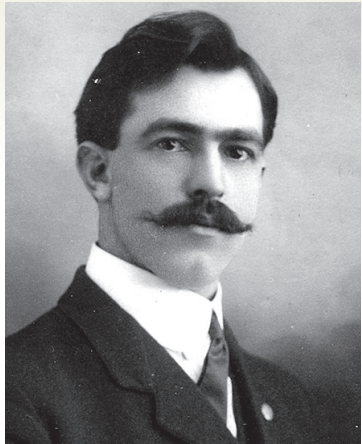


Prince Glaze and the Lone Rangers

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He was an Oregon boy, born in the Willamette Valley in 1877, raised in Prineville, spending summer months in a cabin near Black Butte. His proud father, Tillman Glaze, saloon keeper, horse breeder, fiddler, and homesteader of Glaze Meadow, named his firstborn son "Prince Jerry Glaze."

Prince grew up wandering in wild Central Oregon landscapes. I imagine him learning to handle a horse in the rugged juniper and sage canyons near the Crooked River and playing with his two sisters and little brother in the sweet-smelling old-growth pine groves near Indian Ford Creek during the long days of July. The entire

family was known to be musical, and maybe their tunes were accompanied by nighthawks calling across Glaze Meadow on those warm summer nights.

But much of the life of Prince Glaze is lost to time. There is no easy trace of him in the history

books or on the Internet. I couldn't find stories of his childhood. There is his wedding license from 1906 and his obituary in 1946. It says he worked for the Forest Service for 15 years. We don't know what he did with himself in Eugene in the years before he passed away. But Prince Glaze did leave us something, glimpses of his adventures long ago in the wilds of the Cascade mountains.

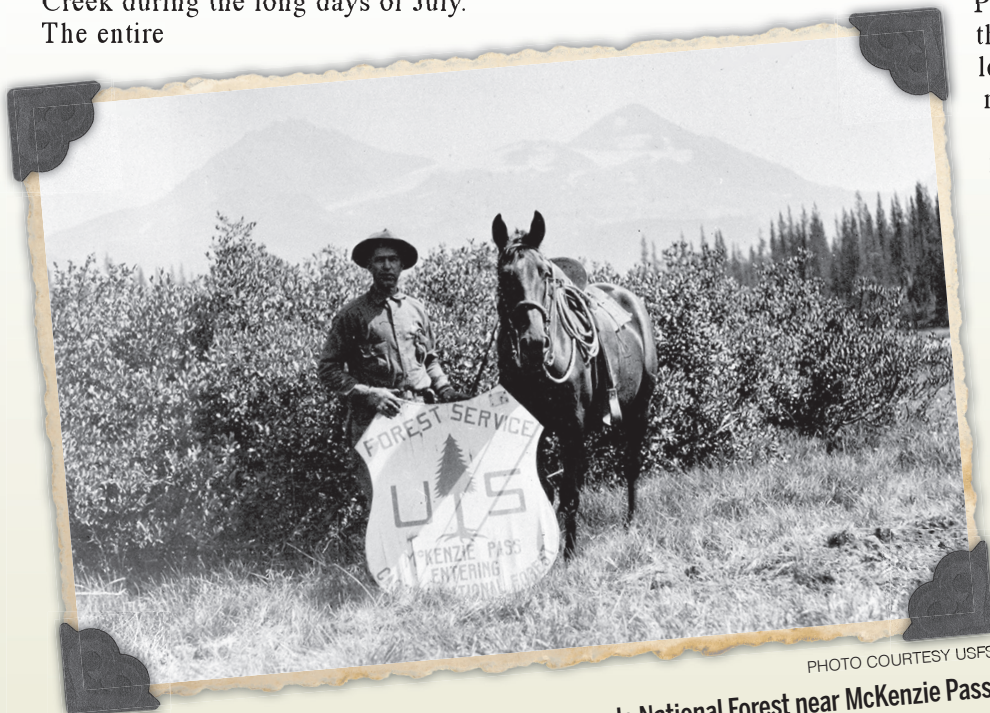
Why he turned away from his father's businesses and the bustle of Prineville to choose a life in the forest for 15 years is a mystery. Maybe those summers exploring the ponderosa pine forests, meadows, and nearby icy Metolius River left a longing in him for greener country. He joined a small cadre of men with the unique skill sets needed to do the early business of managing the Cascade National Forest, later named the Santiam Forest and finally the Deschutes and Willamette National Forests. The mission was to provide forest resources, including wood, as well as clean water and wildlife in perpetuity.

Prince Glaze was one of the early few working for the Forest Service in 1905, the days of the brand-new National Forest. Steve Lent, the historian of the Prineville Bowman Museum, showed me an unusual collection of photos while I was researching the Glaze homestead on the north end of Glaze meadow. There is a formal portrait of Prince Glaze with impeccable suit, tie, and handlebar mustache. In the forest, he is sometimes work-casual, standing in a burned forest or next to loaded pack horses, or tall in the saddle striking a pose. In his later years he has an old-Hollywood, Gary Cooper-like presence. His final appearance is in a colorized shot from 1936, with a sharp volcanic peak over his shoulder and the faintest shadow of the Forest Service badge on his shirt pocket. Who lugged early camera equipment into the wild, and why, is also a mystery.

Maybe Prince could look the part of a ranger, but technically he was not "The Ranger." That title lay with Perry South, who set up the first Sisters Ranger Station in the old Allingham Ranch House in



Prince Glaze and Ethel on pack horses, 1905.



Prince Glaze in Cascade National Forest near McKenzie Pass.
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