

Log Cabin Built Near Present Road Was First House in Hubbard

HUBBARD, March 27. — The Highway garage owned by B. G. Wells and son, Hugh Wells, stands by the side of the beautiful Pacific highway at Hubbard where more than 80 years ago near the spot stood a little log cabin beside a road which was a mere strip of mud or choking dust as the season would.

The little log cabin, the first building of any kind at the present site of Hubbard, was built by Thomas Hunt, a squatter who rented his claim to Charles Hubbard soon after the arrival of the latter to the Willamette in 1847. Mr. Hubbard took possession of the little cabin in 1848, later bought the improvements, filed a donation land claim, received a title for 640 acres from the government and became the founder of the town named in his honor, while Mr. Hunt went on to California to share in the gold rush and was heard from no more.

Charles Hubbard was the grandfather of Milton Kester, owner of a modern poultry plant near the spot where stood the blacksmith shop on his grandfather's claim. Mr. Kester, son of James Kester, was born 72 years ago on his father's homestead now the present site of the A. J. Smith farm near the White school house.

Fireplace Made of Sticks and Mud

Mr. Kester spent much of his boyhood days at his grandfather's home and he recalls many stories of those early pioneer days. He says that his uncle, the late Judge William Hubbard, recalled the Hunt cabin as being typical of the homes of the early Oregon pioneers—being built of logs and having a fireplace made

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FIRST SCHOOL AT HUBBARD.

of sticks and mud. When Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hubbard and family of four boys and four girls came to live in the new home, the little one-room cabin did not afford suitable accommodations so a larger cabin was built near the first building.

In 1874 J. B. Jackson bought the Hubbard home and remodeled the house by building a new addition. In later years the Jackson house was divided, the new addition built by Mr. Jackson being used in constructing the modern home of B. G. Wells located just west of the Highway garage; while the old part, that of the Charles Hubbard house is made into a neat little home for Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wells. Mr. Jackson's son and daughter, Jerome Jackson and Mrs. Mary Coleman, each have a beautiful home near the place of their childhood.

Charles Hubbard Lives to Ripe age of 84

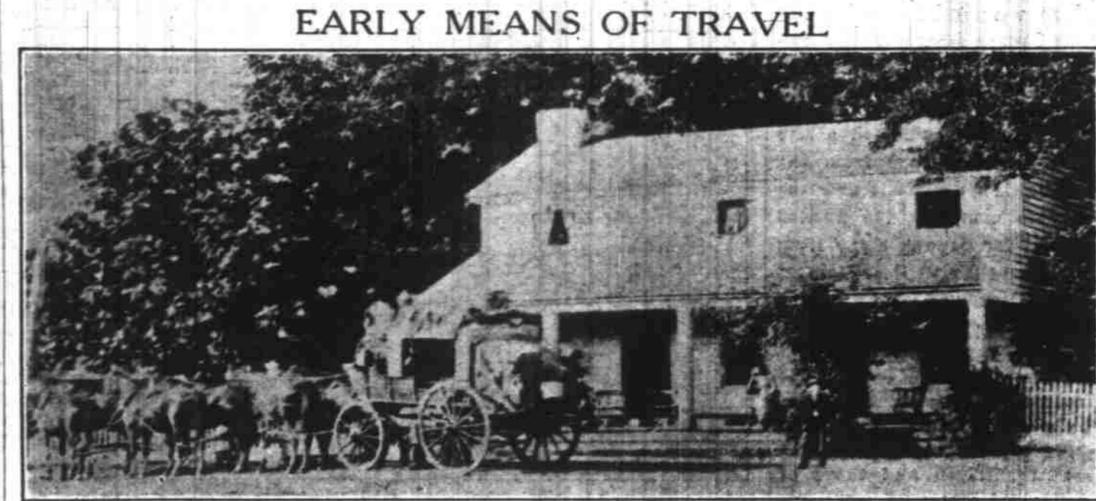
After selling to Mr. Jackson, Charles Hubbard moved to a log cabin which he had erected on the present George Wolfer farm and there he lived many years, spending his last days on this earth at the home of his son, Judge William Hubbard in Mission Bottom near Salem, and liv-

ing to the ripe old age of 84 years.

Where now stands the busy town of Hubbard then stood a heavy growth of timber, the homes of wild game including native pheasants, wild geese, quail and deer. Mr. Kester says that his father would stand in his own doorway and shoot deer and that his Grandfather Hub-

ard enjoyed hunting then on horseback.

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Old-Stage Service Followed by Garage

It is interesting to note that at the corner which served the traffic in the stage-coach days now stands a modern garage that serves the present motor-car age; and at almost the exact location where Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard fed the stage-coach drivers and passengers that now Garlands' barbecue feeds the present day motor-stage drivers and passengers.

The old stage-coach was done away with when the railroad found its way to California. Mr. Hubbard donated an 80-foot right-of-way to the railroad company which built a station naming it Hubbard, thus beginning the town in 1870.

When A. G. Gleason, Hubbard's first postmaster and merchant, built the first store here about the year 1870, and which afterward was owned by George Wolfer, pioneer merchant of Oregon, a road had to be brushed out in order to get the lumber to the site of the building which is now the office and store building of the Copeland Lumber yards.

Settlers First got Mail At Belle Passe

Before Mr. Gleason came to Hubbard, the settlers got their mail at Belle Passe about four miles south of Hubbard where now stands the Belle Passe school house. Now Hubbard has a good post-office under the management of Charles Crittenden who has been postmaster for many years, and in place of the one little store building that comprised all the business of Hubbard in the early days there are many business houses cover-

EARLY MEANS OF TRAVEL

ity. A few of the old landmarks remain including the old livery barn and old farmhouses among the latter being the Ivan Grimm home and the Waldo F. Brown home, a picturesque old colonial type of house located on one of the many prosperous farms that surround the Hubbard of today.

Late Trimmings In Hearses Are Available—\$10

"Yesterday Robert Ford and A. J. Basey received a fine new hearse from the factory in Illinois, and it is now ready for service. . . The hearse is full silver mounted, with gold trimmings and bears the latest improvements. It is the finest vehicle ever brought to Salem." —The Statesman, Apr. 27, 1887.

A later ad gave the hearse rate at \$10. And probably this vehicle bore many a fine Salem citizen to his last resting place.

SOCIETY WILL ENJOY FROLIC

Social Lions, Patterson and D'Arcy, Mentioned for May Day Event

"A Coming Event—Just at the present time society matters are at a standstill owing to the fact that this is Lenten season; but immediately after Lent there will be a number of society events. Notably that of the May party to be given at the state capitol, on Friday evening, April 30th, which will probably start the society ball 'a rolling.' Already the young peo-

ple are pairing off, and new dresses and dress suits agitate the younger minds; and many older people are beginning to make up and be ready for this, the season's event of 1886. The young gentlemen who comprise the committee, having the matter in hand, are working hard to make this the best party ever given at the state house, and are sparing no pains at any part of the work. The hall of representatives has been canvassed throughout. The music will be furnished by Parsons and Brey, and will be a treat in itself, as all selections will be of high standard. The committee is composed of such society gentlemen as I. L. Patterson, P. H. D'Arcy, Chas. S. Reily, Wm. J. Clarke, F. H. Allison and A. L. McCully." — Statesman, Apr. 16, 1886.

Society Thrills As Mrs. England Opens Her Home

Here was the guest list at a luncheon given by Mrs. William England at her "elegant residence on Liberty street" in April, 1887: Mrs. A. N. Bush, Mrs. Wm. Brown, Mrs. Geo. Burnett, Mrs. F. J. Babcock, Mrs. S. C. Church, Mrs. Ed Croisan, Mrs. Dinsmore, Mrs. F. E. Hodgkin, Mrs. McMasters, Mrs. Ed Hirsch, Mrs. S. R. Jessup, Mrs. Gus Strang, Mrs. J. H. Strickler, Mrs. M. N. Chapman, Mrs. Mattie Scott, Mrs. I. N. Gilbert, Mrs. F. N. Gilbert, Mrs. Geo. Williams, Mrs. D. F. Wagner, Mrs. A. Grant, Mrs. E. Lafore, Mrs. G. G. Lowndale, Mrs. W. F. Lemon, Mrs. J. W. Spriggs, Miss Eva Cox, Miss Mae Carpenter, Miss Jennie Gray, Miss Theo Van Wagner, Miss Sadie Nelson, Miss Bertha Moores, Miss Nellie Gilbert, Miss Flora Simmons, Miss Emma Wheeler, Miss Lizzie McNary, Miss Annie McNary.

NO SPEED LIMIT THEN

"A train of ox-teams, consisting of forty oxen and six wagons from Harrisburg, Linn county, passed through town last week, en route to Salmon River." — Statesman, May 5, 1862.



Frank H. Madden Northwestern Representative Reid, Murdoch & Co.

Born at Monmouth, Ill., in 1855, Frank H. Madden entered the employ of Reid, Murdoch and company, wholesale grocers of Chicago, in 1876. He served as traveling salesman, house salesman, and originated and started the manufacturing business of the company, erecting plants at Hammond and Pierceton, Ind. He was director and partner of the company when he retired in 1910 and came to Medford, Ore., where he bought a fruit ranch. In a few years, he sold the ranch, moved to Seattle and with a partner, operated salmon plants in Alaska at Point Warde; on Copper river; and at Point Nellie Juan on Prince William sound. About 10 years ago he sold these interests and retired from business.

In 1929 his old firm, Reid, Murdoch and company, invited him to become their northwest representative to handle the buying and manufacturing of all kinds of food products which originate in this territory. That year he leased and operated for the company the West Salem cannery and in the fall the company purchased the old King plant on North Front street. This was remodeled into a modern plant and in 1930 a pack of 300,000 cases of fruits and vegetables was made.

Mr. Madden's family consists of a wife and two daughters. They reside in Seattle, but Mr. Madden makes frequent trips to Salem.

Atlas Book Store

W. I. "Babe" Needham, president of the above company is a native of Marion County. He was born 7 miles south of Salem, in the Red Hill district.



—Photo by Kennell-Ellis "BABE" NEEDHAM

Aside from his two children Mr. Needham's hobby is Salem. In 1908 he was connected with the sheriff's office where he remained until 1917 when he was elected sheriff of Marion county. Sheriff for four years, he then became trust officer for the Capital National bank, now the First National bank. In 1926 he purchased the Atlas Book store, located at 465 State street. Old-time Oregon hospitality is on tap at the Atlas Book store. A cheery welcome awaits all callers whether they come to buy, talk golf, the weather, politics or "what-will-you." Mr. Needham is keenly interested in the city of Salem and surrounding country and rates as one of the community's leading boosters.