

Looking Around the County



Wheat Is Still King

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who came to the area from Maine. Other early settlers at or near Ella Center were John Handy, Johan Troedson, Charles Jaynes, George Crane, and the Van Cleves, and William Parsons.

CASTLE ROCK

A P.O. established at Castle Rock in 1883 which lasted until 1926; however, it is probably the first place in Morrow County included in Ore-

gon Historical records. It was named for a rock formation along the river that seemed to resemble a castle.

In 1847 a wagon train of 13 families camped there. Buffalo skin clad Pawnees approached the train,

apparently out of curiosity. As they left they revealed their true purpose by stampeding the team and stock. Several shots were fired,

trail ropes grabbed and the animals retrieved. Later two men from this train, who had asserted with bravado that they would kill an Indian during the trek to Oregon, were approached by Pawnees as the travelers were out hunting. The Indians forced the men to disrobe, threw their boots back at them, as boots were

located in eight different homes before a building for it was built in 1912 at the Eightmile Center, near a general store and the school which was built in the 1880's.

A listing of early settlers in the Eightmile community includes: Moses Cantwell, Elihu Stanton, Jacob Young, Harvey Vaughn, Richard Robison, Luther Huston, Bill Be-

cket, Riley Munkers, Olof Bergstrom, Charles Anderson, Oliver Pierson, John Allstott, Martin and James Gerkin, Pete Brenner, George Junkin, Mel Humphrey, Clifford Jones, Lee and John Cantwell, Charles and Bud Ingram, Francis Courter, Leonard Farmer, Frank and Case Fuqua, Jerome Young, and Wes Brannon.

ADAMSVILLE, ALPINE, GOOSEBERRY, IONE AND SALINEVILLE

In 1884 five new postoffices came into being. Adamsville under postmaster Silas Miles was consolidated with Hardman in 1885. Alpine's first postmaster was G.H. Parsell. The postoffice in this Sand Hollow community was discontinued in 1894 after which its mail was sent to the Galloway Postoffice. The old school at Alpine is still standing.

GOOSEBERRY'S first postmaster was Isaac R. Esteb. There was a tri-weekly stage which ran to Arlington via Fletts and Olex and carried the mail. This P.O. was discontinued in 1918. The Valby Church is a historic feature of this community.

Some early gooseberry bushes which grew and flourished near a spring on Hall Ridge gave the community its

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useless to Indians, and then chased them at a fast clip back to the wagon train.

There was a ferry there later and hay was ferried to sheep raisers on the Washington shore. Before the railroads, a stage coach line ran south to Heppner.

The magazine West Shore of October 1883 stated, "Castle Rock now contains an express office, postoffice, saloon, dwelling, school, etc. The growth of western towns is wonderful." When the O.R. & N. was established, Castle Rock flourished as a major shipping depot for Morrow County. Its small school building was later moved to Boardman; its postoffice closed; and the two-story business building destroyed by a fire in 1930.

ATWOOD

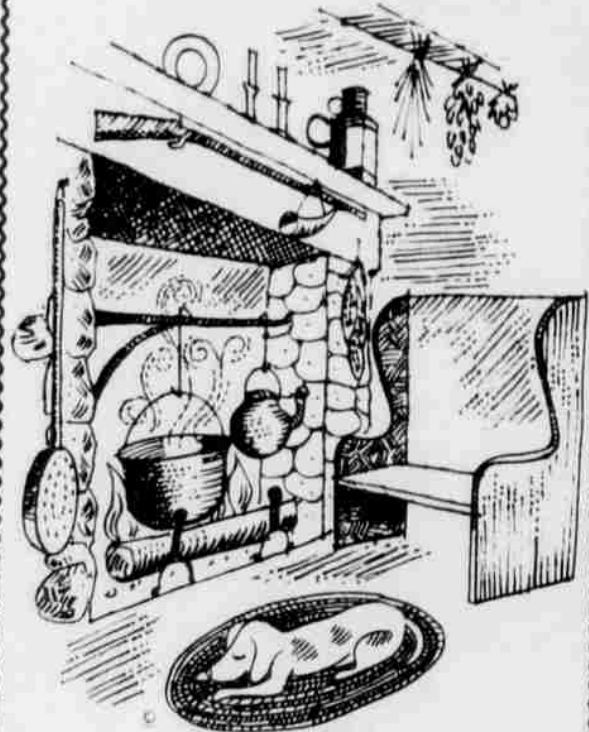
In the fall of 1883 three postoffices were established in the county, Atwood toward the eastern side, Castlerock at the far north, and Eightmile in the south west.

Atwood's first postmaster was Henry C. Thomson an uncle of Phebe Bartholomew. The Atwoods were her maternal grandparents who had settled on Butler Creek in 1853 near what was then called Emigrant Crossing and then became Atwood the present Lexington-Butler Creek highways join there. The postoffice was discontinued in 1888.

EIGHTMILE

The Eightmile P.O. was active from 1883 until 1941. It is reported to have been

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