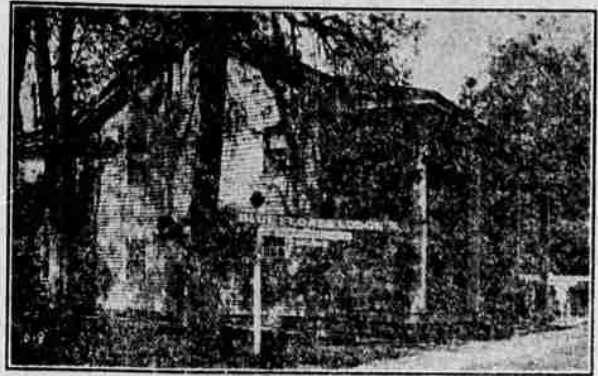


HISTORY OF PIONEER COLVER FAMILY ERECTION OF OLD HOME NEAR PHEONIX

(By Nellie Rose Jones)

The Colver house at Phoenix, Jackson county, Oregon, now known as "The Blue Flower Lodge," is the oldest house standing in Jackson county today. It was completed in 1855, and is, perhaps, one of the most interesting structures erected in Oregon during the pioneer period of the state. It was built by Samuel Colver and his wife, Huldah Callender Colver, on their donation land claim number 42. It was constructed, primarily, for hotel purposes and also as a refuge for the various families in the settlement during the Indian uprisings. As Mr. Colver did not take kindly to the idea of presiding over a hostelry, the hotel project was abandoned and the building was never used for that purpose during the more than seventy years when the Colvers and their descendants occupied it. It furnished protection from the Indians to the neighbors for miles around on several occasions.



Historic Old Colver Home

Finally he was publicly reprimanded and given his choice of publicly apologizing or leaving the college. He chose the latter course which terminated his scholastic career. About that time the state of Texas attempted to throw off the yoke of Mexico, and young Colver went to that new field where there was abundant room for adventurous spirits, and no restrictions by narrow orthodox teachers. Young Colver joined the Texan army under the banner of Sam Houston, and served as Texas Ranger until after the sanguinary battle of San Jacinto, which established Texan independence. After the independence of the Lone Star state was established, Colver served under the flag on the frontier, as scout and trader with the Indians, sometimes in conflict with hostile tribes and in peril of his life. On one occasion he was forced to cross a wide extent of country occupied by a hostile tribe of Indians, and his only method of travel was on foot and by night. The cactus and other thorny shrubs soon tore his clothes to shreds and he had to clothe himself with the untanned skins of wild animals and eat their unspiced flesh for days at a time until he reached a settled portion of the country.

His next adventure was in his native state, which he canvassed pretty thoroughly as public lecturer on the then newly discovered science of mesmerism. Shortly after completing his lecture tour, Colver met and married Huldah Callender, and for a few years lived with his parents Samuel Colver, Sr., in the old homestead near Irwin, Union county, Ohio. Soon after the discovery of gold and the opening up of the Oregon country to settlement under the liberal donation land law, the Colver brothers, Samuel and Hiram, together with their families, undertook the long and perilous journey across the plains by way of the Old Oregon Trail, to the Willamette valley, at that time the only well known part of the Oregon Territory. This was in 1850.

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of diphtheria. This double tragedy left Uncle Sam and Aunt Huldah Colver childless.

From this date Uncle Sam spent very little time in Rogue River valley. The loss of his children preyed on his mind and he seemed to want to be away from scenes that would remind him of them. He had taken a very active part in the Modoc Indian war in Klamath county and had been one of the first property owners in the Klamath country and had many warm friends among the pioneers of this region. In February, 1891, while attempting to pay a business visit to one William Spencer who lived on the west shore of Upper Klamath lake, Uncle Sam was drowned or frozen to death. His body was not recovered until several months later. His remains are now interred in the Phoenix cemetery beside those of his wife. This cemetery is a part of his donation land claim.

Family History

The Colver family has a most interesting historical background. Samuel Colver was sixth in descent from Edward Colver, the Puritan, founder of the family in America. Edward Colver came to this country in 1635 with Governor Winthrop, and was a member of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. He served in the Colonial wars. He was given a grant of 500 acres of land for service in these wars. He was among the founders of Boston, Dedham and Roxbury, Massachusetts and New London and Mystic, Connecticut.

Samuel Colver was the grandson of Nathaniel Colver and Ruth Kilbourn Colver of Litchfield, Conn. Nathaniel Colver was a member of the Provincial Congress from Albany county, New York and Ensign in the Revolutionary war (1775-1783).

Huldah Callender Colver was the daughter of Samuel Callender, who served as officer in the Revolutionary war and in the war of 1812. Captain John Callender, captain of artillery at the Battle of Bunker Hill, was great-uncle of Huldah Callender Colver. Her great grandfather was Eliezer Callender who served in the Revolution as Captain of the Virginia State navy. Both Capt. John Callender and Capt. Eliezer Callender, his father, were members of the Society of the Cincinnati of Virginia.

Lewis Albert Rose who married Isabelle Colver and who also lived in the old Colver home for four years after his marriage, was the great grandson of Andrew Itow who also served in the Revolutionary war. Lewis Albert Rose was the second cousin of President William McKinley, thru the Rose line.

Colver Grandchildren

Grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Colver who are still living are: Mrs. Charles Hemstreet, Portland, Oregon; (Effie Rose, who was the first child born in the old Colver home at Phoenix); Mrs. Arthur Furry (Lita Colver) Mrs. Wilbur Jones (Nellie Rose Newbury), Klamath Falls, Oregon; Mrs. Albert Soltes (Bertha Colver), Arthur Howe, Lloyd Colver and Dr. George Kahler, who were close neighbors, were the first to reach the Olwell home.

Great Grandchildren

Great grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Colver are: Mrs. Lawrence Mehaffey (Maude Newbury), Antioch, California; Donald R. Newbury, Medford, Oregon; Carl Newbury, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Armond Taylor, Clifton, Washington; Colver Furry, Phoenix, Oregon; Aubrey Furry, Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. Juanita Furry (Mrs. Nell Franklin), Medford, Oregon; Jean Rose, Doris Rose, Huldah Rose and Lewis Albert Rose, Phoenix, Oregon; Agnes Colver, Harold Colver and

Elbert Colver, Phoenix; Wilbur Jones, Jr., Klamath Falls, Oregon.

(Nellie Rose Jones, who wrote this story, was a charter member of the Oregon state chapter Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, Ed.)

BIG INCREASE IN PRODUCTION FORDS

Announcement for plans for an increase in production during the remaining spring months due to the heavy volume of orders has been made by the Ford Motor Company.

The manufacturing schedule has been balanced to provide for an output of the entire line of passenger cars and commercial vehicles, which now includes eighteen different automobile types, the recent additions being the chauffeur driven town car, town sedan, sport cabriolet, taxicab, station wagon and the de luxe delivery wagon. A member of the Ford Motor Company says: "The production program has been arranged to include the new body types designed for the Model A chassis and production has been stimulated due to current orders. The new types are being built without curtailment of the program for the other standard cars. Orders on hand are large and reports from branches and dealers indicate that the spring demand is greater in volume than was anticipated.

"During March the rate of production was increased to more than 8,000 cars and trucks a day. Total production for March was 181,894 cars, as compared with 125,984 in February.

"The six-day factory week, which went into effect at Dearborn March 1, has been of great assistance in building up the production schedule and has permitted the development of an expanded program for the spring and summer months. The output of the new body types will be increased in accordance with this schedule.

"The commercial vehicles consist of the Model AA truck with express, panel and platform bodies, the light delivery pickup, and the panel delivery and the de luxe delivery."

LOWER ROGUE FEUD ON BOUNDARY ENDS

GOLD BEACH, Ore., May 4.—(P) Disagreement of many years standing has been settled by the Curry county boundary board which has allowed the area surrounding Agness on the Rogue river in a remote section of the coast range, to be divided. Wednesday rival fac-

tions appeared before the board, and for the first time in the history of the long feud, agreed that they wanted to permanently disengage and have two school districts. Until this time the Rogue river had cut through the middle of the district.

HALF CAMPUS IS FARM BUT NO "AG" IS TAUGHT

TOPEKA, Kas. (P)—Washburn college offers no academic courses in farming, yet half its campus is operated as a farm. The "south 80" of the school's 160-acre campus forms a chicken

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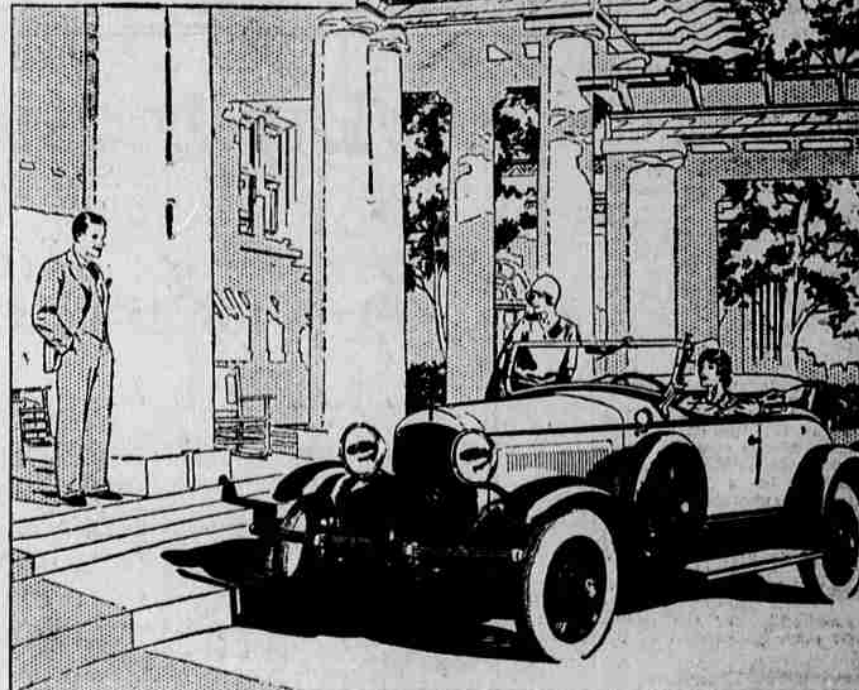
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