who made many voyages during the years preceding 1839; a representative of the Cushing family in Massachusetts; entered the Columbia River in the spring of 1840 on board the brig Maryland; arrived again in 1843 in command of the brig Chenamus of Boston; remained in Oregon country kept a store in Oregon City until 1845; moved to Portland and took up claim; went east in 1847; arrived back in Portland in August 1849 on the bark Madonna; located permanently in Portland; held many offices and positions

CRAIG, William: m'd Nez Perce, Isabel; an experienced mountain man who left the service of the American Fur Company and settled on the Tualatin Plains in 1839 or 1840; was a companion of Larison; in August of 1840 settled near Spalding at Lapwahi; took the Spalding family in after the Whitman Massacre

CREE, Marguerite: m1. CHROCHIERE, [ ]; m2. DUBOIS, Andre; came west with second husband

CROCHIERE, Joseph ( - 1849): came west with mother and stepfather; died in California gold fields 12 Sep 1849.

\*2: DAVIS, George: was described as a lone drifter in search of land; joined the missionary party at Ft. Laramie and went with them to Oregon.

DOUGHTY, William (1812- ): m'd 1842 [ ], Mary May; free trapper who accompanied Kilbourn (of the Peoria Party) to Oregon in the summer of 1840; by autumn, he and his Indian wife had settled in the ex-trapper community near Willamette Falls.

DUBOIS, Andre (1803- ): m1. 1840 CREE, Marguerite; first wife died on claim Sep 1846; m2. JEFFRIES, Josette

FISHER, Charles J. Capt.: died 05 Dec 1896 Bound Brook, NJ

\*PP: FLETCHER, Francis (1814-1871): m'd 1843 SMITH, Elizabeth; came from Canada to US in 1832; member of Peoria Party; after the split of the party at Bent's Fort; accompanied Shortess to Fort St. Vrain; fall of 1839 went to Fort Davy Crockett on the Green River where he wintered with Cook, Holman and Kilbourne; continued journey in spring with Robert Newell as guide to Ft. Hall; laid in supplies and traveled with a company taking furs to Ft. Walla Walla; arrived at Fort Vancouver May 1840; member of first board of trustees of Willamette University after its charter was granted in 1853; settled in Yamhill Co; buried at Dayton, OR

FOSTER, James Rev.:

FOSTER, James Mrs.:

FROST, Joseph H. Rev. (1805-1864): arrived with his wife aboard the Lausanne; established a mission on the Clatsop plains a short distance south of the mouth of the Columbia; returned east with his friend, Daniel Lee in 1843 after suffering from ill health

FROST, Joseph H. Mrs.:

FROST, Son: s/o Rev. Joseph Frost; arrived with parents on ship Lausanne

HINES, Gustavus Rev. (1809-1875): came to Oregon with his wife and his wife's sister, Mrs. C.N. Perry, on the ship Lausanne via Cape Horn with the Jason Lee party; elected secretary at 1841 settlers meeting to draft constitution and code of law; was visiting at Champoeg in 1843; raised the daughter of Jason Lee; returned east; led a party out in 1853; buried at Lee Mission Cemetery in Salem, OR

HINES, Mrs. Gustavus: arrived with husband sister on the ship Lausanne

\*PP: HOLMAN, Joseph (1815-1880): m1. 1841 PHELPS, Almira; m2. 1875 BUSS, Libbie; member of Peoria Party that started out in 1839; after split of party at Bent's Fort he accompanied Shortess party; wintered at Fort Davy Crockett on Green River; accompanied party guided by Robert Newell to Ft. Hall; arrived at Fort Vancouver May 1840; merchant at Salem; director of Willamette Woolen Mfg Co; one of first breeders of purebred sheep; promoted the raising of flax seed for linseed oil; built Chemeketa Hotel and the Holman block in Salem; buried in Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Salem, Marion Co, OR

JEANGRAS, Jean (1802-1856): m'd 1844 [ ], Olive; left the 1840 Rendezvous bound for Oregon with the Robert Newell party; settled Marion Co

JUDSON, Adelia (c1812-1890): m1. 1839 OLLEY, James; m2. LESLIE, David Rev.; came around Cape Horn in 1840 with missionary party as missionary and teacher; d. of paralytic stroke

JUDSON, Helen C. (1833- ): m'd MCCLANE, John B.; d/o Lewis and Almira (Roberts) Judson

JUDSON, Leonard H. (1832- ): s/o Lewis and Almira (Roberts) Judson

JUDSON, Lewis Hubbell Rev. (1809-1880): m1. 1831 ROBERTS, Almira; m2. 1846 HAWKINS, Nancy; member of the Methodist "Great Reinforcemnt" that came to Oregon on the ship Lausanne via Cape Horn; on board of trustees and was chairman of committee to draw up by-laws for Oregon Institute; after Mission was reorganized in 1844 he bought the mills near the Mission for \$6000; became surveyor for Marion County; buried in Salem Pioneer Cemetery, Marion County

\*PP: KILBOURNE, Ralph L. (1810-1879): m'd POPE, Maria; member of the Peoria Party; after the split of the party at Bent's Fort he accompanied the Shortess party; wintered at Fort Davy Crockett on the Green River with Cook, Holman and Fletcher; traveled to Ft. Hall with Robert Newell as guide; accompanied a company taking furs to Ft. Walla Walla; arrived at Ft. Vancouver May 1840; helped build the "Star of Oregon" in 1841; sailed with it to San Francisco in 1842; settled in NAPA Co, CA; died at Rutherford

LANKTON, Orpha: m. MCKINNEY, [ ]; came to Oregon on the ship Lausanne via Cape Horn with the Jason Lee party

LARISON, John (1804- ): m. 1843 Nez Perce, Eleanor; free trapper who left the service of the American Fur Company and settled on the Tualatin Plains; usually a companion of William Craig; arrived with his wife and the Craigs in the Clearwater area in August of 1840;settled near Lapwaii, much to the annoyance of Rev. Spalding who disliked trappers

LEBRETON, George W.: arrived on the brig Maryland, under the command of Capt. John H. Couch; described as intelligent, energetic New Englander, small man

LEWIS, Charles: m'd Mary Ann; settled in Washington County

LEWIS, Mary Ann: m'd LEWIS, Charles; settled in Washington County

LITTLEJOHN, Philo B.: m'd SADLER, Adeline; independent missionary arrived with his wife; settled on Tualatin Plains

\*2: MCCERY: listed as a Willamette farmer in 1840; possibly ex-trapper Michel Cere (roster, Gray)

MEEK, Courtney Walker (1839- ): s/o Virginia and Joseph Meek

MEEK, Helen Mar (c1838-1847): d/o Joseph L. Meek; was left with the Whitmans in Oct 1840 by her father when her mother abandoned them; was still living there when the Whitman Massacre took place; died from illness shortly after Hannah Louise Sager; her father never forgave the Cayuse for her death; father participated in the hanging of the participants after they turned themselves in.

MEEK, Joseph L. (1810-1877): m1. [ ]; m2. 1841 NEZ PERCE, Virginia; 1829 joined Sublette; 1830 was trapping with Jim Bridger and Jedediah Smith; Aug 1840 started from Fort Hall with Robert Newell, Caleb Wilkins and Francis Ermatinger enroute to Whitman's Mission at Walla Walla; settled on Tualatin Plains in 1840; described as tall, imposing, bronzed, commanding in voice.

MEEK, Virginia: m'd 1838 MEEK, Joseph as his second wife, daughter of Nez Perce Kowesote or Thunder Eyes whom Spaulding called James; Her sister was Kitty M. Newell; buried in Tualatin Plains Presbyterian Cemetery, Hillsboro

MOISAN, Thomas (1809-1888): m'd 1842 LONGTAIN, Harriet; born and raised in St. Jacques parish near Montreal, CN; left Canada in 1838 and wintered in New Orleans; spring of 1839 joined American Fur Company and crossed Rocky Mountains; spring of 1840 left the Company and started for the Willamette Valley; took up land claim; man of good business ability, honest, kind; instrumental in establishing church at Brooks; was an invalid for about 20 years prior to his death

\*PP: MOORE, Robert (1781-1857): m1. 1805 CLARK, Margaret; m2. 1851 Tubbs (APPERSON), Jane Gilbert; member of the Peoria Party that started out in 1839; after split of party at Bent's Fort he accompanied the Shortess party for a time; arrived in OR in 1840; by 1841 was living near the mouth of the Columbia; took up DLC in Washington Co but had to relinquish half of it when his wife died before she could emigrate to OR; father of 10 children but only three of these eventually emigrated to OR; was involved in establishment of Provisional Government; served in legislature; unlike many settlers who simply took the land they wanted, he purchased his land from an Indian Chief; his land was on a hillside directly opposite Oregon City and was known as "Robin's Nest" (later became Linn City)

NEWELL, Robert (1807-1869): m1. NEZ PERCE, Kitty; m2. 1846 NEWMAN, Rebecca; m3. 1869 WARD, Mrs.; referred to often as "Doc" Newell; became a trapper at the age of 21 under Sublette in company with Jose Meek, George Ebberts and others; 1840 he served as pilot for a group of missionaries from Green river to Fort Hall where he was paid with a harness and two wagon ( he sold one wagon and one he hired Joe Meek to drive to Walla Walla); accompanied by Caleb Wilkins the small caravan traveled to the Columbia where Newell left his wagon while he continued on to the Willamette Valley (returning the next year he brought the wagon down the Columbia by boat); Newell settled first in the Tualatin Plains near present day Hillsboro, later moving to Oregon City; 1844 he acquired land at Champoeg where he resided for nearly 20 years; Newell played a prominent roll in the forming of the provisional government; he was well read and helped organize the earliest literacy and debating society; was a director of the Oregon Printing Association which published the first newspaper, the Spectator; 1855; operated a river boat operation between Oregon City and Willamette falls with two keel boats he had obtained; served as Captain of a company of 35 men during the Yakima War; 1866 he had sold his land at Champoeg and moved to ID to live near his old friends, the Nez Perces, settling near present day Lewiston; died of heart disease a short time after moving.

OLLEY, James Rev. ( - 1842): m'd 1839 JUDSON, Adelia; came to Oregon accompanied by his wife on the ship Lausanne via Cape Horn with the Jason Lee party

PARRISH, Josiah Lamberson Rev. (1806-1895): m. 1833 WINN, Elizabeth; came to Oregon on the ship Lausanne via Cape Horn with the Jason Lee party; was ordained minister but was also skilled as a blacksmith and harness, wagon and tool maker; 1843 established mission at mouth of Columbia River; 1849 appointed Indian Agent of area from CA to Coos Bay; original trustee of the Oregon Institute [now known as Willamette University]; 1843 helped draw up plans for a provisional government; 1855 was missionary at Gronde Ronde; rode circuit for several years but retired due to ill health

PARRISH, Lamberson W. ( -1840): s/o Josiah L. and Elizabeth [Winn] Parrish;

PARRISH, Norman O. (1836-1900): s/o Josiah L. and Elizabeth [Winn] Parrish; well known express man in Salem; suffered with epilepsy most of his life; buried in Lee Mission Cemetery, Salem, OR

PERRY, C.N. Mrs.: reportedly arrived with Mr. and Mrs. Gustavus Hines on the Lausanne in 1840; was sister of Mrs. Hines

PHELPS, Almira: m'd HOLMAN, Joseph; came to Oregon on the ship Lausanne via Cape Horn with the reinforcements for the Willamette Mission

PHILLIPS, Elmira: m. 1839 RAYMOND, William Wakeman; came to Oregon of the ship Lausanne via Cape Horn with reinforcements for the Willamette Mission

RAYMOND, Abigail: m. 1840 SMITH, Alvin Thompson and began her journey to Oregon on 29 Apr 1840 from Independence, MO. She arrived with her husband and the other 2 missionary couples at Waiilatpu in August; in September 1841, the independent missionaries relocated in the Willamette Valley.]

RAYMOND, William Wakeman (1815- ): m. 1839 PHILLIPS, Elmira; came to Oregon on the ship Lausanne via Cape Horn with the reinforcements for the Willamette Mission; settled in Clatsop Co; by 1859 was a Sub Indian Agent and had sold claim; 1864 he and his wife were divorced; father of six children

\*2: RICHARDS, G.P. Rev. and Mrs.: arrived on ship Lausanne with 3 children (Bancroft roster)  
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RICHMOND, John H. Dr.: came to Oregon on the ship Lausanne via Cape Horn with the Jason Lee party; returned to the States with his family in 1842 on the brig Chenamus with Captain Couch.

ROBERTS, Almira: m'd 1831 JUDSON, Lewis Hubbell Rev.; came to Oregon on the ship Lausanne via Cape Horn with her husband and children as part of the Willamette Mission reinforcements

SADLER, Adeline: m. LITTLEJOHN, Philo B. Rev.: arrived with husband; settled on the Tualatin Plains

SENECAL: Gideon (1816-1896): m1. 1844 [ ], Mary Ann; m2. DUCHARME, Lucille; first wife died in 1849

\*PP: SHORTESS, Robert (1797-1878): m'd [ ], Ann; member of Peoria Party that started out in 1839; after party split at Bent's Fort he led a party to Fort St. Vrain; fall of 1839 went on to Ft. Davy Crockett on Green River; joined Robert Newell and Joseph Meek who were on way to Ft. Hall; at Ft. Hall joined a French Canadian named Silvertry who was on way to Ft. Walla Walla; they encountered extreme hardship in blizzard conditions but managed to reach their destination; Shortess then proceeded to Whitman Mission and on to the Willamette Valley; arrived at Hubbard's place April 1840; he returned east at some point and emigrated again in 1842; spent later years at Astoria; well educated, farmer, school teacher; had an abiding hatred for HBC; involved in establishment of Provisional Government; was Sub Indian Agent; injured when the "Gazelle", a side-wheel boat docked at Oregon City blew up killing 22 and injuring others; buried in Astoria Cemetery

SMITH, Alvin Thompson (1802- ): m'd 1840 RAYMOND, Abigail; independent missionary who traveled with missionary party; joined Spalding at his Nez Perce station on Clearwater River; 1851 probate judge of Washington Co, OR; 1853 postmaster of Tualatin, OR. \*1: MSS#8, 18pp diary typescript in collection at OHS.

WALKER, Joel Pickens (1797- ): brother of reknowned trapper, Joseph Walker; arrived in Willamette Valley with family 13 Sep 1840; went to California with the US Exploring Expedition in Sep 1841; worked as a manager and drover at Sutter's Mill; returned with cattle, and horses and accompanied by Jacob P. Lesse and some former Oregonians while his family returned by ship in 1843; back to California by 1848 where he became politically prominent and was a member of the California Constitutional Convention of 1849; settled in Napa Valley

WALKER, Isabella: d/o Joel P. and Mary Young Walker

WALKER, John (1834- ): s/o Joel P. and Mary Young Walker

WALKER, Joseph (1828- ): s/o Joel P. and Mary Young Walker

WALKER, Louisa (1841- ): d/o Joel P. and Mary Young Walker; was born Jan 1841 near Salem.

WALKER, Newton: s/o Joel P. and Mary Young Walker

WALLER, Rev. Alvan F. (1808-1872): m. 1833 WHITE, Elepha; came to Oregon on the ship Lausanne via Cape Horn with the Jason Lee party; built the first Protestant church west of the Rocky Mountains at Oregon City; built the first church in Salem; one of the founders of the newspaper the "Pacific Christian Advocate".

WARE, Maria: m'd LEE, Daniel

WHITE, Elepha (1811- ): m'd 1833 WALLER, Rev. Alvan F.; came to Oregon on the ship Lausanne via Cape Horn with the Jason Lee party

WILKINS, Caleb: guided the missionary/settler party from Green River to Ft. Hall. He bought Joel Walker's wagon when the party split between Ft. Hall and Boise; arrived with his wife, a Nez Perce of the Lapwai region, at Waialatu in August and settled in the Willamette Valley in September.

\*2: WILKINSON, George: arrived this year with his Indian wife

WINN, Elizabeth (1811-1869): m'd 1833 PARRISH, Rev. Josiah L.; came to Oregon on the ship Lausanne via Cape Horn with the Jason Lee party; founded an orphan's home in what is now one of the buildings located on the grounds of the Oregon State Hospital in Salem and donated 4.77 acres from her half of their original donation land claim to make up the original part of Lee Mission Cemetery.

YOUNG, Martha: sister of Mary Young; accompanied Joel P. Walker family to OR in 1840

YOUNG, Mary: m. 1823 WALKER, Joel P.; came to Oregon with their four children and her unmarried sister, Martha Young; by the end of September, the Walkers had sown a crop with the aid of Ewing Young and Dr. McLoughlin; Ewing Young hired Joel and his son for occasional work and Martha Young (Mary Young Walker's sister) as a seamstress and laundress.

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