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FOREWORD

Much genealogical data is to be found in the papers filed for the Oregon Donation Land Claims granted to settlers of the Oregon Territory before December 1855. Original papers, made in duplicate, are located at the Land Office in Portland, Oregon and the National Archives, Washington, D. C. The genealogical material abstracted from the papers in the Land Office at Portland by members of the Genealogical Forum of Portland, Oregon is the subject of this book.

This volume contains abstracts of claims 2501 to 5289 filed at the Oregon City Land Office. Abstracts of the first 2500 claims filed at the Oregon City Land Office were contained in GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL IN OREGON DONATION LAND CLAIMS, VOL. I published by the Genealogical Forum in 1957. Volume II completes the abstracts of the claims filed at the Oregon City Land Office. Other donation Land Claims in Oregon were five at The Dalles Land Office, two at the La Grande Land Office and 2141 at the Roseburg Land Office.

The book should be of interest to genealogists because of the family data contained, and to historians everywhere because proof of Oregon settlers and their paths of migration are shown. A survey of the records indicate that at least 45% of the settlers were not born in the same state as the one in which they were married. All states existing in 1853 are represented in the list from which Oregon settlers emigrated with the greatest number coming from Missouri, Kentucky, Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South Carolina, Connecticut, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Vermont.

Each abstract will show for the settler in the following order his certificate number; his name; his place of residence; date and place of birth; date and place of marriage; first name of wife and last name when it appears in the record; date he settled his claim; names of those who signed affidavits (here will be found names of friends and relatives of the family). Pertinent family material entered in the file or any data on naturalization will also be included in the abstracts.

To save space the following abbreviations have been employed:

abt.	about	c	claim	FNB	Francois Norbert Blanchet
adj.	adjacent or adjoining	cert.	certificate	J. P.	Justice of Peace
	or adjusted	cit.	citizen or citizenship	m	marriage
adm.	administrator	clk.	clerk	nat.	naturalized
aff.	affidavit	co	county	Ore. T.	Oregon Territory
appt.	appointed	conf	conflict	SC	settled claim
arr. Ore.	arrival in Oregon	d	death	sic	copied as it appeared
assoc.	associate	dec.	deceased	temp. abs.	temporary absence
b	born	Dist. Co.	District Court	(X)	his mark

(MA) this following a person's name shows this person gave affidavit that he had known them as husband and wife since day of marriage.

Oct/Sept or 1826/8 this form is used if two different months or two different dates are given for the same act in the same record.

(?) County names have been checked against the actual county names of the states indicated. If a county name was entirely different from any existing names for that state, the county name was then transcribed as it appeared on the record and indicated by a (?).

Line under number in index indicates this is the certificate number of a claimant.

Personal names were copied from the records as they were found with no corrections. When names appeared written more than one way, all spellings have been given. As the family data was entered by hand any many times by the clerk who set names down phonetically the records were both hard to read and contain errors which will cause many of the descendants of these good early Oregon settlers, who are familiar with the correct form, to wonder and perhaps remonstrate. So it must be emphasized that the names are given as near as possible as they appeared in the records. Workers noted that many times names were spelled as if a southerner was speaking it and a northerner was writing it down.

The index is complete for all names and all spellings of names. For instance, Doak, A. J. and Doak, Andrew J. were probably the same person but are listed separately. When a woman's maiden name and married name were given or if a woman had been married twice and both married names appear in the record, she will be listed under all names. Thus: English, Mary Tucker will also be found under, Tucker, Mary.

Many claims as abstracted in this volume will show that an Oath of Allegiance was taken by the Claimant. This was due to an Act approved July 17, 1862 which reads in part "That the commanders of all American vessels sailing from ports in the United States to foreign ports, during the continuance of the present rebellion, and all persons prosecuting claims either as attorney or on his own account, before any of the departments or bureaus of the United States, shall be required to take the oath of allegiance, and to support the Constitution of the United States." It is presumed that those claimants who did not sign the Oath of Allegiance received their certificates either before this Act went into effect, or after it was withdrawn.

Due to the Land Law amendments of 1853 and 1854 that widows and orphans of settlers could also apply for donation

land, this book will contain more of this type of entry than Vol. I. In connection with the rulings concerning widows and orphans, some found much to their consternation that the families of long term citizens of the area could receive no land because the head of the house had died prior to the passage of the Land Act of 1850. A classic case is the Land of Pierre Belleque, a French Prairie settler of 1831 who had a Provisional Land Claim of 640 acres. Belleque died in 1849 on the way home from a trip to California. In 1850, his widow, Genevieve St. Martin, married Cassimer Gardipie. She filed, as a widow of Peter Belleque on 320 acres of their original claim. An article in Marion County History, Vol. 2, "Our Unmarked Fur Posts" by Mrs. G. K. Austin, tells how the Gardipie's sold their 320 acre farm in 1857 to Sylvain Bourjeau who sold it to his son, Jean Baptiste Bourjeau. In 1860 George W. Eberhard arrived in Oregon and bought the Belleque farm. In 1867 inquiry was made as to why Genevieve Gardipie had not received patent to the land on which she had filed in 1852 and the reply of the Commissioner of the Land Office was to the effect that "Pierre Belleque having died in 1849 had acquired no rights under the Act of 1850 which could descend to the benefit of his widow and heirs." Thus George Eberhard was forced to buy his land all over again and records show it took 28 years to obtain title to the 320 acres he had thought he bought in 1860 for \$1500 cash. Deeds to all transactions are in the Marion County Court House.

As the application of Genevieve Gardipie is not found in either of the two volumes of "Genealogical Material in the Oregon Donation Claims" the question is raised as to the whereabouts of the cancelled applications. Jane F. Smith, Archivist in Charge, Interior Branch, Natural Resources Records Division writes that her division of the National Archives holds the Oregon City Cancelled Notifications numbered 37-8084 with gaps, and Roseburg Cancelled Notifications 8-7974 with gaps, including a small number of unnumbered Notifications. The gaps occur because the Notifications for which Donation Certificates were issued are filed with the respective Certificates.

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To Dr. Dorothy O. Johansen we are especially indebted for the article "The Land Base of Oregon's Economy." This article which follows the one in Vol. I, "The Roll of Land Laws in the Settlement of Oregon" dealing with the history of the Land Acts, now takes up some of the early land transactions and the basic economy of the Oregon region. Dr. Johansen is Professor of History and Humanities at Reed College, Portland, Oregon and has been connected with that institution since 1935. She is co-author with Prof. Charles M. Gates of the University of Washington of the EMPIRE OF THE COLUMBIA, a history of the Northwest Country.

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The Land Office, Portland, Oregon for permission to include a reproduction of a map from the plat books at the Land Office. This particular map, R 4S, T 2W, is a part of Marion county showing a section of the French Prairie district whose settlers were some of the earliest in the Oregon Country.

Governor Mark O. Hatfield for his authorization to use the photograph of the mural which appears in the Senate Chambers of the State Capitol Building at Salem, on the front cover of this book. This mural, painted by Frank H. Schwarz depicts the moment when the people of Salem received the news that Oregon had become the 33rd state of the Union. Voted into the Union on February 14, 1859, it took a month for the news to reach the State Capital at Salem. The news left St. Louis February 14 by pony express, arriving at San Francisco March 10th. Then by steamer, the Brother Jonathan, to Oregon. The news arrived at Oregon City at 4:30 a. m. March 15th. An enterprising young man named Stephen Senter, thinking the people of Salem might be interested, mounted his pony to carry the news to the Capitol. But with the Mollala and Pudding Rivers being swollen, this trip took thirty hours and he arrived March 17. Seen in the picture is the old Bennett House which stood across the street from where the Court House is now. Reading the announcement is Stephen Senter. Governor John W. Whittaker is astride his horse and also represented in the picture are Joseph Lane, James W. Nesmith, Asahel Bush and Mathew Deady.

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Co, Ill. as his heirs. 1869 James Brown was owner of c.
Aff: Eli C. Crow, Daniel C. (X) Ramy, Thomas Hart.

No. 3550 KERNS, William, Clackamas Co; b 1810/11, Highland Co, Oh; Arr. Ore. Sept 1852; SC 1 Jan 1853; m Lois B. 11 June 1848 Taylor Co, Ind. (probably should be Ia.). Aff: Elijah B. Davidson, David D. Prettyman, Isaac Williams, John W. Kerns.

No. 3551 RIFNER, Elijah A., Linn Co; b 1824, Hamilton Co, Oh; Arr. Ore. 1 Oct 1852; SC 14 Dec 1852; m Hypatea L. 23 May 1852, Kernesville, Ia. 1869 L. B. Miller asks patent be issued in his name stating "c has passed through 5 or 6 owners, " & he is "legal assigner" for Rifner who was not in the country. Aff: Joseph B. Saltmarsh, Wm. Klum, David Miller.

No. 3552 BARRETT, William R., Washington Co; b 1831, Oh; Arr. Ore. 14 Apr 1854; SC 1 Sept 1855; m Eliza Jane 12 Apr 1855, Ore. T. Aff: Ira E. Purdin, Joseph D. Phillips, J. F. Pierce, W. W. Purdin.

No. 3553 RAMEY (X), Daniel C., Clatsop Co; b 1829, Franklin Co, Oh; Arr. Ore. abt. 9 Dec 1847; SC 4 Aug 1851. Claim adjs. Jonathan Barton's & Samuel Tallman's. Aff: Eli C. Crow, Jonathan (X) Barton, Samuel T. McKean, Clk. Dist. Court of Clatsop Co, Thomas Hart.

No. 3554 HARTMAN (X), John, Marion Co; b 1816, N. C.; Arr. Ore. 7 Sept 1852; SC 31 Oct 1852; m Mary, 1843/7, Mo. Aff: Joseph (X) Moser (MA), Stephen (X) Jones, Henry Blackburn, Gideon Blackburn.

No. 3555 PETIT (X), Hubert, Marion Co; b 1819, Canada; Arr. Ore. 1843 or Apr. 1851; SC 23 June 1851; m Emerance Gagnon, Feb 1849, Marion Co, Ore. T. (m Record St. Louis Catholic Church records Vol. I. -Hubert Petit, son of Amable Petit & Marianne Beaudry of Masca Canada & Emerance Gagnon under age dau. of Luc Gagnon & Julie Gregoire were m 19 Feb 1849.) Declared intention to become cit. 8 Sept 1851, Marion Co, Ore. T. Cit. awarded 13 Apr 1869, Marion Co. & doc. signed by John C. Peebles, Judge, J. J. Murphy, sheriff. Aff: Felix Bergevin (MA), Medard G. Foisy, F. LeBrun, Simon Gregoire.

No. 3556 LOW (LOWE), Talbot H., Wasco Co; b 1822, Pa; Arr. Ore. Dec 1853; SC 5 Apr 1854; m Jane E., Mar 1848, Detroit, Mich. In 1860 Richard (X) Marshall gave aff. that "Lowe arr. in Ore. 10 Sept 1852, sometime in fall of 1858 removed to Cal. & thence parts unknown. 15 May 1858 John A. Simms & Richard Marshall (this affiant) for \$3,000 purchased c." Same year Richard (X) Marshall signed notification papers for Lowe as his agent. Papers were signed before W. W. Chapman, Surveyor General. Enclosed is copy of deed given by Low(e) to Simms & Marshall 15 May 1858 & recorded in Recorder's Office Wasco Co, Ore. T. 10 Nov 1862 Oath of Allegiance was signed by Jane E. Lowe. W. B. Bigelow, Clk. of Court & James S. Reynolds, J. P. Wasco Co. signed documents dated 10 Nov 1862. Aff: D. W. Butler, Richard J. Monroe, Richard Madden, M. M. Cushing, Edward (X) Edwards.

No. 3557 GIBSON, Davis, Polk Co; b 1812, Mo; Arr. Ore. 2 Oct 1852; SC 14 Oct 1853; m Sophronia 31 Oct 1839, Pike Co, Ill. Purchased c from J. A. McWilliams. Aff: Geo. G. Gibson (MA), Austin Hiett, Joseph W. Ingalls.

No. 3558 RUDOLPH, Thomas, Marion Co; b 1830, Worchester Co, Md; Arr. Ore. 29 Sept 1847; SC 15 Sept 1851; m Martha, Dec 1853, Marion Co, Ore. T. Aff: Abraham R. Miller, Wm. C. Miller, Morgan Rudolph. Drury S. Stayton, J. P.

No. 3559 SWICK, Miner (Minor), Marion Co; b 1811, Seneca Co, N. Y.; Arr. Ore. Sept 1852; SC 6 Oct 1853; m Louisa 11 Jan 1832, Seneca Co, N. Y. Doc. signed before John Cary, J. P. & E. T. T. Fisher, Notary Public. Aff: L. D. C. Latourette (knew them as h & w since 1835), Daniel Otis.

No. 3560 RAINWATER, Alexander M., Benton Co; b 1820, N. or S. C.; Arr. Ore. 25 Oct 1847; SC 15 Oct 1849; m Elizabeth, "a spring day of Mar. or Apr 1852", Benton Co, Ore. T. Aff: Edward N. White, Gallatin Adkins, J. H. Carter.

No. 3561 WILMOT, William S., Marion Co; b 1807, Warren Co, Ky; Arr. Ore. Oct 1850; SC 1 June 1852. One doc. refers to him as Dr. Aff: Abner R. Frazer, Lewis W. Cannon.

No. 3562 DUNIWAY, Benjamin C., Clackamas Co; b 1830, Pike Co, Ill. Arr. Ore. 27 Sept 1850; SC 18 Sept 1853; m Abigail Jane 2 Aug 1853, Yamhill Co, Ore. T. 23 Jan 1864 signed Oath of Allegiance. Aff: Peter R. Wilson, Albert T. Gibson (MA), John M. Bacon.

No. 3563 STARR, Benjamin F., Multnomah Co; b 1817, Montgomery Co, Oh; Arr. Ore. 1 Sept 1852; SC 15 Oct 1853; m Catherine B. 10 Mar 1840, Ind. Aff: Samuel Nelson, Plympton Kelly.

No. 3564 HART, Anthony W., Washington Co; b 1819, Tuscarawas Co, Oh; SC 20 Jan 1851; m Harriet 11 Oct 1848, Oregon City, Ore. T. Aff: Orange S. Hall, Robert Hall, Wm. Warren, Stephen Coffin.

No. 3565 TUCKER, Benjamin Q., Washington Co, b 1809, Estill Co, Ky; Arr. Ore. Oct 1844; SC 10 Jan 1845; m Clarinda 24 Aug 1828, Jackson Co, Mo. Temp. absence May 1849 to June 1850 "being in gold mines of Cal." 1869 requests patent be sent to A. Montgomery, present owner. Aff: Solomon (X) Emrick, Wesley Mulky, Wm. McLin, Noah Job.

No. 3566 RAYMOND, William Wakeman, Clatsop Co; b 1815, Madison Co, N. Y.; Arr. Ore. 20 May 1840; SC 9 Apr 1850; m Almira 1 Aug 1839, Amsterdam, N. Y. Lists 6 children: Martha Almira, Elmira Aurelia, Geo. Wm., Elizabeth Ann, Nathan David, & James Henry Raymond. 1857 letter from T. W. Wallace - "W. W. Raymond absent from County.. he is a Sub Indian Agent now in service beyond The Dalles." 7 Dec 1859 sold for \$200 S one half of c to John Adair, doc. signed by C. J. Trenchard, Clk. Circuit Court. 26 Apr 1864 Wm. W. Raymond and his wife Almira were divorced in Circuit Court of Clatsop Co., John Badolbe, Clk. Aff: Lewis H. Judson, Solomon H. Smith, G. W. Coffenberry, Ninian Alkana Eberman, Thomas W. Wallace.

No. 3567 TETHEROW, Solomon, Polk Co; b 1801, Ruth-erford Co, N. C.; SC 4 Mar 1849; m Ibby 2 Apr 1823, Clay Co, Mo. Aff: Paul Hilterbrand, Gabriel Hardisen.