

Richard Franklin Whitten

Pioneer of 1852

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Richard Franklin Whitten

b. 1824 Chester County, Pennsylvania

d. 07 Jun 1856 West Linn, Clackamas County, Oregon

buried unknown, drowned in Willamette River just below falls while fishing

[the body of Richard Whitten was recovered 14 Jun 1856 according to obituary of William Mann who died in the same spot a week later, it is supposed that he was buried in the Oswego Pioneer Cemetery but not confirmed]

m. 02 Jun 1848 Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio

Sarah Ann Davey

b. 28 Feb 1828 Grantham, Lincolnshire, England

d. 06 Feb 1892 Lake Oswego, Clackamas County, Oregon

buried [Oswego Pioneer Cemetery](#), Lake Oswego, Clackamas County, Oregon

d/o John Robert Davey and Mary Ann Gillings

m2. Franklin Ford (b. 12 Jun 1822 VA, died 28 Apr 1905, buried [Oswego Pioneer Cemetery](#), Lake Oswego, Clackamas County, Oregon; s/o Charles Ford 1797-1864 and Nancy Kincaid 1791-1867)

MARRIAGE RECORD, Hamilton County, Ohio: Richard F. Whitten and Sarah Davey married 2 June 1848 by John W. Weakley, Minister of the Gospel.



[This is believed to be a picture of Sarah Davey Whitten but confirmation is lacking; contributed by Gwen Fuller]

Note: the following research on Richard F Whitten was contributed by Gwen Fuller

U.S. Compiled Military Service Records for Volunteer Soldiers, Mexican War, 1845-1848 (Ancestry.com and Fold3):

Richard F. Whitten, Pvt, Co. C, 1 Regiment Pennsylvania Infantry. Age 22 yrs.

Company Muster-in Roll Dec 17, 1846, Pittsburgh, PA.

Joined for duty and enrolled: 18 Nov 1846, Philadelphia. Period: war years. Book Mark: 7679-D (EB) 1885.

Co. Muster Roll for Dec 17, 1846 to Feb 28, 1847. Present or absent: not stated.

Co. Muster Roll for Mar & Apr 1847. Present or absent: not stated.

Co. Muster Roll for May & June 1847. Remarks: Left sick in hospital at Vera Cruz, Apr 1947.

Co. Muster Roll for July 1 to Dec. 31, 1847. Remarks: "Discharged at Vera Cruz on Surgns. Dates unknown."

Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, Philadelphia Pa. Jul 29, 1848. Remarks: "Discharged at Vera Cruz June/47 on Surgeon's Certificate of diarrhea contracted in service. \$21 clothing drawn. Pay due from enrollment." Book mark: 7679-D- AGO (EB) 1885.

Adjutant General's Office, War Dept, Washington, 20 Jan 1886. "Discharged at Vera Cruz, Mex., May 11" 1847, and paid to include that date, by reason of Surg. Cert. of Disability. Nature of disability not stated." Book Mark: 7679-D-1885.

ADDENDUM, 19 April 2019: Book Mark 7670-D, 1885 was located at the National Archives in Washington DC. These papers contain the following additional information concerning Richard F. Whitten:

Adjutant General's Office, October 9, 1885. Notations Carded. Richard F. Whitten, Co. C, 1" Regt, Penna Vols (Mex. War). Wrapper.

See 7679-D. A.G.O. (EB) 1885: "Discharged at Vera Cruz Mex. May 11", 1847 and paid to include that date by reason of Surg. Cert. of Disability. Nature of disability not stated. See report of Second Auditor. /s/ Asst Adjutant General."

Form 113. Treasury Department, Second Auditor's Office, October 7", 1885. Respectfully returned to the Assistant Adjutant General. Richard F. Whitten, late Private, Co. C, 1" Penna. Vols, was last paid on Form 5 to include May 11", 1847. A copy of the Final Statement is herewith enclosed. /s/ H. C. Harmon. Actg Auditor. By W. A. Farlee. 353,5885, TSK90.

CERTIFICATE – To be Given to Volunteers at the Time of Their Discharge to Enable Them to Receive Their Pay, Etc.

"I certify, on honor, that Richard F. Whitten, a Private of Captain Wm F. Small's Company (C) of the First Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, of the State of Pennsylvania, born in Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, aged 22 years; 5 feet 10 inches high; light complexion, brown eyes, light hair, and by occupation a Painter, was enrolled in it at the muster into the service of the United States at Philadelphia, on the 17th of December 1846 (or was mustered in service as a recruit, to serve in the Regiment), for the term of during the War; and having served honestly and faithfully with his Company, is now entitled to a discharge by reason of a Surgeon's Certificate of Ordinary Disability. The said Richard F. Whitten has pay due him from the date of his enlistment and he is entitled to pay and subsistence for traveling to place of enrollment and whatever other allowances are authorized to volunteer soldiers or militia so discharged. He has received Twenty one 0/100 dollars advanced by the United States on account of clothing. He is indebted to J. D. Karns, Sutler, one 86/100 dollars. To Capt. Small one 0/100 dollars. Given in duplicate at Vera Cruz, Mexico, this 11" day of May 1847. /s/ J. B. Potter, Surgeon, U.S.A., Genl Hospt."

LETTER on letterhead of War Department of Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D.C., July 28th 1885. Sir: I have to inform you that Richard F. Whitten, Private, is reported on the muster-out roll of that Company dated July 29th, 1848, as follows: Discharged at Vera Cruz, June /47. No later record. And to request that you furnish this Office with such information relative to this soldier as the records of your office may afford and copy of discharge Certificate. Very respectfully, your obedient servant, (unreadable signature). To the Second Auditor, Treasury Department. Date stamped July 29, 1885.

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Adj't General's Office (E. B.) Rec'd
OCT 9 1885

Adjutant General's Office,
October 9th, 1885

NOTATIONS CARDED ✓

Richard S. Whittow

Co. "C", 1st Regt. Cavalry Vols.
(Mex. War)

Memo. for Establishing Final Record.

WRAPPER.

Rec'd.

RRB

1.21.86

Rec'd A. G. O., _____, 188 .

Adjutant General's Office,
January 20th, 1886

Case of

Co. _____, Regt. _____ Vols.

Note on rolls of Co. "C", 1st Regt.

Cavalry (Mex. War) Vols., opposite the name of

Richard S. Whittow

"See 7679 A. G. O. (EB) 1885"

"Discharged at Vera Cruz, Mex.

May 11, 1847 and should include that date by reason of Surg. Gen. of Disability. Nature of disability not stated."

See report of Second Auditor.

Assistant Adjutant General

RRB. Noted on Rolls & Register Jan'y 21st 1886

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Adjutant General's Office,

October 9th, 1885

NOTATIONS CARDED

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(Mex. War)

Memo. for Establishing Final Record.

WRAPPER.

True.

RRB

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Adjutant General's Office,

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Assistant Adjutant General

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Final Statement

of

Richard F. Whitten

Co. "C," 1st Penna. Vols.

FORM 153.

Treasury Department,

SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

October 7th, 1885.

Official Copy.

H. C. Learman

Actg. Auditor.

By W. C. Fairley

(Ed. 6-27-85-2,000.)

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CERTIFICATE

TO BE GIVEN TO VOLUNTEERS AT THE TIME OF THEIR DISCHARGE TO ENABLE THEM TO RECEIVE THEIR PAY, ETC.

I certify, on honor, that Richard J Whitten, a Private
of Captain Wm J Small's Company (C) of the First Regiment of Pennsylvania
Volunteers, of the State of Pennsylvania, born in Philadelphia, State
of Pennsylvania, aged 22 years; 5 feet 10 inches high; light complexion, brown eyes,
light hair, and by occupation a Painter, having joined the company on its original organization
at Philadelphia was, and enrolled in it at the muster into the service of the United States
at Philadelphia, on the 17th day of December, 1846, (or was
mustered in service as a recruit, by _____, at _____,
on the _____ day of _____, 186, to serve in the Regiment,) for the term
of during the war; and having served honestly and faithfully with
his Company in _____, to the present date, is now entitled to a discharge by reason
of a Surgeon's Certificate of Ordinary Disability

The said Richard J Whitten was last paid by Paymaster
from the date of his enlistment day of _____, 186, and has pay due him
~~from that time to the present date, and also pay for the use of his horse, (having been mounted during the time,) and~~
he is entitled to pay and subsistence for traveling to place of enrollment and whatever other allowances are authorized
to volunteer soldiers or militia so discharged. He has received Twenty one 0/100 dollars advanced
by the United States on account of clothing.

There is to be stopped from him, on account of the State of _____, or other authorities,
for clothing, &c., received on entering service, _____ 100 dollars; also, for expenses of subsistence
for traveling from place of enrollment to the place of rendezvous, amounting to _____ 100 dollars; and
on account of the United States for extra clothing received in kind from _____
and for other stoppages, viz: _____

amounting to _____ 100 dollars;
and he has been subsisted for traveling to his place of enrollment, up to the _____, 186.

He is indebted to J D Karns, Sutler, one 86/100 dollars.

Given in duplicate at Vera Cruz Mexico, this 11 day of May, 1847
to Capt Small one 0/100 dollars

J. B. Potter
Surgeon U.S.A.
Recd. Receipt.
Commanding Company.

NOTE.—Two of these certificates (or duplicates) are to be given to each volunteer soldier who may be discharged previously to the discharge of his company, that he may at once receive from the Paymaster the pay, &c., due him, and the captain or other officer commanding the company will certify to the act of the delivery of the duplicate certificates; on these certificates the soldier is "entitled to" his discharge, and should also present his discharge to the Paymaster to have the payment indorsed on it. The discharge is to be given back to the soldier by the Paymaster; the latter only retaining as his voucher the duplicate certificates.

FORM 113.

Treasury Department,

SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

October 7th, 1885.

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A copy of the Final Statement is
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H. L. Harmon
~~Asst. Dir.~~

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Actg. Auditor.

By W. A. Farley

(Ed. 6-27-85-2,000.)



War Department,

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C., July 28th, 1885-

Sir:

I have to inform you that Richard F. Whitten
Private, Co. C, 1st Reg't Penna (Mex War)
Volunteers, is reported on the muster-roll ^{out} of that Company for the month
of dated July 29th, 1848, as follows:
Discharged at Vera Cruz June = 147.
No later record.

and to request that you furnish this Office with such information relative to
this soldier as the records of your office may afford, and copy of discharge
certificate.

Very respectfully,

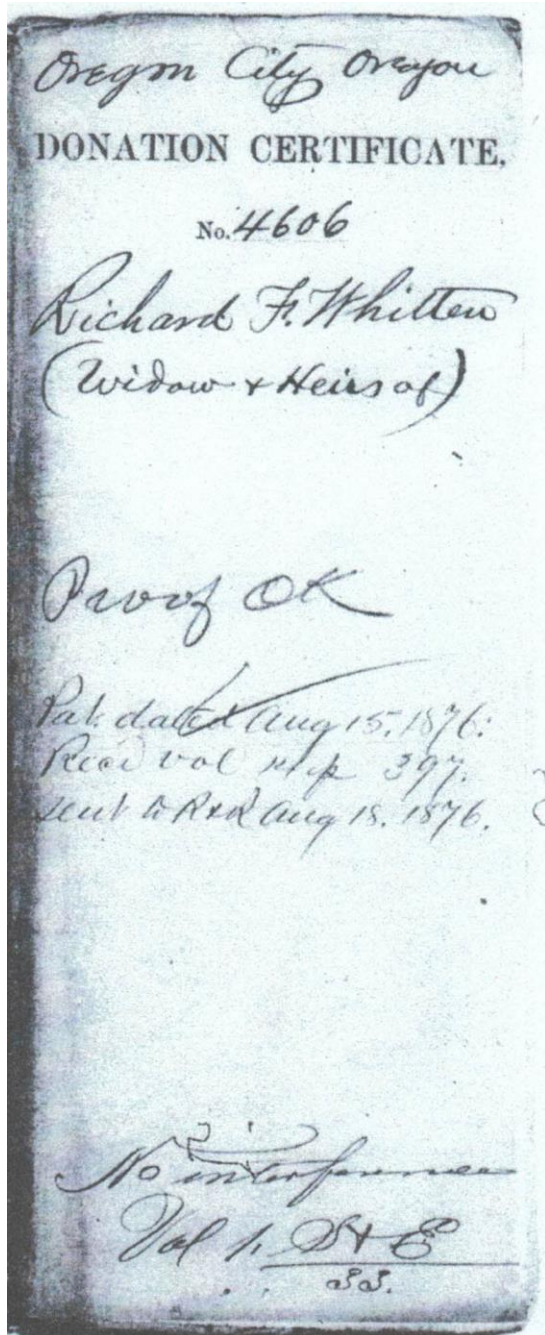
Your obedient servant,

Assistant Adjutant General.
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To the
Second Auditor
Treasury Department

1850: City of Newport, Campbell County, Kentucky, August 29, 1850; Thomas Clephane, 50, stone mason, \$2000, Scotland; Sarah 50, KY; David 28, plasterer, KY; Wm, 21, plasterer, KY; Alexander, 18, plasterer, KY; Susan Barton, 17, KY; Richard Whitton, 26, shoe maker, PA; Sarah, 20, England; Edward, 1, OH

ODLC: #4606 Washington County, Richard F. Whitten, b. 1824 Chester County, PA; arrived Oregon 15 Sep 1852; settled claim 01 May 1853; m'd Sarah 02 Jul 1848 Cincinnati, Ohio; 29 Jan 1869 J.M. Moore gave affidavit that Richard F. Whittin died about 1856 and his widow is now married to Franklin Ford. Certificate was issued to Sarah Ford, formerly Sarah Whitten and heirs. Aff: Samuel Miller, John F. Miller



DONATION.

CERTIFICATE

No. *4606*

NOTIFICATION

No. *3938*

Whereas, In conformity with the provisions of the 7th Section of the Act of Congress approved September 27, 1850, entitled "An act to create the office of Surveyor General of the Public Lands in Oregon, and to provide for the survey, and to make donations to Settlers of the Public Lands," and the amendments thereto,

*Sarah Ford, formerly Sarah Whitten widow
and the heirs at law of Richard F. Whitten
deceased*

of the county of *Wheeler* in the State of *Oregon* claiming a Donation right, in virtue of the Act aforesaid, to *the following* tract of Public Lands

known and designated in the Surveys and Plats of the United States as the *South East 1/4 of the South West 1/4 - the South West 1/4 of the South East 1/4 and Lots Nos One, two, three, four, and five of Section 15. the North East 1/4 of the North West 1/4 - the North West 1/4 of the North East 1/4 and Lot No One and eight of Section 22. all in T 2 S R 1 E*

containing 324.71 acres

unto Sarah Ford, formerly Sarah Whitten widow the West half, and unto the heirs at law of the said Richard F. Whitten deceased the East half of the tract of land above described

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having proven to the satisfaction of the Register and Receiver of *the Willamette dist. Oregon* the fact that such settlement was commenced on the *1st day of May 1853* four year 5 prior to the date hereof; and having, in pursuance of the requirements of the 7th section of the act aforesaid, established, by *two* disinterested witnesses, the fact of continued residence and cultivation by the said act:

Now, therefore, be it known, That we, *Owen Wade* and *Henry Warren*, REGISTER AND RECEIVER of Public Lands in said *district*, do hereby, and pursuant to the 7th section of the act aforesaid, certify to the COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE the facts aforesaid, accompanied by the evidence thereof, in order that a patent may be issued to said claimant, for the tract of land described, as required by the 7th section of the act aforesaid:

Provided, That the said Commissioner shall find no valid objection thereto.

GIVEN under our hands at the LAND OFFICE at *Oregon July - Oregon* this *4th* day of *March*, 18*75*.

Patent issued in favor of original donee under the Secretary of the Interior's Decision of July 24, 1876 in the case of Samuel Scott et al. vs. the United States No 4381.

Owen Wade Register.
Henry Warren Receiver.

No. 3938.

Notification to SURVEYOR GENERAL OF OREGON, on the settlement of Public Land in Township 2 S. R. 1 E.

PURSUANT to the Act of Congress, approved on the 27th day of September, 1850, entitled, "An Act to create the office of SURVEYOR-GENERAL OF THE PUBLIC LANDS IN OREGON, and to provide for the Survey and make Donations to Settlers of the Public Lands"—

I, Richard F. Whittin a married man of Washington county in the TERRITORY OF Oregon hereby give notice of my claim to

DONATION of three hundred and twenty acres of LAND, known and designated in the Surveys and Plats of the United States as the parts of the S. 1/2 of Sect. 15, T. 2 S. R. 1 E. and the N. 1/2 of Sect. 22 in the same Township

bounded as follows: Beginning at a point 10.50 chains East and 10 chains North of the S.W. corner of the said Section 15 and running thence N. 20 chains

	"	"	E. 47.67 "
	"	"	S. 45.00 "
	"	"	E. 21.61 " to
the Section line	"	"	S. 15.00 " with
" " "	"	"	W. 69.28 " and
" " "	"	"	N. 40.00 " to

the place of beginning, containing 320 acres.

Oregon City, O.T., the 27th March, 1854. Richard F. Whittin

Part of 15422

No. 3998.

Richard F. Whittier of Washington County, in the Territory of Oregon being first duly sworn, says that he is a white male settler on public lands in the said Territory that he arrived in said Territory on or about the 15th day of September, 1852, that he was a resident thereof between the 27th day of September, and the 1st day of December, 1850, and above the age of 18 years, on the 1st day of December, 1850. That he is a citizen of the United States of America.

and that he was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1824; that he has personally resided upon and cultivated that part of the public lands in Township 2 S. R. 1 E, particularly described in notification No. hereunto annexed, continuously, from the twenty seventh day of March, 1853, to the twenty seventh day of March, 1854. And he further says that he is intermarried with Sarah _____ his wife, and that he was legally married to her on the second day of July, — 1848, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, in Oregon City, }
this twenty seventh day of March, 1854, } Richard F. Whittier

C. K. Gardner
Surv. Gen. of Oregon

No. 3938

Samuel Miller of Washington County
in the Territory of Oregon being first duly sworn, says that he is in no way
interested in the tract or tracts of land claimed as a donation by Richard F.
Whittem — and particularly described in notification No. 3938
hereunto annexed; that he is personally acquainted with the said Richard
F. Whittem and knows that he has personally resided upon and cultivated said
tract or tracts of land continuously, from the 1st day of May 1853
to the 17th day of July 1854.

Subscribed and sworn to before me in Oregon City } Samuel Miller
this 17th day of July 1854 }
C. K. Gardner
Surv. Gen. of Oregon

No. 3938

John F. Miller of Washington County,
in the Territory of Oregon being first duly sworn, says that he is in no way
interested in the tract or tracts of land claimed as a donation by Richard F. Whit-
tem — and particularly described in notification No. 3938
hereunto annexed; that he is personally acquainted with the said Richard F.
Whittem — and knows that he has personally resided upon and cultivated said
tract or tracts of land continuously, from the 1st day of May 1853
to the 17th day of July 1854.

Subscribed and sworn to before me in Oregon City } John F. Miller
this 17th day of July 1854 }
C. K. Gardner
Surv. Gen. of Oregon

No. 3938

J. M. Moore, of Clackamas County, in the Territory of Oregon, being first duly sworn, says that he is in no way interested in the tract or tracts of land claimed as a donation by Richard A. Whitten and particularly described in Notification No. 3938, hereunto annexed; that he ^{was} personally acquainted with said Richard A. Whitten, and knows that he ~~has~~ personally resided upon and cultivated said tract or tracts of land, continuously, from the day of June 1853, to the time of his death ~~which~~ which occurred ⁱⁿ about

Subscribed and sworn before me, this } the year 1856, and that his widow
29 day of January 1869. } Sarah, is now married to Franklin
at Oregon City } Ford

Owen Wade
Register of the Land Office
J M Moore

No. 3938

John F. Miller, of Clackamas County, in the Territory of Oregon, being first duly sworn, says that he is in no way interested in the tract or tracts of land claimed as a donation by Richard A. Whitten and particularly described in Notification No. 3938, hereunto annexed; that he ^{was} personally acquainted with said Richard A. Whitten, and knows that he ~~has~~ personally resided upon and cultivated said tract or tracts of land, continuously, from the day of June 1853, to the time of his death ~~which~~ in about the year 1856

Subscribed and sworn before me, this } and that his widow Sarah is now
29 day of January 1869. } the wife of Franklin Ford
at Oregon City } J F Miller

Owen Wade
Register

3938
I consider mine perfectly to describe
the my land claim and to
avoid a conflict with Hiram
of Oregon I desire to change
my satisfaction description
No. "3938" to the following
The fractional 1/4 of Secs 15, 25 N18
" " " 1/4 of Secs 22, 2, " 1"
Oregon City Oregon
Jan 20th 1862 Sarah Ford

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Jan 20th 1862 Sarah Ford

NEWSPAPER, The Oregon Argus, 14 Jun 1856, Vol. II, No. 9, p 2, col. 1: Oregon City, Oregon Territory. Sunday, 14 Jun 1856. DROWNED. On last Saturday Mr. R. F. Whittin slipped from the rocks and fell into the river immediately below the falls on the Linn City side while fishing. He was almost immediately swallowed up in the boiling flood. The body has not yet been recovered. He left a wife and three small children in almost destitute circumstances. The citizens of this vicinity deserve much credit for their liberal contributions in the way of making provision for the comfort of the family. The widow's god and the orphan's father will bless them in their deeds.

NEWSPAPER, The Oregon Argus, 21 Jun 1856. Vol. II, No. 10, p 2, col. 1: Another Man Drowned. On last Lord's day morning Wm. Mann, a lad of about nineteen years of age, fell into the river just below the Falls, on the Linn City side whilst engaged in fishing, and was of course drowned. On the day previous, the body of Mr. Whitten, who was drowned at the same place a week before, was recovered. Widow Mann, in the untimely death of her son, has been deprived of her principal means of support, and we hope all our good citizens will contribute their mite towards relieving her wants. We have but few poor among us, and the little we are called upon to contribute in this way will make us no poorer in this world or in that which is to come. Pure religion and undefiled, before God, consists in a very large part, in visiting the widow and fatherless in their affliction. He that seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion how dwelleth the love of God in him? We write not these things to censure our good citizens who are noted for their liberality and many Christian graces, but to stir up their pure minds by way of remembrance. Additional note: The body of Wm. Mann, who was drowned last Sunday, was recovered on Thursday, and buried yesterday.

1860: Linn City, Clackamas County, Oregon, Franklin Ford, 33, farmer, \$900 \$250, VA; Sarah, 28, England; Sarah L., 18, IA; Octavia, 80, IA; Oscar, 9, OH; Edwin, 6, OR; William, 4, OR; Charles, 2, OR, Frank 6/12, OR

1870: Oswego, Clackamas County, Oregon, July 28, 1870; Franklin Ford, 48, farmer, \$1000 \$700, VA; Sarah 40, keeping house, Eng; Oscar (Whitten), 18, at home, KY; Edward (Whitten), 16, OR; William (Whitten), 14, OR, Charles, 12, OR; Alurd (Aluard), 11, OR; Cora, 8, OR; Walter, 6, OR; Eugene, 4, OR; Frances, 5/12, OR

1880: Oswego, Clackamas County, Oregon; Frank Ford, 57, farmer, VA VA VA; Sarah, 28, wife, keeps house, Eng Eng Eng; Charles, 21, son, laborer, OR; Leward, 20, son, laborer, OR; Cora, dau, 18, at home, OR; Walter, son, 16, at home, OR; Eugene, son, 14, at home, OR; Francis, son, 10, at home, OR; Edward Whitten, 26, boarder, single, laboer OR PA Eng; William Whitten, 24, boarder, single, laborer, OR PA Eng

NEWS ARTICLE, Willamette Farmer (Salem, Ore.), 28 Oct 1881, p 7: Mrs. Sarah Ford exhibited hop yeast bread, jelly, four jars fruit, two quilts, and two boquets. Mrs. Florence Hayes exhibited butter, eigh__ varieties of jellies, two tidies, and one worsted log cabin quilt. Mrs. Hattie Whitten exhibited hop yeast bread, jelly, four jars fruit, two quilts, and two boquets.

NEWS ARTICLE, Willamette Farmer (Salem, Ore.), 25 Dec 1874: Grange Election. At a meeting of the members of Oswego Grange, No. 175 held at Oswego, Dec. 16th, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: ... Mrs. Sarah Ford...

NEWS ARTICLE, Oregon City Enterprise, 22 Jan 1892, image 2: Mrs. Frank Ford is very sick with heart trouble.

Lucien M. Davidson Diaries
Oswego, Oregon
1878-1911
Transcribed and edited by Glenn D. Harris

February 1892

February 5.

The boys and I butchered two hogs and a calf for veal. Frank plowed this afternoon. This is Clara's birthday, age 50 years. Edgar sent her an album a a birthday present. I went over to Mr Ford's and set up all night with Mrs. Ford who is very sick.

February 6.

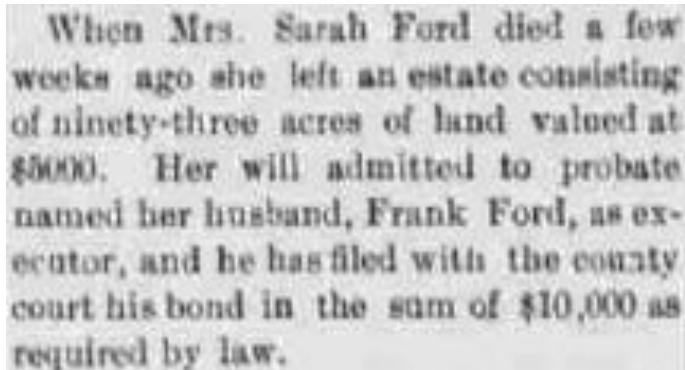
I sold a 240 lb hog and 65 lb veal to the Oswego butcher. I got 7 cents a pound for the pork and 7 cts a pound for the veal. It came to \$21.35. This afternoon peddled apples, cider and vinegar in Oswego. Sold \$8.55 worth. Clara and Frank went over to Mr. Ford's this evening to stay with Mrs. Ford til midnight.

February 7, Sunday.

Mrs. Ford died this morning at 2.20. Frank set up at Ford's to night. I done the chores around the house.

February 8.

Clara and I went to Mrs. Ford's funeral at one o'clock p.m. Frank drove one team or hack. There was a very large number of neighbors out, there were 56 vehicles in the procession. The pall bearers were Albert Walling, Adam Walling, Mike Long, Riley Hayes, Chris Borland, and myself.



When Mrs. Sarah Ford died a few weeks ago she left an estate consisting of ninety-three acres of land valued at \$5000. Her will admitted to probate named her husband, Frank Ford, as executor, and he has filed with the county court his bond in the sum of \$10,000 as required by law.

[Oregon City Enterprise, Oregon City, OR, Friday, February 28, 1892]

WILL – Oswego, Clackamas, Oregon, 4 Feb 1892

In the matter of the Estate of Sarah Ford, deceased.

On reading the Petition, duly verified of Franklin Ford from which it appearing to the Court that Sarah Ford died in this County the 6th day of February 1892 that at the time of her death decedent was an inhabitant of this County and left property therein of the portable value of \$5000.00 and it further appearing that on the 4th day of February 1892 decedent being then of sound mind and disposing memory made and published and declared in form and manner as provided by law her Last Will and Testament as follows to wit:

WILL

At home near Oswego, Clackamas County, State of Oregon

Know all men by their presents: (presence) That I Sarah Ford being of sound mind and memory do make, publish and

declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, to wit:

First; All my just debts and funeral expenses shall be first fully paid.

Second; I give and bequeath to Oscar C. Whitten, Edwin F. Whitten and William J. Whitten each the sum of one dollar (\$1.00)

Third; I give, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my Estate both real and personal to Charles W. Ford, Aluard K. Ford, Cora J. Gibbs, Walter S. Ford, Eugene G. Ford and Frank R. Ford Jr. to be divided equally amongst them share and share alike to their Heirs and assigns forever.

Fourth; I nominate and appoint my husband Franklin Ford to be the Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by and made.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereto set my hand and seal this 4th day of February A.D. 1892

Sarah Ford {Seal}

Signed, sealed, published and declared as and for her Last Will and Testament by the above named Testatrix in our presence who have at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other signed in our names as Witnesses thereto.

Witness:

Luman W. Calkins {Seal}

J.R. Hayes {Seal}.

BIBLE –Family bible in possession of June Whitten, Pendleton OR. Inside is a piece of paper stating the lineage as follows, going backward: Frank Everett Whitten, Oscar Cameron Whitten b. 1852, Richard Whitten b. 1824 Chester Co. PA, Benjamin Whitten b. 1787 christened Feb. 11, Swanborne, Bucks, England; James Whitten Swandourne, Bucks England 1757. Orrin queried June about the bible and wrote me an email on 2 Dec 2010: "I talked to June about this. The Bible is a 1913 edition and was printed in NY by the American Bible Society. The Whitten information though is on a loose sheet in the Bible. Leonard Whitten was not a genealogist and June is certain the information didn't come from him so it got to SLC some other way and time. We don't know whose handwriting it is but June is sure it was not Wilma's, who owned the Bible. The info looks old and it could have come from Oscar since he was around till 1948. Oscar had two brothers who also could have supplied the information."

OSWEGO HILLS VINYARD & WINERY (web site):

In 1852, Sarah [Davey] and Richard Whitten left Cincinnati, Ohio and came to Oregon with the wagon train. Richard had a Donation Land Claim and they settled in Rosemont. In 1856, Richard drowned above the Oregon City Falls. Later that year, Sarah met and wed Franklin Ford. Mr. Ford had also arrived in Oregon with the wagon train. He was the widowed father of two daughters and Sarah was now a widow with three sons (almost the "Brady Bunch"). Franklin moved onto the Land Claim and started farming. Together, he and Sarah had five more sons and one daughter. Franklin was also a County Commissioner, a veteran of the Rogue River Indian Wars, and a delegate to the Oregon Republican Convention. The land he and Sarah shared their life on and the land Oswego Hills Winery sits on are one in the same.

A Czech-republic immigrant from Prague, Mr. James Spousta purchased this farm in 1915-1920. He worked at a foundry in Portland owned by a Mr. K. B. Hall who was reported to have government contracts to build parts for liberty ships during WWII. Sometime in the early 1940's, Mr. Hall purchased the farm from his employee, Mr. Spousta. K. B. Hall built the farm into a world-class equestrian center that hosted the likes of Roy Rogers' Trigger and Buttercup during their trips to the northwest. Sometime in the mid to late 1950's a lumber baron and his family, the Morley's purchased the farm, then approximately 125 acres in size. Their home was built on the hilltop to the west of the barns. Mrs. Morley was still living there when we purchased the 36 acres, the barns and the original Spousta house from her daughter, Elizabeth Douris.

The property was purchased in December 1996. We lived within a half-mile of the farm for the twenty-five years prior and had admired the property for all of those years. It was an equestrian center with tremendous white barns, lots of horses and activity, and a big part of why we liked living in this area. Located half way between Lake Oswego and West Linn, it is within a mile and a half of either city center, yet in a quiet rural setting. Jerry Marshall, the owner, was an airline pilot with American Airlines for all those years and always had the desire to live once again on a working farm, after having been raised on one in West Pennsylvania. He retired from the airline December of 2000. We have been working diligently since the property was purchased to restore it to a measure of its original majesty.

When we took the place over, all the buildings, fences and pastures were in a state of gross neglect. The former owners and tenants had chosen the ongoing deferred maintenance program rather than annual upkeep and repair. Several of the broken down outbuildings were completely engulfed by blackberries, as were 10 to 15 acres of the pastures. There were spots where in the winter we could walk on matted berry vines and be 3 to 5 feet off the ground. With the use of heavy machinery and hard work we planted our present vineyard in the spring of 1997. Although the structures were in a state of total disrepair, the high quality of the original materials and the construction expertise were and are evident as we continue to restore the structures for our purpose as a winery.

During our investigation of the farm's history we visited with Mrs. Rose Mcvay living in Lake Grove, one of the four children of James Spousta, the original owner and foundry worker. She claimed her father grew 9 acres of grapes on the hills south of the barns with good success. This was demonstrated by the wine he made and stored in the basement of the house during the late 1920's through the early 1940's. Our vineyard has been in the ground since 1997 and the site seems exceptional as a vineyard site with southern exposures ranging from SE to SW.

Our plan is to continue the rehab process of the buildings; there are seven original structures and they are all being incorporated into the winery layout. The architecture of the buildings and especially their layout relative to each other has proven to be superb for our use as a modern but nostalgic boutique winery and vineyard. We completed planting the vineyard in 2008 and now have 20 acres of vines in production. This translates into 2000 cases of premium quality Oregon wine each year.

Donation Certificate No. 4606
Notification No. 3938
Richard F. Whitten
Oregon City, Oregon

Patent Dated Aug. 15, 1876
Rec'd Vol 14 p 397
Sent to R&S Aug. 18, 1876.

Whereas, In conformity with the provisions of the 7th Section of the Act of Congress approved September 27, 1850, entitled "An act to create the office of Surveyor General of the Public Lands in Oregon, and to provide for the survey, and to make donations to Settlers of the Public Lands," and the amendments thereto,

Sarah Ford, formerly Sarah Whitten widow and the heirs at law of Richard F. Whitten deceased of the county of Clackamas in the State of Oregon, claiming a Donation right, in virtue of the Act aforesaid, to the following tract of Public Lands known and designated in the Surveys and Plats of the United States as the South East 1/4 of the South West 1/4 - the South West 1/4 of the South East 1/4 and Lots Nos one, two, three, four, and five of Section 15. The North East 1/4 of the North West 1/4 - the North West 1/4 of the North East 1/4 - and Lots Nos one and eight of Section 22, all in S2 SR1E. Containing 324.71 acres. Unto Sarah Ford, formerly Sarah Whitten, widow the West half, and unto the heirs at law of the said Richard F. Whitten deceased the East half of the tract of Land above described

having proven to the satisfaction of the Register and Receiver of the Willamette Dist Oregon the fact that such settlement was commenced on the 14 day of May 1853 four years prior to the date hereof; and having, in pursuance of the requirements of the 7th section of the act aforesaid, established, by two disinterested witnesses, the fact of continued residence and cultivation by the said act:

Now, therefore, be it known, That we, Owen Wade and Henry Warren, Register and Receiver of Public Lands in said District, do hereby, and pursuant to the 7th section of the act aforesaid, certify to the **COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE** the facts aforesaid, accompanied by the evidence thereof, in order that a patent may be issued to said claimant, the tract of land described, as required by the 7th section of the act aforesaid:

Provided, That the said Commissioner shall find no valid objection thereto.

Giveth under our hands at the **LAND OFFICE** at Oregon City, Oregon this 4th day of March, 1875.

/s/ Owen Wade, Register
/s/ Henry Warren, Receiver

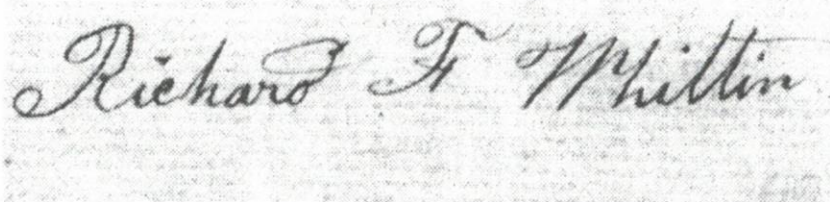
Patent issued in favor of original done under the Secretary of the Interior's Decision of July 24, 1876 in the case of Samuel Scott, Certificate No. 4381.

Notification to **SURVEYOR GENERAL OF OREGON, on the settlement of Public Land in Township 2S. R.1E.**

PURSUANT to the Act of Congress, approved on the 27th day of September, 1850, entitled, "An Act to create the office of **SURVEYOR-GENERAL OF THE PUBLIC LANDS IN OREGON**, and to provide for the Survey and make Donations to Settlers of the Public Lands" --

I, Richard F. Whittin a married man of Washington county in the Territory of Oregon hereby give notice of my claim to **DONATION** of three hundred and twenty acres of **LAND**, known and designed in the Surveys and Plats of the United States as the parts of the S ½ of Sect. 15 T.2 S.R.1E. and the N ½ of Sect 22 in the same Township bounded as follows: Beginning at a point 10.50 chains East and 10 chains North of the S.W. corner of the said Section 15 and running thence N. 20 chains; running thence E. 47.67 chains; running thence S.45.00 chains; running thence #E.21-61 chains to the Section line; running thence S. 15.00 chains with the Section line running thence W.69.28 chains and running thence N.40.00 chains to the place beginning, containing 320 acres.

Oregon City, O.T.
the 27th March, 1854

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard F. Whittin". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and legible.

Richard F. Whittin at Washington County, in the Territory of Oregon being first duly sworn, says that he is a white male settler on public lands in the said Territory, that he arrived in said Territory on or about the 15th day of September, 1852, that he was above the age of 18 years, on the 1st day of December, 1850. That he is a citizen of the United States of America, and that he was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1824; that he has personally resided upon and cultivated that part of the public lands in Township 2 S. R.1 E, particularly described in notification No. hereunto annexed, continuously, from the twenty seventh day of March, 1853, to the twenty seventh day of March, 1854. And he further says that he is intermarried with Sarah his wife, and that he was legally married to her on the second day of July, 1848, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, in Oregon City, this twenty seventh day of March, 1854

A second handwritten signature in cursive script, identical to the one above, reading "Richard F. Whittin".

SETTLER'S OATH

Claiming by virtue of Settlement and Cultivation commenced subsequent to 1st December, 1850.

I, Richard F. Whittin of Washington county in the Territory of Oregon, am a claimant of the Public Land described in the annexed notification of the **SURVEYOR-GENERAL OF PUBLIC LANDS** in Oregon, number under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved the 27th day of September, 1850, entitled "An Act to create the office of **SURVEYOR-GENERAL OF THE PUBLIC LANDS IN OREGON**, and to make donations to settlers of the said Public Lands;" and I do solemnly swear that I am not acting directly or indirectly as an agent for, or in the employment of others in making such claim, but that the land so claimed by me, is for my own use and cultivation, and that I have made no sale or transfer, or any arrangement or agreement for any sale, transfer, or alienation of the same, or by which the said land shall inure to the benefit of any other person.

Subscribed and sworn before me, in Oregon City, this twenty-seventh day of March, 1854.

Richard F. Whittin

Samuel Miller of Washington County, in the Territory of Oregon, being first duly sworn, says that he is personally acquainted with Richard F. Whittin the person who claims a donation right to the tract or tracts of land described in Notification No. 3938 and Sarah his wife; and that he has known them to live together as man and wife from May 1853 to 17th July 1854, and that they are and were reputed by their neighbors as such during said period.

Subscribed and sworn before me, in Oregon City, this 17th day of July 1854.

/s/ Samuel Miller

Samuel Miller of Washington County in the Territory of Oregon, being first duly sworn, says that he is in no way interested in the tract or tracts of land claimed as a donation by Richard F. Whittin, and particularly described in notification No. 3938 hereunto annexed; that he is personally acquainted with the said Richard F. Whittin and knows that he has personally resided upon and cultivated said tract or tracts of land continuously, from the 1st day of May 1853 to the 17th day of July 1854.

Subscribed and sworn to before me in Oregon City, this 17th day of July 1854.

/s/ Samuel Miller

John F. Miller, of Washington County, in the Territory of Oregon, being first duly sworn, says that he is in no way interested in the tract or tracts of land claimed as a donation by Richard F. Whittin and particularly described in notification No. 3938 hereunto annexed; that he is personally acquainted with the said Richard F. Whittin and knows that he has personally resided

upon and cultivated said tract or tracts of land continuously, from the 1st day of May 1853 to the 17th day of July 1854.

Subscribed and sworn to before me in Oregon City this 17th day of July 1854.

/s/ John F. Miller

J. M. Moore, of Clackamas County, in the State of Oregon, being first duly sworn, says that he is in no way interested in the tract or tracts of land claimed as a donation by Richard F. Whitten and particularly described in Notification No. 3938, hereunto annexed; that he was personally acquainted with said Richard F. Whitten, and knows that he personally resided upon and cultivated said tract or tracts of land, continuously, from June 1853 to the time of his death, which occurred in or about the year 1856, and that his widow Sarah is now married to Franklin Ford.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 29 day of January 1869 at Oregon City.

/s/ J. M. Moore

John F. Miller of Clackamas County, in the State of Oregon, being first duly sworn, says that he is in no way interested in the tract or tracts of land claimed as a donation by Richard F. Whitten and particularly described in Notification No. 3938, hereunto annexed; that he was personally acquainted with said Richard F. Whitten, and knows that he personally resided upon and cultivated said tract or tracts of land, continuously, from June 1853 to the time of his death, in about the year 1856, and that his widow Sarah is now the wife of Franklin Ford.

Subscribed and sworn before me, this 29 day of January 1869 at Oregon City.

/s/ J. F. Miller

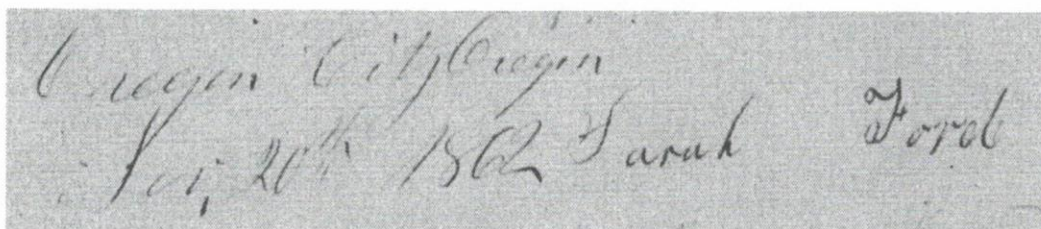
Owen Wade, Register

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In order more perfectly to describe my land claim, and to avoid a conflict with Hiram G. Morgan, I desire to change my Notification description No. "3938" to the following:

The fractional S 1/1 of Sec 75 T.2S R1E
The fractional N 1/1 of S 1/2 of Sec 22 T.2S R1E

Oregon City, Oregon
Nov. 20th 1862

/s/ Sarah Ford

A rectangular area containing a handwritten signature in cursive script. The text reads "Oregon City Oregon" on the top line, "Nov. 20th 1862" on the second line, and "Sarah Ford" on the third line.

Children of Richard Franklin Whitten and Sarah Davey:

1. Edward Whitten [probably C.T. Whitten listed as dying on the trail]

b. 1849 OH

d. 1852 Oregon Trail

1850: City of Newport, Campbell County, Kentucky, August 29, 1850; Thomas Clephane, 50, stone mason, \$2000, Scotland; Sarah 50, KY; David 28, plasterer, KY; Wm, 21, plasterer, KY; Alexander, 18, plasterer, KY; Susan Barton, 17, KY; Richard Whitton, 26, shoe maker, PA; Sarah, 20, England; Edward, 1, OH

To the Public.
The following is a list of persons who died on the Plains in the year 1852, as reported to us by the immigrants who crossed the Cascade Mountains, together with their former places of residence :

Monroe co. Tennessee ; C T Whitten, Chester co. Iowa ; Aaron Mouser and Nathaniel Hosa, Henry co. Iowa; John Jones,

[Oregon Statesman, Salem, Oregon, December 18, 1852]

Note: information given on deaths was not always accurate. It was dependent on the person giving the information and the person transcribing it. The informant could have said, or written, E.T. Whitten and it was misunderstood.

2. Oscar Cameron Whitten [research on this family contributed by descendant Gwen Fuller]

b. 19 Apr 1851 Newport, Campbell County, Kentucky

d. 18 Mar 1948 Union County, Oregon

buried Oswego Pioneer Cemetery, Lake Oswego, Clackamas County, Oregon

m. 28 Sep 1877 Lake Oswego, Clackamas County, Oregon

Harriet "Hattie" Newel Phillips

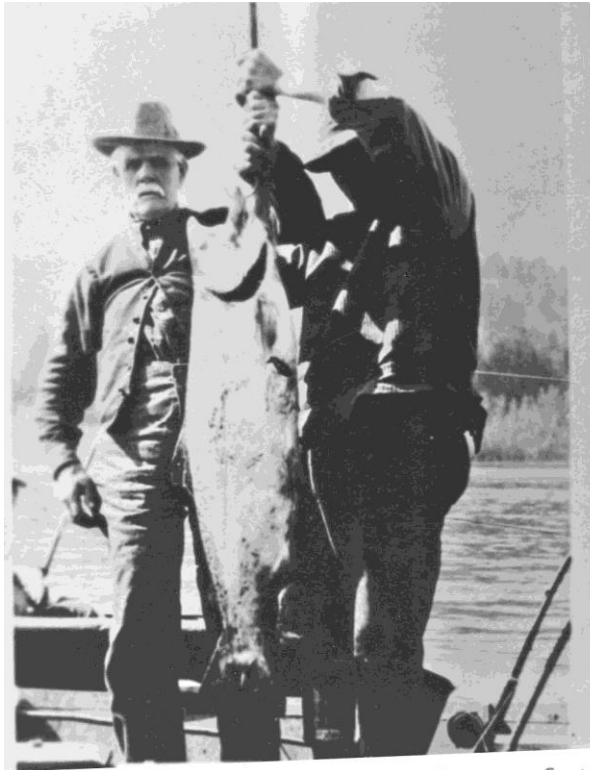
b. 08 Feb 1848 Van Buren, Jackson County, Iowa

d. 06 Aug 1891 Oswego, Clackamas County, Oregon

d/o Jason Lathrop Phillips and Julia Marie McCumber

1860: Linn City, Clackamas County, Oregon, Franklin Ford, 33, farmer, \$900 \$250, VA; Sarah, 28, England; Sarah L., 18, IA; Octavia, 80, IA; Oscar, 9, OH; Edwin, 6, OR; William, 4, OR; Charles, 2, OR, Frank 6/12, OR

1870: Oswego, Clackamas County, Oregon, July 28, 1870; Franklin Ford, 48, farmer, \$1000 \$700, VA; Sarah 40, keeping house, Eng; Oscar (Whitten), 18, at home, KY; Edward (Whitten), 16, OR; William (Whitten), 14, OR, Charles, 12, OR; Alurd (Aluard), 11, OR; Cora, 8, OR; Walter, 6, OR; Eugene, 4, OR; Frances, 5/12, OR



Left - Oscar C. Whitten with
50 lb. salmon he caught in the
Willamette River, Ore. City, Ore.
1931 - age 80

Oscar C. Whitten



Hattie Newel Phillips

[photos contributed by Gwen Fuller]

NEWS ARTICLE, Oregon City Courier, 29 Oct 1897: Oscar Whitten and party returned Sunday from a hunting trip to Eagle Creek. They killed seven deer, a panther, lot of birds and trout. The Courier never tasted a finer piece of venison than the one cut from the 200-pound deer, which they killed.

NEWS ARTICLE, Oregon City Courier, 7 July 1899: Oscar Whitten, of Oswego, states that there are a lot of burros running around loose in that neighborhood, some of them half-wild, which furnish amusement for the boys. The youngsters catch and ride the little animals, who wander at will in every direction. Last year a man brought a drove of the burros from California, intending to ship them to Alaska, but he was taken sick and died. Since then the animals have wandered about on the commons, apparently without a master or owner. One of the she-asses now has a young colt. These animals thrive on the plain diet, and live well on scraps of leather, bacon rines, peelings from vegetables, etc.

NEWS ARTICLE, Oregon City Enterprise (Oregon), 26 July 1912: Hattie and Edith Wanker spent last Friday with grandfather, Mr. Oscar Whitten... Miss Nina Wanker and Mr. Winfield Baker attended Chautauqua Saturday night.

NEWS ARTICLE, Oregon City Courier (Oregon), 12 July 1917: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitten and children, Ernest Whitten and family, Harley Whitten and Oscar Whitten, of Hazelia, motored to Molalla and celebrated the Fourth there.

NEWS ARTICLE, Oregon City Enterprise (Oregon), 9 October 1914: Mrs. Frank Whitten and Oscar Whitten were visitors at the Bob Wanker home Wednesday afternoon. Little Mildred Wanker is on the sick list.

NEWS ARTICLE, Oregon City Enterprise (Oregon), 30 April 1915: O. C. Whitten, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Robert Wanker, of Medical Springs, Oregon, returned to his home in Hazelia Sunday evening.

NEWS ARTICLE, Willamette Farmer (Salem, Ore.), 28 Oct 1881, p 7: Mrs. Sarah Ford exhibited hop yeast bread, jelly, four jars fruit, two quilts, and two boquets. Mrs. Florence Hayes exhibited butter, eigh___ varieties of jellies, two tidies, and one worsted log cabin quilt. Mrs. Hattie Whitten exhibited hop yeast bread, jelly, four jars fruit, two quilts, and two boquets.

Letter, Oswego, Clackamas, Oregon, 16 Apr 1882.

"This is a copy of the original letter written by Aunt Hat, Oscar Whitten's wife when Jim, Burt and Guy Hays' mother died. The postmark says Oswego, Oregon, April 17, 1882. This is the copy of a note that was with the letter.

I thought Jim, Bert or Guy would appreciate having this letter written of their lovely mother at a time when they were too small to remember - by her devoted sister who was with her away out there in Oregon in an early day. Aunt Addie.

Oswego

April 16, 1882

Dear Ones at Home

Dear Sister Florence is gone to the 'better world' she died at four O'clock, thursday the 14th she had the measles and took one of those bad spells and died in fifteen hours afterwards. it seems as though I was dreaming. I can't stand it my brain reals, but I must be more composed. I am still weak and my head is affected from having the measles. I could not go to the funeral and did not see her after she died. kind friends persuaded me not to. she was buried yesterday at four o'clock, but her funeral sermon is to be preached two weeks from tomorrow (it was a very rainy day yesterday til just as she was buried the sun shone.) and I was not able to go. Nor were part of the children. Guy is over the measles feeling well so is Addie. Frankie took cold and came near dying, but the good Lord spared him to us. he is much better now. Bertie and Jimmy has not had them yet. I cannot wite no more now. my heart aches and my head swims.

Now I will try and write more Florence was in her right mind til the last but could not speak for three hours before she passed away she told me in a low broken whisper all about how she wanted to be buried and who was to preach the funeral sermon and wanted me to have the children and be a mother to them. she wanted you all to have something of hers. which we will send you as soon as we can. she could not tell all she wanted you to have but spoke of some things. she was perfectly happy and talked of Heaven and Lonnie so much said she dreamed the night before that the angels were hovering around her. Oh how can I bear it. I am going to fulfill her dying requests as long as I live. and I must not give up. We are going to live there in Rileys house as she wanted us too. and I can do better with the children there than on our place. as the house is larger. and things are better in several respects. and then we can leave our place better than Rilev

can his but then the places are only quarter of a mile apart. write to Riley he needs consoling although he has been as composed as any man would be under the circumstances. but he has the consolation that he was always good to Florence and done all in his power for her happiness and everything was done for her that could be. while she was sick. and he says everything shall be done just as she wished. she was buried in a new burying ground about a mile from here. that was her wish to have Lonnie taken up and buried beside of her. Oh that you were all here. it seems as though I could bear it better. but the Lord is good I will turn to him for comfort.

Hattie Whitten

"This letter is copied exactly as it was written, punctuation etc."

HISTORY.

"Note from Orrin Lay, 30 Jan 2010, on the cause of death of Hattie: Hattie was papering her house and standing up on a table to do it. She fell and hit the corner of the table with her side. It caused a growth inside her and she only lived for three months before it took her life. Her oldest daughter Addie was 12 years old at the time so she took over as Mother of the 4 other kids. Zena was 8 and little George Leslie (Pete) was a year old. It was really tough for them and they were very poor. They lived on the old donation land claim on what is now "Whitten Lane" in Oswego. Oscar never remarried but just raised the kids. I remember him well when I was 3 years old. He lived with Bob and Zena and would sit in the corner chair and I would sit on his lap. Do you have a copy of his life story? I have it here if you don't. He was a real Oregon Trail Pioneer."

NEWS ARTICLE, Oregon City Enterprise (Oregon), 14 August 1891: We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. Oscar Whitten. Her remains were buried in the Oswego cemetery. [Also, Misses Ruth and Minnie Copley were in Oswego Friday. They are the granddaughters of Franklin and grand step-daughters of Sarah.]

OBITUARY - Near Oswego, Clackamas, Oregon, Aug 1891.

"Died - Near Oswego, Oregon, 6 Aug 1891, Hattie N. Whitten, wife of Oscar C. Whitten, age 34 years, 5 months, and 28 days (Johnson Co., Nebraska, Van Buren Co., Iowa, and Minnesota papers). Hattie Newel Phillips Whitten was born in Van Bureau Co., Iowa, moved with her parents to Tecumseh, Nebraska, at an early age, and from there to Oregon in spring 1877 where she was married the following September to her now bereaved husband. She left five children to mourn a mother's loss. She united with the Christian Church when but 13 years of age. At the time of her death she was not a member of any church, but her patient fortitude through her three months of suffering was proof that she relied on an arm of strength and safety. Her last hours will never be forgotten by the many relatives and friends who clustered around her bedside at her request to hear her last wishes. First in her thoughts were her dear children and husband, then her far away parents, but not one of her many friends were forgotten. She planned the arrangements for her funeral perfectly; who were to conduct the services, singing, and to act as pall bearers, and where she will be laid to rest, and finished with the request to be covered with pretty flowers, as in life she loved them. She often repeated the words, "I am so happy; I have no fear to die; a group of dear ones is waiting to receive me." By her request the Rev. R. M. Jones conducted the funeral services, and the choir, of which she had been a member, sang, "Nearer, My God To Thee," "Asleep in Jesus," and "Sister, thou Wast Mild and Lovely," the same pieces that was sang at her sister's funeral nine years before. A loving and affectionate wife and mother, and useful member of society has gone to rest. - Mrs. Locey."

Children of Oscar Whitten and Harriet Phillips:

i. Ada Helen Whitten

b. 22 Nov 1878 Oswego, Clackamas County, Oregon

d. 19 Mar 1961 Gladstone, Clackamas County, Oregon

m. William Edward Wanker 03 Jan 1900 Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon

ii. Frank Everett Whitten

b. 31 Oct 1880 Hazelia, Clackamas County, Oregon

d. 29 Apr 1942 Medical Springs, Union County, Oregon

m. Effie May Hays 03 Apr 1905 Vancouver, Clark County, Washington

iii. Zen Belle Whitten

b. 18 Jun 1883 Oswego, Clackamas County, Oregon

d. 29 Jan 1977 Baker City, Baker County, Oregon

m. James Robert Wanker 03 Jul 1906 Lake Oswego, Clackamas County, Oregon

Obituary: Zena Bell Wanker, 93, of 1260 Washington St., a long-time Baker Co. resident, died Sat. at St. Elizabeth Hospital following an extended illness. Funeral is Wed. at 2 PM at Gray's West & Co. The Rev. Marvin Carr of the First Christian Church will officiate. Concluding services will be in the chapel. Entombment will be at Grandview Mausoleum, LaGrande. Mrs. Wanker was born 18 Jun 1883 at Lake Oswego, daughter of Oscar C. and Hattie Phillips Whitten. She went to school in Lake Oswego and married James R. (Bob) Wanker there 3 Jul 1906. They moved to Medical Spr. in 1915 and ranched there til retirement in 1973. Mrs. Wanker was a member of the Christian Church and the Medical Spr. Grange. Survivors: husband Bob; daughters and sons-in-law Mildred & Urdel Lay and Glenola and George M. Wirth

all of Medical Spr; daughters and sons-in-law Maxine & George Kennedy and Hazel & Ernest Smith of Baker; 18 grandchildren; 45 gr-grandchildren; 2 gr-gr-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Ruby Hulick, 2 brothers, 2 sisters and 2 grandchildren. The casket will not be opened at the service.

NEWS ARTICLE, Oregon City Courier-Herald (Oregon), 31 March 1899: Hazelia School Report. Visitors present during the month were: Mesdames Shipley, Childs, Hays, Whitten, Pitts, Weltner, Nagle, Baker; Misses Maud Walling, Blanch Dyer, Addie and Zena Whitten, Nina Wanker, Minnie Nida; Messrs Alex Thompson, M. Long, John Long, Frank Whitten, Guy Hays, Frank Childs, Harry Farmer, and Masters Hepple Shipley and Clarence Whitten.

iii. Ether Grace Whitten

b. 28 Mar 1886 Hazelia, Clackamas County, Oregon

d. 25 Sep 1975 Monroe, Snohomish County, Washington

Obituary, Everett Herald (Washington), 21 Sep 1975: Ethel G. Headrick, 89, of Sultan, died 25 September after an extended illness. She was born 28 March 1886 in Oregon City, Oregon. She had been a resident of the Sultan area since 1916. She leaves her husband Len at the home; one daughter, Mrs. Harriet Linse of Sultan; one sister, Mrs. Zena Wanker of Oregon; two grandsons and wives, Stuart and June Linse of Holloman AFB, New Mexico, and Claude and Betty Linse of Auburn; five great-grandchildren, Scott, David, Mark Linse of Seattle, Bob Linse of Seattle and John Linse of Auburn; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be Monday, 1 PM, Purdy & Kerr Chapel, with interment at the Sultan Cemetery.

iv. George Leslie "Pete" Whitten

b. 20 Dec 1890 Hazelia, Clackamas County, Oregon

d. 02 Feb 1910 Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon

Note: Research on the following children of Richard F Whitten was compiled by Stephenie Flora

3. Edward Franklin Whitten

b. 05 Oct 1854 Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon

d. 18 Oct 1925 Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon

buried [Oswego Pioneer Cemetery](#), Lake Oswego, Clackamas County, Oregon

m. 07 Oct 1884 Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon

Mary Rozilla Farmer

b. 07 Oct 1869 White Cloud, Mills County, Iowa

d. 25 Aug 1912 Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon

buried [Oswego Pioneer Cemetery](#), Lake Oswego, Clackamas County, Oregon

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1920: Clackamas County, Oregon, January 22, 1920; Edwin Whitten, head, 65, wid, OR NE NE; Ernest, son, 28, m, OR OR OR, farmer; Minnie, wife, 27, OR Ger Ger; Norma, 6, s, OR OR OR; Lloyd, 3 1/2, s, OR OR OR; Harley, son 18, s, OR OR OR

Mrs. Rosilla Whitten Dead.

OREGON CITY, Aug. 26.—(Special.)
—Mrs. Rosilla Whitten, wife of Edward Whitten, of Oswego, died Sunday, August 25, aged 43. Mrs. Whitten was born at White Cloud, Iowa, October 2, 1868, and came to Oregon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Farmer, in 1874. She was married to Edward Whitten on October 7, 1884. Mrs. Whitten is survived by her husband and five children, Mrs. Thomas Savage, of Portland; Ernest, Clarence, Iva and Harley Whitten, of Oswego; her father, Joseph Farmer, of Oregon City; four sisters, Mrs. T. W. Andrews, of McMinnville; Mrs. L. Ford, of West Oregon City; Mrs. G. A. Gurley, of Kingsbery, Or.; Mrs. Verna Andrews, of West Oregon City; three brothers, Harve Farmer, Harry Farmer, of West Oregon City; Frank Farmer, of Lancaster, Wash.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Tuesday, August 27, 1912, p.6]

Edward Whitten.

OREGON CITY, Or., Oct. 19.—(Special.)—Edward Whitten, 71, West Linn resident, died in that city yesterday after a prolonged illness. Mr. Whitten was a widower and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Grace Savage of Portland and Mrs. Iva Montgomery of Oregon City, and three sons, Ernest of Willamette, Clarence of Oregon City and Harley of Ryderwood, Wash.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, Tuesday, October 20, 1925 p.28]

Children of Edward Whitten and Mary Rosilla Farmer:

i. Blanche A. Whitten

b. Jan 1887 Oregon

d.

ii. Grace Edith Whitten

b. 29 Nov 1889 Clackamas County, Oregon

d. 08 Jan 1984 Lake Oswego, Clackamas County, Oregon

buried [River View Cemetery](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. Thomas Roland Savage 06 Jul 1912 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

iii. Ernest Richard Whitten

b. 21 Sep 1891 Clackamas County, Oregon

d. 14 Feb 1961 Clackamas County, Oregon

buried [Riverview Abbey Mausoleum and Cemetery](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

iv. Clarence E. Whitten

b. Dec 1893 Clackamas County, Oregon

d.

v. Iva Marie Whitten

b. 26 Jan 1900 Clackamas County, Oregon

d. 25 Feb 1995 Lake Oswego, Clackamas County, Oregon

buried [Riverview Abbey Mausoleum and Cemetery](#), Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon

m. Delvia Walter Montgomery

vi. Harley Eugene Whitten

b. 30 Mar 1902 Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon

d. Nov 1983 Willamina, Yamhill County, Oregon

4. William James Whitten

b. 22 Oct 1856 Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon

d. 13 May 1929 Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon

buried [Oswego Pioneer Cemetery](#), Lake Oswego, Clackamas County, Oregon

m. 08 Nov 1900 Clackamas County, Oregon

Sarah Elizabeth "Bessie" Fox

b. 05 May 1875 Ironton, Lawrence County, Ohio

d. 20 Mar 1945 Altoona, Wahkiakum County, Washington

buried [Oswego Pioneer Cemetery](#), Lake Oswego, Clackamas County, Oregon

1860: Linn City, Clackamas County, Oregon, Franklin Ford, 33, farmer, \$900 \$250, VA; Sarah, 28, England; Sarah L., 18, IA; Octavia, 80, IA; Oscar, 9, OH; Edwin, 6, OR; William, 4, OR; Charles, 2, OR, Frank 6/12, OR

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1910: Altoona Pct, Wahkiakum County, Washington, April 26 1910; William J. Whitten 52, m1-9yrs, OR NY Eng, fisherman-salmon; Sarah E., wife, 34, m1-9yrs, 4-4, OH OH OH; Hugh E., son, 8, s, OR OR OH; Thomas R., son, 6, s, OR OR OH; William E., son, 4, s, OR OR OH; Charles D., 2, WA OR OH

1920: Altoona, Wahkiakum County, Washington, January 29, 1900, William, head, 62, m, OR NY Eng, fisherman-fishing boat; Sarah, wife, 44, OH OR OH; Hugh, son, 17, s, OR OR OH, laborer-cold storage co; Thomas, son, 16, s, OR OR OH, laborer-cold storage; William, son, 14, WA OR OH; Charles, son, 12, s, WA OR OH; Eugene, son, 10, s, WA OR OH;



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[William and Sarah Whitten from collection of Ron Mitton, Enumclaw, Washington]

William J. Whitten.

Funeral services for William J. Whitten, 73, late of Altoona, Wash., will be held today at 1 o'clock at the Methodist church in Oswego, Or., with interment in Oswego cemetery.

Mr. Whitten is survived by the widow, Mrs. Bessie Whitten, by five sons, Hugh, Thomas, William, Charles and Eugene Whitten, and by two grandchildren, Romaine and Beverly Jean Whitten, all of Altoona. Four brothers, Oscar Whitten of Pondsosa, Or.; Frank, Louis and Walter Whitten of Oregon City, and two sisters, Mrs. T. Lovelock of Portland and Mrs. Louise Miller of The Dalles, also survive.

[Oregonian, Portland, Oregon, May 16, 1929 p.9]

Children of William Whitten and Sarah Fox:

i. Hugh E. Whitten

b. 21 Jan 1902 Clackamas County, Oregon

d. 16 Dec 1966 Clatsop County, Oregon

buried [Greenwood Cemetery](#), Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon

m. Sophia M. Elliott 25 Dec 1929 Clatsop County, Oregon

m2. Mary Davidson 13 Mar 1942 Thurston, Washington

ii. Thomas Richard Whitten

b. c1904 Washington

d. 1931

buried [Oswego Pioneer Cemetery](#), Lake Oswego, Clackamas County, Oregon

iii. William E. Whitten

b. 1905 Washington

d. 04 May 1970 Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon

buried [Ocean View Cemetery](#), Warrenton, Clatsop County, Oregon

iv. Charles Dexter Whitten

b. 15 Aug 1907 Wahkiakum, Washington

d. 05 Oct 1957 Clatsop County, Oregon

buried [Ocean View Cemetery](#), Warrenton, Clatsop County, Oregon

v. Eugene "Gene" W. Whitten

b. 27 May 1910 Wahkiakum, Washington

d. 09 Jul 2002 Naselle, Pacific County, Washington

buried [Peaceful Hill Cemetery](#), Naselle, Pacific County, Washington

m. Lillian Ruth Swanson