

Descendant of Washington Line Dwells in This Austrian Castle



The castle of George Baron von Washington, of Austria, the descendant of the Washington line and the bearer of the same name as his illustrious American relative.

Blood Relative of First President

George Baron von Washington Is Distinguished Austrian Citizen.

The most distinguished kinsman and namesake of George Washington, our first President, lives in Europe. He is George Baron von Washington, of Poels, who was a captain of Austrian cavalry and fought against America in the World War. The Baron is sixty-seven years old and lives alone, with his seven dogs, in an enormous shabby castle in Styria, southern Austria.

Nine hundred years ago, the baron says, there was a Tordin, lord of Ravensworth, England, from whom the Washingtons descended. From Tordin to Robert Washington, lord of Millebourne, in 1400, the family trees of George and the baron were the same. Robert Washington married the daughter of Lord Kerneford and had several sons. One was Robert, Jr., whose sons emigrated to America. One of these great-grandsons of Robert was the great-grandfather of George Washington who became first President of the United States.

John, another son of Robert Washington, and his descendants lived in England until the end of the Eighteenth century when they emigrated, but not to America. James Washington, descendant of John, went to The Hague and sold his services where he could as an officer. In 1790 he learned that a Washington had become President of the American republic, and after investigating found that George was his true blood cousin. James then



Americans who are interested in the family tree of George Washington, and most Americans are, will be interested in this photograph taken recently in Austria of George Baron von Washington, the Austrian descendant of the Washington line and the bearer of the same name as his illustrious American relative.

tried to get a job in America and letters were exchanged between the two. The baron has no copy of his great-grandfather's letter but he does have the original of the answer our President sent refusing James a military post in the new republic. George's reason for the refusal and plain dealing as stated in the letter was that "it was not in accord with the policy of the American government to bestow offices of any kind on foreigners to the exclusion of her own citizens." However, he admitted his blood relationship to James.

Later we learn that James Washington also made a name and position in life for himself, and his son Jacob an even greater one. Jacob sold his services to the Bavarian government under King Ludwig I, and finally became marshal of the court. He became a baron and lord of the estate at Notzing, Upper Bavaria. Jacob's only son, Maximilian, the present baron's father, carried the family career still further by marrying a royal duchess—a cousin to Queen Mary of England. Now the baron is the last of his line, his brother having died.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Washington

Through seven slow years of unadvancing war. Equal when fields were lost or fields were won. With breath of popular applause or blame. Nor fanned nor damped, unquenchably the same. Too inward to be reached by flaws of idle fame.

Soldier and statesman, rarest union: High-poised example of great duties done. Simply as breathing, a world's honors worn. As life's indifferent gifts to all men born. Dumb for himself, unless it were to God. But for his barefoot soldiers eloquent. Tramping the snow to coral where they trod. Held by his awe in hollow-eyed content. Modest, yet firm as Nature's self, unblamed. Save by the men his nobler temper shamed. Not honored then or now because he wooed. The popular voice, but that he still withstood. Broad-minded, higher-souled, there is but one Who was all this, and ours, and all men's—

WASHINGTON!

—James Russell Lowell

Old Chronicle Tells of Washington as Fireman

George Washington was once a fireman, says the Detroit News. At least he presented the volunteer company of Alexandria, Va., with a fire engine. M. R. Levick, writing in St. Nicholas, describes this incident in the life of the father of our country as follows: "Washington presented the engine in 1775 to the Friendship fire company. That was almost a hundred years before there were paid firemen. In those days the fire fighting was done by volunteers, who belonged to different companies, just as it is today in small towns. When a fire was discovered a big bell was rung and at the signal the members of the volunteer company came running from wherever they were; they hauled out the engine and dragged it, with a score of men tugging at a long rope, to the fire, and then fell to work for all they were worth, making the pump handles go up and down like a seesaw. The Friendship fire company was organized on August 13, 1774, the year before Washington bought the engine for it, and is still in existence, although now Alexandria has a paid fire department. The engine is there yet, and on special occasions it is brought out by the Friendship Veterans' Fire association."

SAID BY WASHINGTON

A good moral character is the first essential in a man. I feel everything that hurts the sensibility of a gentleman. I hope, some day, we shall become a storehouse and granary for the world. We do not wish to be the only people to taste the sweets of an equal and good government. Would to God the harmony of nations were an object that lay nearest to the hearts of sovereigns! I hold the maxim no less applicable to public than to private affairs, that "honesty is the best policy." It appears to me that little more than common sense and common honesty would be necessary to make us a great and happy nation. I am resolved that no misrepresentations, mischiefs, or calumnies shall make me swerve from what I conceive to be the strict line of duty. The very idea of the power and the right of the people to establish government presupposes the duty of every individual to obey the established government.

Old Pohick Church

Not far from Alexandria, Va., is a church of which one hears less than of some of the other churches in which the first President worshipped. This is the old Pohick church, of which, it is claimed, Washington was the designer. He also was a vestryman of this church, and it is known that he had a great and peculiar affection for it. It is a church having much to do with the spiritual life of Washington.

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

The Eastern Oregon Dental association held a two-day session at La Grande.

Morris L. Johnson, Klamath county appraiser for the state bonus commission, has resigned.

Burglars entered the general store at Quincy and appropriated merchandise valued at \$700.

Captain John Erickson, for 42 years engaged in towboat service on Coos bay, is dead at the age of 77 years.

Two armed robbers held up the Parkrose State bank, just outside the city limits of Portland, and escaped with about \$1650 in cash.

H. L. Plank of Junction City was elected president of the Lane County Jersey Cattle Breeders' association at the annual meeting in Eugene.

Crater Lake national park was the only park in the United States which paid dividends in 1924, according to Colonel C. G. Thomson, superintendent.

The date for the Pacific slope newspaper conference has been set for April 17 and 18 in Portland, according to Fred W. Kennedy, secretary of the press association.

Work on the tunnels of the Eugene-Klamath Falls cut-off is proceeding rapidly and the completion of the 3650-foot tunnel which is being bored under the summit of the Cascades is expected about July 4.

Between 30 and 40 men are working on the Ashland-Klamath Falls highway in an effort to keep it open. In several places the road base has broken through and it is with difficulty that automobiles are able to pass the points.

Two major general improvement bond issues aggregating \$30,000 and changes in the present city charter providing for registration of voters in city elections will be placed before voters of The Dalles at a special election March 6.

Fire losses in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, in January aggregated \$149,440, according to a report issued by Will Moore, state fire marshal. The most disastrous fire was at Silver Lake, where a hotel burned with a loss of \$30,000.

During the past year the Umpqua Valley cantenary in Roseburg spent over \$33,000 in purchasing produce from the farmers of Douglas county, and approximately \$35,000 for labor, according to the report presented to the stockholders at the annual meeting.

The fur industry in central Oregon is seriously menaced by the use of poison by government trappers. It is held by private trappers in Lake and Deschutes counties. It is said that many valuable fur bearing animals other than coyotes are being destroyed.

One hundred and eighteen mills reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending February 7, manufactured 97,012,062 feet of lumber; sold \$8,390,404 feet and shipped \$7,964,120 feet. New business was 9 per cent below production.

A full-grown bobcat was electrocuted on the 66,000-volt line of the Vale Electric company, between Vale and Nyssa. The cat climbed the 50-foot pole and got its face against the top wire while its legs were around the ground wire which runs the length of the pole.

A switch at Cayuse, where a big Mallet engine was derailed, was blocked by Harvey Strong, a 17-year-old Indian of Toppenish, Wash., according to a confession which the youth made to Deputy Sheriff Bennett at Pendleton. The Indian gave no reason for his action.

Suit to foreclose a mortgage for \$172,603.14—the largest sum ever involved in a legal action in Jackson county—was filed in the circuit court at Medford by the Welch investment company and J. W. Stewart of Spokane against the Rogue River Valley Canal company.

A pulp and paper mill costing \$2,500,000 will be erected at St. Helens at once by the Hawley Pulp & Paper company and the Charles R. McCormick Lumber company. It was announced by Willard P. Hawley Jr., vice-president and general manager of the paper company.

The Eugene city council has ordered a special election April 15 to authorize issuance of \$584,000 in bonds for the following purposes: Fifty thousand dollars sewer reconstruction, \$25,000 new fire apparatus, \$20,000 for paving street intersections, \$375,000 for McKenzie water project, \$135,000 for new reservoir, mains and pumps, \$10,000 for repairing city hall, \$30,000 for paving street intersections, \$25,000 for incinerator and \$5000 for paving.

Snow at the summit of the Cascades, near the Willamette pass highway, not far from Crescent lake, is 15 feet in depth and is packed into a glacier-like mass by heavy rains and sub-zero weather, according to reports being brought to Bend by trappers.

Net toll receipts of the interstate bridge at Vancouver totaled \$22,717.15 last month, an increase of \$2947.41 over January, 1924, according to Auditor Rae. Multnomah county's share was \$13,841.18 and Clarke county received \$9227.45. The gross receipts were \$27,524.52; expenses were \$4566.02.

The Campbell Towne company of Oshkosh, Wis., submitted the highest bids to the department of the interior on a stand of 37,000,000 feet of timber comprising the Creek unit of the Klamath Indian reservation. Prices per thousand board feet were \$6.11 for pine, \$2.52 for Douglas fir and \$1.01 for other species.

There were three fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon in the week ending February 12, according to a report issued by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were: R. A. Rissue, Coking Grove; S. E. Hamlin, Yamhill, and George Hyde, Trenholm. A total of 467 accidents was reported.

The 6 per cent tax limit was exceeded by the Lane county court in fixing this year's tax levy, according to a decision of Judge G. F. Skipworth at Eugene, and a change in the rolls will be made accordingly, according to the county court, which will proceed to reduce the tax \$10,716.55, the amount that the limit was alleged to have exceeded.

Machinery for the payment of loans aggregating \$1,500,000 for the relief of eastern Oregon farmers in receding purposes began to function when representatives of the board of control left for eastern Oregon cities to complete local arrangements for handling the money. The plan calls for a local committee of five to serve without pay in each district.

The rivers and harbors bill carries an amendment adopted on motion of Senator McNary providing for a preliminary examination and survey of the Columbia and Willamette rivers from Portland to the sea with a view to a widening and deepening of the channel. The project contemplated is the most ambitious yet put forward for any river in the United States except the Mississippi.

An amendment to the rivers and harbors bill providing for preliminary survey of Umpqua river and harbor with a view to their improvement was adopted by the senate committee on commerce. At the same time the committee gave its approval to the McNary amendment giving local interests on Tillamook bay credit for \$265,000 already expended by them on harbor improvement.

Reclamation of the Fort Rock district of the Deschutes national forest for grazing purposes, supplying range for an additional 30,000 head of sheep, or 8000 head of cattle, is being backed by sheepmen of central Oregon. An appropriation of approximately \$100,000 by the government for the purpose of bringing water 35 or 40 miles from Paulina lake to the arid Fort Rock country is being urged.

A trust deed given by the Tidewater Mill company, which is a subsidiary of the Porter Bros. company, which owns large tracts of timber land in western Lane county and the old Hurd sawmill at Florence, to the Detroit Trust company, securing a loan of \$500,000, was filed for record in the office of County Clerk Bryson at Eugene. The deed covers several thousand acres of the company's holdings.

Because of the heavy damage that was done to wheat seeded last fall on the farm at Moro experiment station the grain nursery in Umatilla county will provide valuable data on the resistance to winter killing offered by the varieties seeded there last fall, according to D. E. Stephens, superintendent of Moro station. Last fall on the Moro farm 10,000 single row plantings were made and every row of the wheat was winter killed. Some varieties seeded in the Umatilla county nursery were killed, but a big percentage is expected to come through with only nominal damage.

Grower members of the Hood River Apple Growers' association last week received checks, aggregating \$400,000, covering the co-operative agency's third cash distribution on the 1924 apple crop. The association set a new record for cash dividends on apple pools just before Christmas, when it cut a melon that exceeded \$400,000. A second cash distribution of \$300,000 was made in January. The fourth distribution, to be made in March, will reach an approximate \$400,000. Previously the co-operative sales organization had advanced to growers on supplies and for harvesting expenses more than \$1,100,000, and the total returns to growers on the 1924 tonnage, which was slightly in excess of 2,000,000 boxes, to date reaches \$2,227,000.

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H. T. Tucker, acting coroner, announced that he had seen Collins, recognized him, was certain that he was dead, and was equally sure "there is no way of removing the body without probable further loss of human life."

Floyd Collins was reached and found dead at 2:45 Monday afternoon, after rescuers had penetrated into the original sand cave where Collins was caught.

San Francisco Publisher Is Dead. San Francisco.—M. H. De Young, publisher of the San Francisco Chronicle, died here Sunday following an operation for intestinal troubles.

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