

Who's Who in Our First Century



An Oregon Wool Growers Convention, 1901. The man in the front holding the papers is Wm. B. Barratt, Garnett's father. (Pic from Garnett Barratt)

Ulrick A. Raby

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lost his leg after a logging accident on his homestead and had to move his family into town where they lived beside the Jasper Crawfords for awhile and then moved down Gale St. beyond the Methodist Church. Their home was protected somewhat during the flood by part of another building which washed beside it and diverted the water and debris.

LEFT IN 1905

The family moved to Boise in 1905. Later U.A. did farm work at Phoenix, Arizona, married, and he and his wife went into Salvation Army work. Later yet they located in Chico where he had a used furniture store and then did maintenance work for the public schools. His older brother Ed Raby married Ida Adams of Sandhollow. The Raby's son Delbert is the director of Boy Scout camps in California. The three enjoyed visiting the museum and talking with Mrs. Harnett; they purchased Homesteads and Heritages; Bill Weatherford tried to help them locate the old Raby homestead.

J. Garnett Barratt

It would be hard to find another second-generation pioneer who has been as active in civic life as J. Garnett Barratt who served on the Heppner school board, was a charter member of the board of directors of the Northwest Livestock Production Credit Assoc., served in an important session of the state legislature, was a county commissioner and county judge. He platted and developed the Barratt Addition to Heppner and donated 10 lots where the Pioneer Hospital stands.

SOME FAMILY HISTORY

His parents, William Barratt who came from

England in 1883 and Eliza Ann Hynd who came from Scotland in 1899 ranched in Rattlesnake Canyon off Sand Hollow near where the Jerry Doughertys are now. His father changed from a "city dude" to an outstanding and progressive sheep rancher after arriving here broke in his 21st year. Miss Hynd, a sister of his nine-year sheep-rearing partner Robert Hynd, whom Mr. Barratt met when he visited England in 1897, and who came to Heppner for their marriage in 1899 when he was 37 and she was 30, adjusted nicely to the change of environment and became a fine wife and mother.

The family began to spend their winters in their home in Heppner when Garnet was school age. The parents also had three daughters: Helen, Mrs. E.C. Rieman of Corvallis; Milletta, Mrs. Fred Hodecker, Redmond; Margaret, Mrs. John A. Heltzel, Salem.

GARNETT'S PROGRESS

Garnet graduated from Heppner High in 1918, took a quick look around O.S.C., and came home to trail sheep and to go into a partnership with his father. In 1920 he married Cyrene Lieuallen of Athena. They have two sons, Bill of Spokane and James of Corvallis.

By 1929 the Garnett Barratts bought the L.V. Gentry Ranch just east of town, and their sons were convenient to Heppner's schools, and Garnet really became involved in organizations. He knew the town and its citizens well as he had carried a large Oregonian route as a boy, and had of course, spent his winters there during all of his school years.

Garnet married Gretchen "Peggy" Bailey of Glacier, Montana in 1943. He filled out the term as Commissioner

when C.W. McNamer died in office and then was elected judge for two 6 yr. terms, but he had to resign for health reasons in Jan. 1958.

TO MESA, ARIZONA

Since that time, he and Peggy have made their home at Mesa, Arizona but have returned to Heppner for a part of their summers. Garnet is associated in the Barratt Ranches, Inc., a family corporation. The Barratts have many friends at Mesa and are certainly widely acquainted here. When one visits with Garnet one finds that there can't be much that has gone on in the county that he has not been involved in, and that he is very proud of his Morrow County and Heppner background.

THE ORIGINAL SCRIP

He is pleased with the revival of sheepskin scrip this centennial year. He was on the school board in the 1930's when the original sheepskin scrip was issued and was backed by county and school district warrants.

The Garnett Barratts are at home this summer in the basement apartment of the Barratt Apartment building, in the Barratt addition, out toward the Barratt Ranch.

Mrs. Homer Green
(Pearl Brannon)

Mrs. Pearl Green and her twin sister Merle Brannon must be about the county's oldest twins. Born in 1896 in Heppner, they are daughters of Irishman Wesley Webb Brannon and Ella Sailing Brannon who were homesteaders in Eight Mile before fences were built there. The Brannons had 6 other children: the first three died quite young; however, son Les lives in Heppner, son Marvin at Mt. Vernon, and son Jimmy

on Rhea Creek. Merle suffered damage from a very high fever when she was 2 years old, and Pearl has mothered her since their mother died 51 years ago.

Pearl started to school at Eight Mile but the family moved into Hardman during the winters so the children could go to a bigger school there. At Eight Mile the Brannons had wheat, sheep and an orchard.

MARRIED AT HARDMAN

Pearl met her husband Homer Green from Ohio at Hardman, and they were wed there by Justice of the Peace George Bleakman in 1914. They had seven children. Their oldest daughter, Myrtle (Mrs. Marcellus Van Schoack) died in 1943; daughter

Lucille (Mrs. Clair Marvel) lives in The Dalles; Dorothy (Mrs. Art Warren) lives in Ione, and their four sons live in Lexington. Harry is a custodian of Heppner schools, Kenneth and Floyd work on ranches, and Jerry works at the Prowler Industries, Pendleton, but is home gardening every weekend.

Pearl recalls what an exciting place Hardman was when she was a young girl. There were horse races and lots of parties and dances. She says she saw her first car there when she was about 14 years old—it belonged to Jim Knighten. She remembers George Bleakman also had a car about 1910. She says it was mighty exciting

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