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Descendants of William Rees

Generation No. 6

7. WILLARD HALL⁶ REES (THOMAS⁵, JOHN⁴, JOHN³, DAVID², WILLIAM¹)⁶¹ was born September 17, 1819 in near Smyrna, Kent Co., Delaware⁶², and died January 19, 1903 in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon⁶². He married AMANDA MALVINA FITZALLEN HALL⁶³ January 21, 1847 in Butteville, Marion Co, Oregon, daughter of JAMES HALL and CYNTHIA GROOM. She was born August 20, 1828 in Liberty, Clay Co, Missouri⁶⁴, and died December 10, 1915 in Portland, Multnomah Co, Oregon⁶⁴.

Notes for WILLARD HALL REES:

Newspaper announcement: Married- At the Bute in Champoeg county, on the 21st of January, 1847, By Rev. J.L. Parish, Mr. W.H. Rees(e) to Miss Amanda M.F. Hall, all of the above mentioned place.

Oregon Journal, 4 Oct 1933, Fred Lockley Interview with Prentice P. Hall of Donald, Oregon: "This house that I live in is built on the old Willard H. Rees claim. He crossed the plains in the same train with John Minto in 1844. Dr. John McLoughlin employed him to build a mill not far from Astoria. In the spring of 1845 he took a contract to build the Catholic church at St. Louis, on French prairie. He bought the claim of Stephen Pelchie... Willard H. Rees, my uncle by marriage, went down to California in the fall of 1848 on horseback and mined on the Mokelumne river. He came back with something over \$3,000 in gold dust. He did contracting and building for a good many years."

Oregon Historical Quarterly, June 1901 and Sept. 1901- Tribute written by John Minto

"Doings at Donald," by Kathleen Collins, no date gives research by Dorothy Schriever on Willard Rees, a project of the Donald Historical Society.

Vol 3 pg 141 1895 Rees, W H Census Marion Census

Vol 2 pg 046 05 June 1846 Rees, Willard H land claim Clatsop land claim

Vol 4 pg 281 04 May 1847 Rees, Willard H land claim Champoeg land claim

Numerous handwritten letters of Willard Rees at the Florence, OR Historical Society

Ancestry.com

Database: Oregon Census, 1841-1890

Combined Matches: 2

Year Surname Given Name (s) County State Page Township or Other Info Record Type Database ID#

1844 REES WILLARD H. Bancroft'slist OR Overland Immigrants OR 1841-1849 Census Index OR428430

1880 REES WILLARD H. Marion County OR 073 Butteville Federal Population Schedule OR 1880 Federal Census Index OR1669886

Surname Rees Willard Rees, Oregon Oregon Historical Quarterly 4 4 December 1903

Posted by Cathi Frost <akbob@aone.com> on Sun, 20 Sep 1998, in response to rees, Willard, posted by Dale H. Pretzer on Fri, 10 Jul 1998

Surname: Rees

In 1997 I donated two letters written by W. H. Rees to the Oregon-California Trails Association to be placed in their research library. Surely this is the same person!

My grandmother gave these letters to my dad. She obtained them while she was Head Housekeeper at the Masonic Home in Forest Grove, Oregon. When the residents passed away their personal belongings were sold if no family members wanted them.

The first letter is dated 20 March 1846 at Oregon City, OR and addressed to his mother Mrs. Elizabeth L. Rees of Riley, Butler Co., OH. It indicates that he came to Oregon about 1844 or 1845. The second letter is dated 22 October 1848 at Sutter's Fort in California (Gold Rush time!) and addressed to Mrs. Amanda M. Rees of Champoeg, OR.

I have typescript copy of both if you are interested.

Coincidentally, my husband descends from a Rees family that was also in Ohio but I don't know if there is a connection.

The Bancroft Library collection for Oregon continued. Surnames alphabetical within each listing.-- Kim

Bancroft:

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/BANC/>

MELVYL catalog:

<http://www.melvyl.ucop.edu/>

Rees, W.H. 1819

Notes for AMANDA MALVINA FITZALLEN HALL:

Fred Lockley 14 Feb 1914- reference found in Duniway Papers at U of O Special Collections, Folder 8/6.

Oregon State Archives, Women's property, Marion Co, OR, 1877, #0079.

Obituary- "Pioneer Woman Passes Mrs. Amanda Hall Rees Came to Oregon in 1845 Mother of 12 Living children Passes Many Years on Farm, and Moved to Portland in 1900. Mrs. Amanda Hall Rees, pioneer of 1845, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. W. M. Hendershott, 395 Larabee Street, Portland, Friday, December 10. She was 87 years of age. Mrs. Rees, who was the daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. James Elliott Hall, was born in Liberty, MO., August 30, 1826. With her parents, she crossed the plains to Oregon in 1845, the family arriving at Oregon City just before Christmas. They stayed at Oregon City until the Spring of the following year when they moved to Butteville, a few miles below Champoeg. Here Mr. Hall began making arrangements for locating on a donation land claim on the lower French Prairie. A large house was rented from one of the settlers and Mrs. Hall and daughters kept a tavern. To this house came the handsome and successful young lover, Willard Hall Rees to tell his love to the beautiful Miss Amanda Hall, whom he had met in Oregon City during the preceding Winter. On January 21, 1847, Willard H. Rees and Miss Amanda M. Hall were married at Butteville, the wedding ceremony being performed by Rev. J. L. Parrish. Mr. and Mrs. Rees moved to a farm of 640 acres which he had previously purchased from a Canadian settler. There they lived continuously until 190, except for a brief period in 1851 and 1853, when they conducted a tavern in Champoeg. In January 1900, they moved to Portland and lived with their son, Dr. P.A. Rees. To Mr. and Mrs. Rees were born 13 children, six sons and seven daughters. One son was lost in early infancy, but the others grew to maturity. The daughters now living are: Mrs. James William Welch and Mrs. William Hendershott, of Portland; Mrs. John S. Clark, of LaGrande; Mrs. C.H. Day, of Dayton, Wash., and Mrs. H. Augustus Wright, of Portland. The sons are : D.D. Rees, T.H. Rees, P.A. Rees, and Willard H. Rees, of Portland, and H.L. Rees, of Trinidad, Wash. There are 26 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren."

#4020: History of Bourbon, Scott, Harrison and Nicholas Counties, Kentucky, ed. by William Henry Perrin, O. L. Baskin & Co., Chicago, 1882. p. 529.

[Bourbon County] [Flat Rock Precinct] MAJOR JAS. MADISON MENG, farmer;

P. O. Cane Ridge; was born in Prince William County, Va., Feb. 22, 1812; to Capt. Chas. and Victoria (Tebbs) Meng; she a daughter of Captain Wm. Tebbs and a Miss Harslip. A singular incident relating to the birth of Major Meng, is the fact that he was born upon the same day of the month upon which the birth of Geo. Washington

occurred, and that his father, Chas. Meng, and Capt. Wm. Tebbs, his grandfather, were both Captains under that illustrious General. Captain Chas. Meng, a son of Chas., Sr., who came from Holland to this country at an early date settled in Virginia. The father of our subject, being born in Winchester, where he lived until fifteen years of age, when they moved to Woodstock, where in later years he became a merchant of wealth and prominence. Inheriting a great amount of property from his wife, he moved to Prince William County, the land of her nativity, where he engaged in farming, and raised a family of eleven children, five sons and six daughters. Major Meng is the only one of the sons now living; Charles, two years older than he, the only one of the deceased sons who left issue, became an attorney of some not in Louisville, where he resided for a number of years, subsequently removing to Christian County, Ky. Two only of the six daughters are living: the widow Swing and the widow of Jos. Kennedy, of Washington, D. C. Major Meng came to Nicholas County in Jan., 1833, where he engaged in teaching school, in which capacity he was engaged for some time in Bourbon and Nicholas Counties, subsequently learned the moulder's trade and the business of making plows at Maysville, which he engaged in at St. Louis, but afterward took

up his old occupation of teaching in the vicinity of his present home. He was married in Bourbon County to AMANDA MALVINA FITZALLEN HALL, daughter of

Henry and Fannie (Talbot) Hall, who were among the early settlers of Bourbon County. They had two sons, Charles and James, the mother of whom died on the 15th of April, 1874. The Meng ancestry were a long lived people, the father of our subject sitting as an active magistrate at eighty-two years of age, having held the position of High Sheriff, having come into that position as being the oldest magistrate in the county.

Marriage Notes for WILLARD REES and AMANDA HALL:

From handwritten family notes on letterhead paper "American Insurance Company of Newark, N.J.; Gordon & Frazer managers, Geo. O. Hoadley, Asst. Mgr, 308 Pine Street, San Francisco; JAS. W. WELCH, Resident Agent, Agency at Astoria, Ore. -married to Willard Hall Rees January 21, 1847 at Butteville in a house owned by Alanson Beers

Children of WILLARD REES and AMANDA HALL are:

i. INFANT⁷ REES⁶⁵.

Notes for INFANT REES:

Record of one infant who died from handwritten note written on Jas. W. Welch stationary; "grandfather took donation claim in 1846" so written by one of Willard and Amanda's children.

ii. OLIVIA REBECCA REES⁶⁵, b. April 02, 1849, Butteville, Marion, OR⁶⁶; d. November 05, 1932, Portland, Multnomah, OR⁶⁶; m. (1) THOMAS SMITH⁶⁷, November 13, 1866, Marion Co, OR, E.R.Moore's House; m. (2) JAMES WILLIAM WELCH⁶⁷, 1890⁶⁸; b. July 07, 1842, Bloomington, Iowa⁶⁸; d. December 21, 1920, Clatsop Co, OR⁶⁸.

Notes for OLIVIA REBECCA REES:

newspaper article- "Native Daughters Meet"

annual session of the Grand Cabin of Native Daughters of Oregon opened in the Auditorium building; officers elected: Mrs. Olivia Welch, of Astoria, the grand president was in the chair. She delivered an address of welcome.

Raymond Ringold Rees told me that Olivia was well-educated; she went to Willamette University. She married well, J.W. Welch, he made a lot of money in shipping and fishing industry. They built an elegant home in Astoria, OR. Research done by John Goodenberger of Astoria finds it is no longer there. Letter detailing the research by John in my possession.

1868- Mittge book shows Bertha A. Herren married James W. Welch 8 Dec 1868 in Marion Co., OR; lists children as Nancy E., George Flavel, Bonnie Bertha, and James Easter

1870- Census shows Olivia (age 21)

OR Death Index: Ancestry.com
 Name: Welch, Olivia
 County: Portland
 Death Date: 05 N 1932
 Certificate: 2809
 Spouse: James

Notes for JAMES WILLIAM WELCH:
 middle name from Jeffrey Uecker notes

CLATSOP COUNTY, OREGON, ITS HISTORY, LEGENDS & INDUSTRIES, Emma Gene Miller- James Welch pp. 102, 103, 132, 167, 178, 215, 71, 72, 160; Mrs. James Welch p. 103; Joel Welch p. 202.--

pp. 102-103: James arrived 1845-46, claim in Astoria, came from Ohio in 1843, built first house in Shively's Astoria 1846, Mrs. Welch once saved an Indian slave woman from being buried with her master. She took her in & stood guard over her, & bravely refused to surrender the refugee after repeated demands of the Indians, thereby breaking up the barbarous custom of sacrificing human life to a superstitious custom of the Indian at the mouth of the Columbia; p. 132: city councilman June 6, 1876 (James Welch); p. 167: In 1853 James Welch donated a piece of land for the Methodist church; p. 178: James Welch donated a peice of land in 1853 for school purposes; p. 215: In 1849 James Welch & others built the first mill in now Astoria, located in the block bounded by Commercial, Bond, 9th & 10th streets; p. 103: The top of Coxcomb Hill was set aside by Welch out of his lands to be used for a high surfaced reservoir water system for the city of Astoria

Use as Clues: Or State Archives

W-009 1876 Welch, James Estate Clatsop Estate

Vol 1 pg 011 29 Aug 1845 Welch, James land claim Clatsop land claim

Vol 3 pg 113 nd (1846) Welch, James land claim Clatsop land claim

Vol 4 pg 196 25 Feb 1847 Welch, James land claim Clatsop land claim

1849 Clatsop County, OR Census Index

WELCH, James 1 m 21+, 2 m -21, 2 f (Clatsop p. 1)

1850 Clatsop County Census Index

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~orclatso/1850Census.htm>

25 23 23 Welch Jas. 34 M W Speculator 25000 Ky.

26 23 23 Welch Mrs. 33 F W Ky.

27 23 23 Welch Jas. 10 M W Iowa X

28 23 23 Welch John 6 M W Oregon X

29 23 23 Welch N. 3/4 M W Oregon

ASTORIA PIONEER CEMETERY Madison and 14th Streets, Astoria, Oregon.

<ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/or/clatsop/cemetery/astpion.txt>

A plaque in the cemetery reads:

" Deeded By James Welch to Astoria on April 22, 1865. By 1891, 498 burials were recorded. There were also numerous unlisted interments, bodies from abandoned cemeteries were brought here, many graves and markers later removed by the families. Use was discontinued around 1900"

Name: Welch, James W.
 County: Clatsop
 Death Date: 21 Dec 1920
 Certificate: 256

- iii. ELIZABETH E. REES⁶⁹, b. September 23, 1851, Butteville, Marion County, Oregon⁷⁰; d. March 12, 1929, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon⁷⁰; m. WILLIAM MONROE HENDERSHOTT⁷¹, October 06, 1872, Walla Walla, Washington⁷²; b. October 21, 1845, Sundale, Muskingum Co, OH; d. , Portland, Multnomah, OR⁷².

Notes for ELIZABETH E. REES:

The Oregon Journal, Impressions and Observations of the Journal Man, Fred Lockley, 21 Jan 1927:

Lives at 583 E. 24th Street; born 23 Sept 1850 at home; Willard Hall Rees bought claim from Stephen Pelchie in 1845 for \$975; Willard and Amanda were married on 21 Jan 1847 by Rev. J.L. Parrish; Cynthia Hall was at that time running a hotel at Butteville; In fall of 1848 Willard and Peter H. Burnett went to newly discovered gold fields near Sutter's Fort; Willard took out about \$3,000; Amanda was b. at Liberty, MO on Aug 20, 1828; her father J.E.Hall crossed plains in 1845; they wintered at Oregon City; the old building in which Cynthia Hall, Amanda Hall and the others conducted a hotel in 1846 is still standing; Amanda died at my home; Father died on Jan 18, 1903; I was b. on our family farm, 4 miles from Aurora; the town of Donald is located on our old farm; When I was 8 yrs old, I went to Salem to live with my aunt, Mrs. Evaline Herren; Later I went to Oswego to attend the episcopal school; I attended there in 1860 and 61 ans went back to Salem and went to Willamette Univ when I was 13 yrs. old; I returned to Butteville after several yrs and went to school 2 years to S.W. King and then went to Cove, near La Grande, in Union County, to live with my uncle, M.B. Rees.

Notes for WILLIAM MONROE HENDERSHOTT:

Newspaper obit:

Died at 83 yrs; veteran of civil war; lived in Portland, Or for more than 30 yrs; lived at 583 E. 24th St. N. Ptd; worked as bailiff in circuit Judge Stevenson's court; heart trouble; served 3 terms as commdr of Lincoln-Garfield post of G.A.R; served as commdr of the soldiers' home at Roseburg from 1924-25; served fr May, 1864 in Co. C, 159th Ohio volunteer infantry; moved to Walla Walla Oct 13, 1869; Oct 6, 1872 married Elizabeth Rees; moved to Ptd in 1898

See OrGenWeb Pioneers- James Hendershott listed as pioneer of 1852 (McCully Wagon Train)

Bill Stout, bstout2@uswest.net <bstout2@uswest.net>

WILLIAM MONROE HENDERSHOTT m. 6 Oct 1872. He was born 21 Oct 1845 in Sundale, Muskingum Co., OH

I am currently working on the REES family line. You have input some information about this line into the ROOTSWEBS. William Monroe Hendershott was my great grand father. I have some incorrect dates on the REES side going back to

John REES, son of David &
 Mary, and Husband of Esther. They had children, but I can't find a last name
 of Esther, where she was born, or when they left Wales to settle in Little
 Duck Creek Hundred, Kent, DE.
 Mary Hendershott Becker
 Kittypaus@aol.com

Clatsop Co, OR Donation Land Claims:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~orclatso/homestead.htm>

1892 HENDERSH[?], Wm. 9364 15 7/6

- iv. ANNA R. REES²³, b. February 18, 1852, Butteville, Marion County,
 Oregon²⁴; d. April 21, 1949, Portland, Multnomah, Oregon²⁴; m.
 JOHN S. CLARK²⁵, October 09, 1870, Butteville, Marion Co, OR; b.
 February 04, 1848, Hillsboro, Washington Co, OR²⁶; d. June 28,
 1921, La Grande, Union, OR²⁶.

Notes for ANNA R. REES:

Oregon Historical Quarterly, Dec 1944: "The Oregon Pioneer Assn. held its
 annual meeting at the First Congregational Church, Portland, June 15, 1944.
 Present were 25 pioneers who were in Oregon before 1860. Mrs. Anna Clark, 92,
 was crowned queen mother by Cheryl Kay Pratt, age six. Mrs. Clark is the
 daughter of Willard Hall Rees and was born near Butteville Feb 18, 1852. N.L.
 Jones, Portland, celebrated his 95th birthday at the meeting."

OR Journal, 21 June 1932, Fred Lockley: interview with Ann Rees Clark at 80
 years old-in Butteville where she was spending the day with friends. She was
 born on her father's farm, 15 Feb 1852. Father bought farm in 1845 from
 French Canadian settler who also raised money to build a Catholic Church at
 St.Louis. Willard secured the contract for building this church. Mr. Rees was
 friends with Joseph Gervais, Etienne Lucier, F.X. Matthieu, Wm. Cannon, Louis
 Labonte, Philip Degie, Archbishop F.N. Blanchet, Dr. Robert Newell, Rev. S.M.
 Fackler. Anna Rees went to school at Butteville- S.W. King, teacher.

Lone Fir Cemetery, Portland, OR, Records: Grave No 2 South:

Name: Anna Rees Clark
 Place of Birth: Marion Co, OR
 Place of Death: Portland, OR
 Time of Service: 12:30 PM
 Runeral Director: A.J. Rose and Son
 A;;lic. Date: apr 25, 1949
 Date of Birth: Feb 18, 1852
 Date of Death: Apr 21, 1949
 Date of Burial Apr 25, 1949
 Burial No. 20678
 Grave No. 2 South

1910 LaGrande, Union Co, OR Census, sheet 5, 6th Street: John S. Clark age 62 b.
 OR; father b. "Ire:English;" m. b. IN; Anna Clark age 58 b. OR

1880 Cove, Union OR Census Sheet 23, 12 Jun 1880: Anna Clark age 27 b. OR;

Willard; age 8 b. OR; Mirtie age 7 b. OR; Lora age 5 b. OR; Park Rees age 19 brother-in-law, laborer, b. OR; Laura b. June 1875 age 24 b. OR; Louie Dap servant b. Apr age 43 b. China
 1900 Island City, Union Co, OR Census: John S. Clark b. Feb 1848, age 52 b. OR, father b. Ireland, mother b. IN, Salesman; Anna R b. Feb 1852, age 48; Willard b. Oct 1871 age 28 b. OR; Myrtle b. Jun 1873 age 27 b. OR

Notes for JOHN S. CLARK:

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13. A NNA R . 4 R EES (W ILLARD H ALL 3 , T HOMAS 2 , J OHN 1) was born 18 Feb 1852 in Butteville,

Marion Co., OR, and died 21 Apr 1949 in Portland, Multnomah Co., OR. She married J OHN S .

C LARK 9 Oct 1870. He was born 4 Feb 1848 in , Washington Co., OR, and died 28 Jun 1921 in

La Grande, Union Co., OR.

More About A NNA R . R EES :

Burial: 25 Apr 1949, Lone Fir Cem, Portland, OR: 2 South, Lot 5d, Block 18

More About J OHN C LARK and A NNA R EES :

Marriage: 9 Oct 1870

Children of A NNA R EES and J OHN C LARK are:

24. i. W ILLARD H . 5 C LARK , b. 17 Oct 1872, Cove, Union Co., OR; d. 3 Sep 1951, La Grande,

Union Co., OR.

ii. M YRTLE H . C LARK , b. Jan 1873, ,, OR; m. D AN H . D ETCHON ; b. Abt. 1869, ,, OR.

25. iii. L AURA C LARK , b. Jun 1874.

HISTORY OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST:

OREGON AND WASHINGTON

ORIGINAL TERRITORY OF OREGON

VOLUME II - 1889

North Pacific History Company

Portland, Oregon

<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/or/county/wallowa/1889clarkbios.htm>

JOHN S. CLARK. - Much interest attaches to this gentleman as the son of one of the earliest pioneers, and as being himself a native of Oregon. The father, Daniel Clark, was well known in the early days as an immigrant of 1844, who married Miss Bertha Herren, whose acquaintance he had formed upon the plains, and who lived near Hillsboro. After his return from the California gold mines, he located in 1851 the Clark Donation claim near Salem, upon which both he and his wife died. The son John S., whose name forms the caption of this article, was born near Hillsboro, in Washington, county, Oregon, February 4, 1848. His early life was spent near Salem, where he attended the public school and enjoyed two years of study at the institute. In 1869 he became a pioneer of the Inland empire, coming to the Grande Ronde and pre-empting a claim at The Cove, where he made his home for thirteen years. In 1870 he was married to Miss Anna, a daughter of Honorable Willard H. Rees, the venerable pioneer of Butteville. In 1872 he devoted his attention exclusively to blacksmithing. In 1870 he opened a prosperous business, and

greatly facilitated the harvesting in his section by purchasing a steam threshing machine, with which he operated successfully until the occurrence of an accident, whereby his arm was caught in the belting and torn from the shoulder. This necessitated a change of business; and at the present time he is engaged in the sale of machinery and farm implements in the employ of Frank Brothers of Portland, and has entire charge of their business in Grande Ronde, with headquarters at La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark, have a pleasant home; and their union has been blessed by three children.

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From Cecil Houk cchouk@home.com

ID: I15626

Name: John S. Clark

Sex: M

Birth: 4 FEB 1848 in Hillsboro, Washington Co., OR

Death: 28 JUN 1921 in La Grande, Union Co., OR

Father: Daniel Clark b: 14 FEB 1824 in King Co., Ireland

Mother: Berthia B. Herren b: 2 JAN 1827 in Shelby Co., KY

Marriage 1 Anna R. Rees b: 18 FEB 1852 in Butteville, Marion Co., OR

Married: 9 OCT 1870 in Butteville, Marion Co., OR

Children

Willard H. Clark b: 17 OCT 1872 in Cove, Union Co., OR

Myrtle J. Clark b: JAN 1873 in OR

Laura Clark b: JUN 1874 in OR

- v. LORA AMANDA REES⁷⁷, b. September 12, 1853, Butteville, Marion County, Oregon⁷⁸; d. August 21, 1951, Dayton, Columbia, WA⁷⁸; m. CHARLES HENRY DAY⁷⁹, December 11, 1877, Dayton, Columbia, WA; b. December 11, 1855, Ocoola, Tioga, PN⁸⁰; d. October 06, 1936, Dayton, Columbia, WA⁸⁰.

Notes for LORA AMANDA REES:

From Dayton Chronicle 5 Sept 1974:

Mrs. Jones has 4 grandchildren and 7 grandchildren

Notes for CHARLES HENRY DAY:

Source For Following Anecdotal Information:

Lee Rose, Sr.

820 S. Beech St

Kennewick, WA 99336

(509) 582-7337

Lee told me on the phone 7-21-93 the following:

W.W. Day was their family doctor in Dayton, WA

After Dr. Day's death, one night " about 2 or 3 a.m. I was awakened by W.W. Day; he said, "Lee, what are you doing about my genealogy?" ' He sat straight up in bed, then woke up his wife and told her what happened. The next day they went to Walla Walla and Dayton and went to work on it. They sent the records to the Temple. He talked to Dr. Day's second wife and she could have cared less about the family history; she was very unhelpful.

Merry Christmas Day was in a rest home in the Vancouver area- married Thompson
 Rees Day was in Waitsburg, WA
 Day family Bible in possession of Lucy day Jones until her death in Dayton,
 WA in 1987 at 107 yrs. of age

1900 Columbia County Census Records at Dayton County Courthouse

Obituaries in personal possession of Lee Rose

Nursing Home Records, Dayton, WA

Dayton City Cemetery Records

Union County, OR Court Jan. 1890 - C.H. Day, salary 75.00

- vi. DAVID CRAWFORD REES⁸¹, b. March 06, 1855, Butteville, Marion
 County, Oregon⁸²; d. Waitsburg, Walla Walla, WA⁸²; m. FLORA
 SMITH⁸³; b. March 01, 1863⁸⁴.

Notes for DAVID CRAWFORD REES:

Oregon Historical Quarterly, Vol. 45, June 1945, p. 180: "David Crawford Rees,
 Twin Falls, ID; May 23, 1945, 90; Born at Butteville, March 6, 1855."

See family photo taken at Waitsburg, WA- names and births written on back

Duniway Papers at U of O Special Collections, Folder 8/6- Obit of David
 Crawford

Obit also found in Rees scrapbook, my possession

Notes for FLORA SMITH:

Newspaper announcement: Married on Wed evening the 14th Mr. D.C. Rees, the
 gentlemanly merchant of Dixie and Miss Flora Smith, the amiable and
 accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.N. Smith, were joined int the holy
 bonds of wedlock at the residence of the bride's parents in theis city, Rev. A.
 Adair officiating...

- vii. THOMAS HALL REES⁸⁵, b. November 11, 1856, Butteville, Marion
 County, Oregon⁸⁶; d. August 28, 1925⁸⁶; m. MAY G. FOSTER⁸⁷,
 January 13, 1892, Union, OR; b. November 03, 1869, TN⁸⁸; d.
 February 15, 1901, Union, Union, OR⁸⁸.

Notes for THOMAS HALL REES:

From Raymond Ringold Rees 6/97: Tom was a hop exporter.

Ricks College Marriage Records Online (Rexburg, OR)- T.H. Rees and May G.
 Foster ID # 160504; Vol. F; Page 22

Vol 2 pg 012 1895 Rees, T H Census Marion Census

DLC #49, Marion Co

Buried at Lone Fir Cemetery in Ptd, OR under the name Thomas Paul Rees in the
 Willard Rees plot.

- viii. HARRY LOREN REES⁸⁹, b. March 27, 1859, Butteville, Marion

County, Oregon²⁰; d. 1951, Portland, Multnomah, OR²⁰; m. (1)

FELICIA BLAKE²¹; m. (2) CORA SNIDER²¹; b. 1878²²; d. 1964²².

Notes for HARRY LOREN REES:

1880 REES HARRY L. Walla Walla County WA 180 Walla Walla City Federal Population Schedule WA 1880 Federal Census Index WAS7a4417949

Database: Hawaii Census, 1900-1910

Year Surname Given Name (s) County State Page Township or Other Info Record Type Database ID#

1910 REES HARRY Oahu County HI 033 Honolulu Vol 8 Federal Population Schedule HI 1910 Federal Census Index HI504141041

1900 REES HARRY Oahu Island HI 165 Honolulu E. D. 14 Federal Population Schedule HI 1900 Federal Census Index HI51446152

Name Business Name Occupation Location 1 Location 2 City State Year

Percy G Clune; Cassius U Barlow; Harry L Rees Clune, Rees & Co Real Estate and Loans 110 2d Portland OR 1890

Harry L Rees Clune, Rees & Co St Clair corner W Main. Portland OR 1890

Harry L Rees real estate 193 1/2 1st boards 155 Alder. Portland OR 1891

Notes for FELICIA BLAKE:

Marriage to Harry Rees ended; Felicia Blake Rees and daughter went to CA and joined up with the Rosicrucians. (Raymond Rees)

Other family info suggests only Mona Edith Rees went there.

Search Terms: FELICIA (5), BLAKE (204) (Ancestry.com)

Database: California Census, 1790-1890

Year 1870

Surname BLAKE FELICIA

Given Name (s) County SAN Franciscounty County

State CA

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Township or Other Info 8 W San Franciscounty P2ct

Record Type Federal Population Schedule

Database CA 1870 Federal Census Index

ID# CA23912264

Blake, Felicia 1870-1879 CA CD319 Census Index: U.S. Selected Counties, 1870 (#319)

Notes for CORA SNIDER:

birth & death years from Jeffrey Uecker notes

- ix. PARK ALVA REES²³, b. February 20, 1861, Butteville, Marion County, Oregon²⁴; d. January 31, 1953, Portland, Multnomah, OR²⁴; m. (1) LILLIAN ZANDER²⁵; b. , , , New Zealand²⁶; d. Aft. 1920; m. (2) CARRIE JUDSON²⁷, May 19, Dayton, WA.

Notes for PARK ALVA REES:

According to Raymond Ringold Rees interview, Park married a girl from New

Zealand, Lillian Zander.

He and Willard built his house on Clackamas in Ptd. They also built other houses in the Athena? area of Ptd.

Newspaper announcement: Married in this city, May 19th, by Rev. John Naugle, Park Rees(e) to Miss Carrie Judson, both of Dayton.

1920 Oregon Census: Park A. Rees, age 58, b. OR
Wife: Lillian, age 48, b. New Zealand, citizenship:no
Multnomah Co, Portland, Clackamas Street

Alva as middle name from Ellen White

OR Death Index

Notes for LILLIAN ZANDER:

Use as Clues:

OR State Archives-

Case Number Case Year Case Name Case Type County Name Record Type

14233 1918 Zander, W. M. vs Nellie Divorce Marion Divorce

0950 1895 Zanders, Christian Estate Clackamas Estate

- x. WILLARD HAMILTON REES²⁷, b. October 24, 1866, Butteville, Marion County, Oregon²⁸; d. November 01, 1945, Portland, Multnomah, Oregon²⁸; m. GRACE ADEAL BARBOW²⁹, December 30, 1908, Multnomah Co; b. Abt. 1886, „Wisconsin¹⁰⁰; d. August 18, 1955, Multnomah Co, OR.

Notes for WILLARD HAMILTON REES:

1920 OR Census: Willard H. Rees, age 53, born Oregon, Multnomah Co, OR, E. 29th North House 1224

Wife: Grace A, age 34, b Wisconsin

Son: Willard H. Rees, age 10, b OR

Baby Photo w/notation "Richard Roland Rees son of Will"

Jeffrey Uecker notes have Willard's wife as Mary

Notes for GRACE ADEAL BARBOW:

OR Death Index: Ancestry.com

Name: Gilkison, Grace A

County: Multnomah

Death Date: 18 Aug 1955

Certificate: 9958

Marriage Notes for WILLARD REES and GRACE BARBOW:

Oregon Marriages, 1906-20 (Ancestry.com)

Name: Barbow, Grace Adeal

County: Multnomah

Marriage Date: 30 D 1908

- xi. CLARA AUGUSTA REES¹⁰¹, b. May 06, 1868, Butteville, Marion

County, Oregon¹⁰²; d. July 22, 1907, Portland, Multnomah, OR¹⁰².
 Notes for CLARA AUGUSTA REES:
 Duniway Papers at U of O Special Collections, Folder 8/6- Obit of Clara A.
 Rees, July 24, 1907

Number: Vol 3 pg 141
 Year: 1895
 Name: Rees, Clara
 Type: Census
 County: Marion

- xii. LILLIE MAY REES¹⁰³, b. May 01, 1870, Butteville, Marion County,
 Oregon¹⁰⁴; d. November 28, 1885, Dayton, WA¹⁰⁴.

Notes for LILLIE MAY REES:
 died of typhoid fever
 sister of Olivia Smith
 died at home of C.H. Day, Dayton, WA

Source: newspaper obit in Rees scrapbook

Lilly died of tuberculosis.
 Her family had sent her to an Asheville, NC sanatorium.
 She died in the 1920's
 Above info from interview of Raymond Ringold Rees.

- xiii. PRISCILLA F. REES¹⁰⁵, b. February 21, 1872, Butteville, Marion
 County, Oregon¹⁰⁶; d. January 11, 1967, Forest Grove, Washington
 Co, OR; m. AUGUSTUS WRIGHT¹⁰⁷; b. , London, Ontario, Canada
¹⁰⁸; d. Abt. 1905, Portland, Multnomah, OR¹⁰⁸.

Notes for PRISCILLA F. REES:
 "Priscilla F. Rees" on back of photo

See baby picture; written on back "Katherine Wright to Father"
 2 other pictures with names Virginia Wright and Katherine Wright

PRISCILLA WRIGHT 21 Feb 1872 Jan 1967 97116 (Forest Grove, Washington, OR)
 (none specified) 543-60-1246 Oregon

PRISCILLA WRIGHT
 SSN 543-60-1246 Residence: 97116 Forest Grove, or
 Born 21 Feb 1872 Last Benefit:
 Died Jan 1967 Issued: OR (1966)

OR Death Index (Ancestry.com)

Name: Wright, Priscilla R
 County: Washington
 Death Date: 11 Jan 1967
 Certificate: 2998

Notes for AUGUSTUS WRIGHT:

Dear Peggy:

Do you have a middle initial for Augustus Wright? There are some A Wrights on the 1895 census in Multnomah county, but no "Augustus" or Gus. No Patricia Wright listed in the census.

These are the three listings in the census index online:

Pct 35 pg 0371895 Wright, A M Census Multnomah Census

Pct 41 pg 051 1895 Wright, A N Census Multnomah Census

Pct 38 pg 071 1895 Wright, A R Census Multnomah Census

The Lone Fir cemetery records I have access to only list burials up to 1898, so your family would not be listed in them.

I haven't made it to the library yet to check the marriage records, but I'll email you when I do.

Linda

lpatt@worldnet.att.net

Dear Peggy:

Guess what? I may have found your 'Augustus':

"Gustavus B. Wright of "city of Victoria, Vancour's Ile British Columbia" & Julia B. Sutton "of aforesaid" married 25 Feb 1875 (lic 22 Feb) at the Pres Ch in City of Ptd by A L Lindsley MG; wits: Fred A. Bancroft, George J. Ainsworth.

Linda Patterson

CLUE:

OR Death Index (Ancestry.com)

Name: Wright, Francis Augustus

County: Portland

Death Date: 17 Mar 1929

Certificate: 86 .

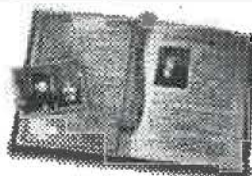
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Descendants of William Rees

Generation No. 5

5. THOMAS⁵ REES (*JOHN⁴, JOHN³, DAVID², WILLIAM¹*)⁴³ was born December 05, 1790 in Kent, Delaware⁴⁴, and died April 21, 1870 in Eaton, Preble Co, Ohio⁴⁴. He married (1) ELIZABETH⁴⁵ August 05, 1812. He married (2) ELIZABETH STOUT GRIFFIN⁴⁵ June 23, 1817 in Belmont, Co., Ohio, daughter of JACOB GRIFFIN and REBECCA BRACKEN. She was born March 23, 1801 in Smyrna, Kent, Delaware⁴⁶, and died January 13, 1884 in Minneapolis, Ottawa, Kansas⁴⁶.

Notes for THOMAS REES:

Obituary Abstracts 1850-1890 from Eaton Register & Eaton Democrat Newspapers in Eaton, Preble county, Ohio, Vol. I, p.56: REES, Thomas, died of apoplexy, April 21, 1870 at his home south of Eaton. Native of Delaware, came to Ohio in 1825, settling for a time in Preble, then Butler Co., near Riley until 1861 when he returned to Preble. Mason. Leaves wife and 11 children. Buried at Camden.

Miami Valley Ohio Genealogical Index, www.pcdl.lib.oh.us/miami/index.htm-

Thomas Rees, federal census, 1840, p. 1036 Reiley Township, Butler County

1840 REES THOMAS Butler County OH 036 Reiley Township Federal Population Schedule OH

1840 Federal Census Index OHS4a2153164

1860 REES THOMAS Butler County OH 507 Morgan Township Federal Population Schedule OH

1860 Federal Census Index OH44745186

Miami Valley Ohio Genealogical Index

<http://www.pcdl.lib.oh.us/miami/miami.htm>

Name Key Year Src Book Page Relevant Co

Rees, Thomas |fc |1840 |Cen | |036 |Reiley Township |Bu

Notes for ELIZABETH STOUT GRIFFIN:

Educated at Lititz School

Sources: Newspaper obituary

Walter Rees family Bible

Newspaper article: Died Sunday, January the 13th, 1884, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Griffin Rees, aged nearly 83 years, at the home of her son, Victor D. Rees, buried Monday the 14th, in the Highland Cemetery, near Minneapolis... She had prepared, the following paper, which was all she desired said at her burial. Rev. Joy Bishop, of Delphos, officiated at the funeral:

"I was born March 23, 1801, in Smyrna, Kent county, Delaware; educated at Litiz boarding school, Lancaster county, Pa: married Thomas Rees, of Delaware, in St. Clairsville, Belmont county, Ohio, June 4, 1817; moved from Delaware to Preble county, Ohio, in 1825, and from thence to Reily, Butler county, Ohio, in 1831. Brought up to man and womanhood eleven sons and two daughters, for whose good health and pure moral attainments I have earnestly prayed and thanked God through many years. The few duties of life performed, and the many left undone, are known only to God, and to Him alone I look for justice. This is all I wish said of myself at my burial." (Written by Elizabeth Stout Griffin Rees)

Atlas of Preble County Ohio, D.J.Lake,C.E., pub. by C.O. Titus 320 Chestnut St. Philadelphia 1871, p. 19: Reese, Eliza, sec. 31, Ga. Mary, Eldorado-Mo. - shows where she lived on a map.

1870 Preble county, Ohio Census: #118 Elizabeth Rees, 69 Del

Obituary Abstracts 1850-1890 from Eaton Register & Eaton Democrat Newspapers in Eaton, Preble County, Ohio Vol I, p. 134: REES, Mrs. Elizabeth S. nee Griffin, died January 13, 1884 at the home of her son, Victor D. Rees near Minneapolis, Kansas and was buried in the Highland cemetery near Minneapolis. Born March 23, 1801 in Smyrna, Newcastle Co., Delaware, educated at Litiz boarding school, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania, married Thomas Rees of Delaware in St. Clairsville, Belmont Co., Ohio, June 4, 1817. Moved to Preble in 1825 and to Reily, Butler Co. in 1834. Raised 11 sons and 2 daughters.

The following obituary appeared in the Eaton Register, Thursday, Jan. 24, 1884- From the Minneapolis (Kan.) Messenger, "Died, Sunday, January the 13th, 1884, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Griffin Rees, aged nearly 83 years, at the home of her son, Victor D. Rees, buried Monday the 14th, in the Highland Cemetery, near Minneapolis. She was followed to the grave by her many relatives and friends, who mourn her loss. She was a true, noble woman, industrious, conscientious, a good neighbor, and true friend, despising all shams and hypocrisy. She had prepared the following paper, which was all she desired said at her burial. Rev. Joy Bishop, of Delphos, officiated at the funeral: (See above quoted text.) The above unwelcome news from Kansas will bring sadness to the many relatives and friends of the deceased in Preeble County, where she had resided for a long term of years. It is not unfitting the occasion to say of Mrs. Reese that she was a lady of more than ordinary intellect, and could she have shared the advantages of many aspirants to literary fame in the spring time of life, would in all probability have attained a no less enviable notoriety. In the earlier part of her long and useful life, the Eaton Register was found with poetic effusions from her pen of every decided merit. In all the relations of life Mrs. R. was kind-hearted, affectionate wife, mother and friend."

Child of THOMAS REES and ELIZABETH is:

- i. JOHN⁶ REES⁴⁷, b. July 21, 1815⁴⁸.

Notes for JOHN REES:

Thos. Hale Streets, p. 34: John Rees left his home in 1842, and went to Nashville, Tenn. He was not married at that time. For many years all trace of him has been lost.

Oregon Journal 22 Jan, 1927

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Oregon Journal 22 Jan, 1927

Children of THOMAS REES and ELIZABETH GRIFFIN are:

- ii. OLIVIA REBECCA⁶ REES⁴⁹, b. March 27, 1818, Smyrna, Kent, Delaware⁵⁰; d. July 22, 1893, Camden, Preble, OH; m. NATHANIEL WILBUR CARROLL⁵¹, May 05, 1840⁵²; d. 1862⁵².

Notes for OLIVIA REBECCA REES:

Newspaper obit, Camden, OH- strong domestic nature; an intelligent reader, deeply interested in vital questions of the day; staunch Universalist; lived in Camden for 53 yrs; contracted la grippe 3 yrs ago; funeral services held at the house; present: Jacob, Frank, and Corwin Rees and sister-in-law, Mrs.R.R. Rees and daughter of Walla Walla, WA

oldest child of family of 14

married in 1840 to Nathaniel W. Carroll (he died 1862)

Source: newspaper obit

Notes for NATHANIEL WILBUR CARROLL:

Middle name & first name as Nathan- from Terry Smith: tsmith@lds.net

Marriage Notes for OLIVIA REES and NATHANIEL CARROLL:

Month & day of marriage from tsmith@lds.net- Terry Smith

7. iii. WILLARD HALL REES, b. September 17, 1819, near Smyrna, Kent Co., Delaware; d. January 19, 1903, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon.

- iv. GRIFFIN REES⁵³, b. January 08, 1824, DE⁵⁴; d. September 1864⁵⁴.

Notes for GRIFFIN REES:

Terry Smith, tsmith@lds.net has birthplace as De.

LDS IGI has birthplace as both Minneapolis,KA and Delaware

- GRIFFIN REES, b. 8 Jan 1824, ,, DE; d. Sep 1864.**
8. v. **CAPT. JACOB GRIFFIN REES, b. November 20, 1825, New Lexington, Preble, OH.**
9. vi. **ELLEN MARY REES, b. September 23, 1827, Reily, Butler Co, Ohio; d. April 15, 1897, Camden, Preble, Ohio.**
10. vii. **VICTOR DUPONT REES, b. April 20, 1829; d. October 21, 1898, Minneapolis, Ottawa, KA.**
11. viii. **MCDONOUGH BAINBRIDGE REES, b. February 10, 1831, Reily, Butler Co, Ohio; d. April 19, 1915, Cove, Union Co, Oregon.**
12. ix. **RAYMOND RINGOLD REES, b. June 17, 1833, ,,OH; d. July 12, 1889, Walla Walla, Walla Walla, WA.**
13. x. **SEWELL GREEN REES, b. December 21, 1834, Minneapolis, Ottawa, KS; d. June 13, 1889, Lakeview, Lake, OR or CA.**
14. xi. **DECATUR STOUT REES, b. November 17, 1836, Near Reily, Butler, Ohio.**
15. xii. **FRANKLIN CARROLL REES, b. June 10, 1840, ,Butler Co, OH; d. 1903.**
- xiii. **DAVID AUSTIN REES⁵⁵, b. January 31, 1842; d. June 27, 1864, Kennesaw Mt., GA.**

Notes for DAVID AUSTIN REES:

**Source: Biographical History of Central Kansas, Vol II, Lewis Pub Co, 1903:
7th son, first to die, was killed at battle of Kenesaw Mt, in the war of the
Rebellion, served as aide-de-camp to Gen Thomas and was lieutenant under Ben
Osterhaus of the 54th Ohio Infantry.**

David A Rees-

Enlist Date Enlist Place Enlist Rank Enlist Age 19

11 September 1861 1st Lieut 19

Promoted to Full Adjutant on 24 January 1864 (As of Co. S)

Served Ohio

Enlisted B Co: 54th Inf Reg. OH Killed at Kenesaw Mountain, GA on 27 June 1864

Transferred on 24 January 1864 from Company B to Company S

Source: Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio

Abbreviation: OHRoster

Published by on 1886

**Ancestry.com has full history of this regiment and its activity during the
"War of Rebellion".**

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Full Context of American Civil War Research Database, Soldiers

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Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion,
1861-1866, Vol. V., 54th-69th Regiments--Infantry

FIFTY-FOURTH REGIMENT OHIO VOLUNTEER INFANTRY
FIELD AND STAFF.

Mustered in Oct. 31, 1861, at Camp Dennison, O., by ---. Mustered out Aug 15, 1865,
at Little Rock, Ark., by Fred. W. Schaurte, 1st Lieutenant 2d Cavalry, U.S.A.

Names	Rank	Age	Date of
Period of	Remarks	Entering the	Service
		Service	
David A. Rees	..do..	19	Sept. 11, 1861
yrs.	Appointed from 1st Lieutenant Co. B	Jan. 24, 1864;	killed June 27, 1864, in battle of Kenasaw Mountain, Ga.; veteran.

xiv. THOMAS CLAYTON REES⁵⁵, b. January 04, 1845, Camden, Preble,
Ohio⁵⁶, d. July 18, 1869, ,Solomon River, KA⁵⁶.

Notes for THOMAS CLAYTON REES:

Rees Scrapbook Newspaper Clipping:

"SAD CATASTROPHE. We are pained to learn of the sudden death from drowning of our highly esteemed young friend, Clayton Rees, formerly of Camden, in this county, who at the time of his demise was residing with three brothers on the Solomon river in Kansas. At the time of going to press we are not fully advised of the particulars, but give the information as reported to us. Mr. Rees and his brothers have for some time past, been engaged in stock-raising. He, it appears recently crossed the river with a lot of cattle which he and previously sold. After disposing of the same, and receiving payment therefore had started for home. Upon his return to the river Solomon, he found that recent rains had so swollen it that he hesitated about crossing on horseback. And having a considerable amount of money with him he thought- as is presumed- that it was unsafe to remain there- and hitching his horse, divested himself of a part of his clothing, fastened his money in a belt around his body, and thus undertook to swim across the stream, but from some unexplained cause failed in the hazardous undertaking. His horse was found the day following, and the river in the neighborhood was dragged as soon as possible thereafter, but it was not until some 9 days had elapsed that the body was found! Deeply do we sympathize with the bereaved parents, brothers and sisters of the deceased, in whose sudden exit from Earth's cares they lost a noble son and brother. And many are the friends of the deceased who will mourn his untimely departure. It may truly be sad of the departed, he was a "model young man," whom well to know, was but to love."

Newspaper clipping in Rees scrapbook: He lived with his three brothers on the Solomon River in Kansas. They were stock-raisers; had sold cattle. Clayton put money in belt around body to cross the rain-swollen river- body was found nine days later.

Biographical History of Central Kansas, Vol. II, Lewis Pub. Co, 1903: was a volunteer in the naval force, acting as second lieutenant on his boat, which was one of the

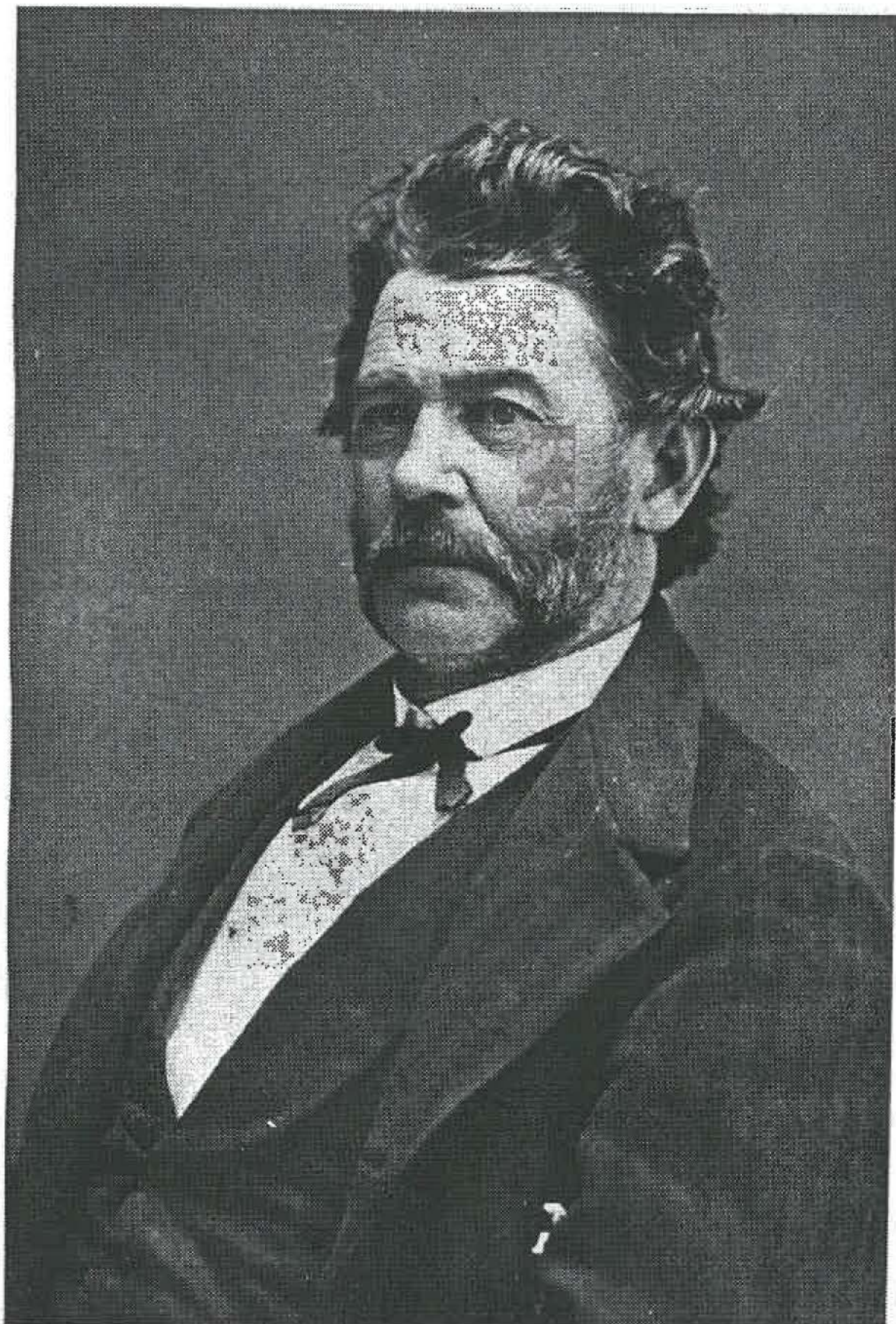
celebrated "Mosquito fleet" under Commodore Porter

Obituary Abstracts 1850-1890 from Eaton Register & Eaton Democrat Newspapers in
eaton, Preble County, Ohio, Volume I: "REES, Clayton, formerly of Camden, drowned
in Solomon River, Kansas, July 16 , 1869, age 24." [New FTW Family

16. xv. CORWIN POTTENGER REES, b. September 04, 1847, Reily, Butler Co,
OH; d. September 12, 1924.
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From: "Peggy Contreras" <peggycontreras@home.com>
To: "John Mark Lambertson" <JLAMBERTSON@indepmo.org>
Date: 3/8/01 8:35PM
Subject: Re: Willard Hall Rees Letters

Here's a photo of Willard's family.

L to R Back: Thomas Hall, Harry Loren, Park Alva, Willard Hall, & David Crawford
L to R Front: Lora Amanda, Clara Augusta, Elizabeth E., Amanda M. F., Olivia Rebecca, & Anna R.

Let me know if this is cut off on the right side; I'll resend it.

Peggy in OR
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<http://www.familytreemaker.com/users/c/o/n/P-L-Contreras/index.html>



From: "Peggy Contreras" <peggycontreras@home.com>
To: "John Mark Lambertson" <JLAMBERTSON@indepmo.org>
Date: 3/10/01 4:45PM
Subject: Re: Willard Hall Rees Letters

Here are my notes on Willard rees.

Another great source of information is the tribute written by John Minto after Willard's death. It's in the Oregon Historical Quarterly, Dec. 1903.

Newspaper announcement (from Rees Scrapbook): Married- At the Bute in Champoeg county, on the 21st of January, 1847, By Rev. J.L. Parish, Mr. W.H. Rees(e) to Miss Amanda M.F. Hall, all of the above mentioned place.

Oregon Journal, 4 Oct 1933, Fred Lockley Interview with Prentice P. Hall of Donald, Oregon: "This house that I live in is built on the old Willard H. Rees claim. He crossed the plains in the same train with John Minto in 1844. Dr. John McLoughlin employed him to build a mill not far from Astoria. In the spring of 1845 he took a contract to build the Catholic church at St. Louis, on French prairie. He bought the claim of Stephen Pelchie... Willard H. Rees, my uncle by marriage, went down to California in the fall of 1848 on horseback and mined on the Mokelumne river. He came back with something over \$3,000 in gold dust. He did contracting and building for a good many years."

The Oregon Historical Quarterly, "In Memorium of Willard H. Rees," John Minto, Dec. 1903. - Tribute written by John Minto

The Oregon Historical Quarterly; "Reminiscences," by John Minto, June 1901 and Sept 1901

"Doings at Donald," by Kathleen Collins, no date gives research by Dorothy Schriever on Willard Rees, a project of the Donald Historical Society.

Vol 3 pg 141 1895 Rees, W H Census Marion Census
 Vol 2 pg 046 05 June 1846 Rees, Willard H land claim Clatsop land claim
 Vol 4 pg 281 04 May 1847 Rees, Willard H land claim Champoeg land claim

Numerous (about 50) handwritten letters of Willard Rees at the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum, Florence, OR

Ancestry.com
 Database: Oregon Census, 1841-1890
 Combined Matches: 2
 Year Surname Given Name (s) County State Page Township or Other Info Record Type Database ID#
 1844 REES WILLARD H. Bancroft's list OR Overland Immigrants OR 1841-1849 Census Index OR428430

1880 REES WILLARD H. Marion County OR 073 Butteville Federal Population
Schedule OR 1880 Federal Census Index OR1669886

Sumame Rees Willard Rees, Oregon Oregon Historical Quarterly 4
December 1903

Posted by Cathi Frost <akbob@aone.com> on Sun, 20 Sep 1998, in response to
rees, Willard, posted by Dale H. Pretzer on Fri, 10 Jul 1998

Sumame: Rees

In 1997 I donated two letters written by W. H. Rees to the Oregon-California
Trails Association to be placed in their research library. Surely this is
the same person!

My grandmother gave these letters to my dad. She obtained them while she was
Head Housekeeper at the Masonic Home in Forest Grove, Oregon. When the
residents passed away their personal belongings were sold if no family
members wanted them.

The first letter is dated 20 March 1846 at Oregon City, OR and addressed to
his mother Mrs. Elizabeth L. Rees of Riley, Butler Co., OH. It indicates
that he came to Oregon about 1844 or 1845.

The second letter is dated 22 October 1848 at Sutter's Fort in California
(Gold Rush time!) and addressed to Mrs. Amanda M. Rees of Champoeg, OR.
I have typescript copy of both if you are interested.

The Bancroft Library collection for Oregon continued. Sumames alphabetical
within each listing.-- Kim

Bancroft:

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/BANC/>

MELVYL catalog:

<http://www.melvyl.ucop.edu/>

Rees, W.H. 1819

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To: "John Mark Lambertson" <JLAMBERTSON@indepmo.org>
Date: 3/9/01 7:40AM
Subject: Re: Willard Hall Rees Letters

Hi, again. If you want some really great reading, the story of Willard Rees's trip overland is in the Oregon Historical Quarterly. I would scan it, but it is something like 26 pp. If you can't get ahold of it, let me know, and I'll see what I can do.

The Oregon Historical Quarterly; "Reminiscences," by John Minto, June 1901 and Sept 1901

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SCHEDULE 1. — Free Inhabitants in Northern Precinct in the County of Marion State of Oregon, enumerated by me, on the 13 day of June, 1860 D. B. HANNAH, Ass't Marshal Post Office Butteville

Line No. on page	Dwelling house No.	Family Number	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Age	Sex	Color	Profession, occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female, over 15 yrs. of age.	Value of Estate owned		Place of birth	Married within the year	Attended School within the yr.	Over 20 who cannot read & write	Whether deaf & dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper or convict.	(Remarks)
								Real Estate	Personal Estate						
2	2695	2298	W. H. REES	41	M		farmer	\$2000	\$400	Delaware					
			Amanda	31	F					Missouri					
			Olivia	11	F					Oregon		/			
			Elizabeth	9	F					"		/			
			Annie	8	F					"		/			
			Laurie	6	F					"		/			
			David	5	M					"		/			
			Thos.	3	M					"					
			Henry	1	M					"					

SCHEDULE 1. — Inhabitants in Butteville Precinct, in the County of Marion, Stateof Oregon, enumerated by me on the 19 day of July, 1870Post Office: Butteville, OregonJ. H. BROWN, Ass't Marshal

Line No. on page	Dwelling house Number	Family Number	The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June 1870, was in this family.	Age, last birthday	Sex	Color	Profession, occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	Value of Real- Estate owned	Value of Per- sonal Estate	Place of birth	Father was Foreign born	Mother was Foreign born	Month if born w/in census yr.	Mo. if married w/in census yr.	Attended School within the year	Cannot read	Cannot write	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane or idiotic	Male citizen 21 yrs. & up	Male citizen 21 w/right to vote
19	1208	1061	REESE, W. H.	31 27	M	W	farmer	\$5000	\$500	Delaware									1	
			Amanda	41	F	"	keeps home			Mo.										
			Thomas	13	M	"				Oregon					1					
			Harvey	11	M	"				"					1					
			Parke	8	M	"				"										
			Willard	3	M	"				"										
			Clara	2	F	"				"										
			May	3/12	F	"				"										

Name of Street	House Number	Dwelling Number	Family Number	Names 18-24	Color	Sex	Age prior to June 1st	Month of birth if born in census yr.	Relationship to head of house	Single	Married	Widowed, divorced, or	Married in census yr.	Profession, Occupation or Trade	No. of months unemployed	Health Information No.	Attended School	Cannot read	Cannot write	Place of birth	Place of birth of father	Place of birth of mother
		24	29	REES, Willard H.	W	M	61			/	/			farmer					Delaware	Del.	Del.	
				Amanda	W	F	52		wife	/	/			keeper house					Mich.	Ken.	Ken.	
				David	W	M	25		son	/	/			farmer					Oregon	Del	Mich.	
				Willard	W	M	13		"	/	/								"	"	"	
				Clara	W	F	12		daughter	/	/								"	"	"	
				Lillie	W	F	10		"	/	/								"	"	"	
				Priscilla	W	F	8		"	/	/								"	"	"	
				RUDOLF, P.	W	F	54					/							N. York	N. York	N. York	
				HALL, Cynthia	W	F	75		boarder			/							Ken.	Ken.	Maryland	

Health Information Item Numbers: 15 - Sick or temporarily disabled; 16 - Blind; 17 - Deaf & dumb; 18 - Idiotic; 19 - Insane; 20 - Maimed or crippled

No. 1138 HOWARD, Francis T., Clackamas Co; b 1830, Shelby Co, Ill; Arr. Ore. prior 1 Dec 1850; SC 15 Dec 1851; m Ann A. 29 Nov 1851, Clackamas Co, Ore. T. Aff: Wm. Armppriest, Wm. A. Starkweather.

No. 1139 HOWARD, Richard R., Clackamas Co; b 1797, Cecil Co, Md; Arr. Ore. prior 1 Dec 1850; SC 24 Sept 1846; m Cynthia 18 Dec 1828, Shelby Co, Ill. Aff: John S. Klinjler, Harrison Wright.

No. 1140 WOODCOCK, Williston, Clackamas Co; b 1822, Knox Co, Oh; SC 1 Sept 1850; m Ally Zanna 22 June 1849, Clackamas Co, Ore. T. Aff: Joseph T. Wingfield, Hugh Gordon, Geo. Cornelius.

No. 1141 BARNARD, James, Clackamas Co; b 1814, Montgomery Co, Ky; Arr. Ore. prior 1 Dec 1850; SC 20 Apr 1852. Aff: Hugh Gordon, Joseph T. Wingfield, Maxwell Ramsby, Francis T. Howard.

No. 1142 WILLIAMS, Alvis, Clackamas Co; b 1821, Warrick Co, Ind; Arr. Ore. prior 1 Dec 1850; SC 30 May 1851; m Elisabeth 3 Apr 1842, Benton Co, Mo. Aff: Geo. W. Jackson, Geo. Groom.

No. 1143 KISER, William M., Clackamas Co; b 1825, N.Y.; Arr. Ore. prior 1 Dec 1850; SC 16 Oct 1851; m Roxcinda 4 Apr 1849, Pike Co, Ill. Aff: Michael Fuller, Arthur Ingalls.

No. 1144 PARKER, Edmund A., Clackamas Co; b 1831, Ky; Arr. Ore. prior 1 Dec 1850; SC 13 Nov 1851. Aff: Thaddeus T. Thomas, Geo. W. Jackson, Roderick R. Thomas.

No. 1145 GIBSON, Albert T., Clackamas Co; b 1816, St. Charles Co, Mo; Arr. Ore. prior 1 Dec 1850; SC 10 Oct 1851; m Mary K. 1 Apr 1846, Pike Co, Ill. Aff: Wm. Kiser, Henry Ingals, J. D. Murray, B. C. Dunway.

No. 1146 CORNELIUS, George, Clackamas Co; b 1822, Wayne Co, Ind; SC 1 Oct 1850; m Elisabeth 11 Jan 1844, Des Moines, Ia. Aff: Wm. Armppriest, Monroe Larkins, James M. Morris.

No. 1147 MAY, Lafayette, Clackamas Co; b 1825, Floyd Co, Ky; Arr. Ore. prior 1 Dec 1850; SC 8 Dec 1851. Aff: James Officer, Wm. Howard, John Howard.

No. 1148 PAUL, William A., Linn Co; b 1822, Washington Co, Mo; Arr. Ore. prior 1 Dec 1850; SC 15 Oct 1852; m Hannah Jane 27 Feb 1849, Franklin Co, Mo. Aff: James Elliott, Wm. M. Prine.

No. 1149 MERRILL, Susannah, Clackamas Co; b 1794, Va; Arr. Ore. prior 1 Dec 1850; SC 2 Jan 1853. m Ashbel Merrill 23 Apr 1823, Ross Co, Oh. Ashbel was b in Conn. Aff: Hugh Gordon, Harrison Wright.

No. 1150 CRAWFORD, David, Marion Co; b 1820, Bedford Co, Pa; Arr. Ore. prob. 1 Nov 1847; SC 1 Feb 1850. Aff: Wm. Whitney, Alexis Aubechon, John G. Larison.

No. 1151 HANNON, John E., Linn Co; b 1800, Cumberland, Pa; Arr. Ore. 15 Sept 1851; SC 10 Nov 1851; m Mary June, Nov 1835, Cumberland Co, Pa. Aff: Thomas S. Kendall, Joseph Hamilton (MA), J. M. Dick.

No. 1152 HERRJEN, John, Marion Co; b 1799, Shelby Co, Ky; SC 2 July 1849; m Doshia 12 June 1822, Henry Co, Ky. Aff: Isaac Blanten, John Blanten (Blanton), Sampson Smallman, Wm. H. Rector.

No. 1153 ILER (X), James, Marion Co; b 1808, Philadelphia, Pa; Arr. Ore. 1847; SC 30 June 1852; m Maria 31 July 1828/31, Clermont Co, Oh. Aff: Gustavus A. Cone, Sr., (MA), Gustavus A. Cone, Jr., David C. Iler.

No. 1154 CONE, Gustavus A., Jr., Clackamas (or Marion) Co; b 1823/4 Rush Co, Ind; SC 15 Oct 1850; m Emma R. (or Rebecca) 15 Dec 1850, Clackamas Co, Ore. T. Aff: Wm. (X) Whitney, David C. Iler, Anson S. Cone.

No. 1155 RODDE, Werner Adolph, Marion Co; b 1820, Hanover, Germany; Arr. Ore. Sept 1846; SC 30 Aug 1850. App. for cit. made in St. Louis, Mo. 4 Sept 1843, awarded cit. 28 May 1855, Salem, Ore. T. Aff: John W. Grim, Wm. J. Herren.

No. 1156 WHITNEY, William, Marion Co; b 1808, Huntingdon, England; SC 3 Nov 1847; m Elizabeth 3 Sept 1827, place not given. Nat. Cit. Lagrange Co, Ind. 12 Nov 1849 - stating he had been a resident of U.S. at least 5 yrs. at this date. Abs. from c 5 mo in 1848/9 while in Cal. but family remained on c. Aff: John Whitney (MA), Augustus R. Dimick, Alfred Hovenden, Wm. Vanderwaker.

No. 1157 REES, Willard H., Marion Co; b 1819, Sussex Co, Del; SC 30 Oct 1845; m Amanda 21 Jan 1847, Marion Co, Ore. T. Aff: Alexis Aubechon, Jesse G. Huffman, David Crawford (MA).

No. 1158 BRIDGES, John H., Marion Co; b 1820, Loudoun Co, Va; Arr. Ore. Dec 1846; SC 5 Sept 1851; m Margaret Ann 18 Apr 1848, Marion Co, Ore. T. Aff: Abner R. Frazer, Henry Smith (MA), Daniel Waldo.

No. 1159 OGLESBY, Samuel R., Clackamas Co; b 1812, St. Clair Co, Ill; Arr. Ore. Aug 1852; SC 5 Sept 1852; m Nancy A. 5 Sept 1839, Pike Co, Ill. She d on c Sept 1853, one half of c was to go to heirs of Nancy A. Aff: Wm. Adair (MA), Wm. M. Cown, John M. Bacon, Wm. Elliott.

No. 1160 RUMMEL, John, Clackamas Co; b 1823, Franklin Co, Pa; Arr. Ore. 1850; SC 12 Sept 1851. Aff: Jacob Stitzel, Ichabod D. Murray, Wm. A. Kelly.

No. 1161 GROOM, George, Clackamas Co; b 1824/5, England; Arr. Ore. Dec 1844; SC 30 May 1851; m Maria (Mariah) 26 Sept 1848, Oregon City, Clackamas Co, Ore. T. Applied for cit. 11 Apr 1849, Clackamas Co, Ore. T. Maria was d when patent for c was given as half went to her heirs. Aff: Alvis Williams, Geo. W. Jackson.

No. 1162 MOIST, Joseph, Linn Co; b 1823, Juniata Co, Pa; SC 21 Apr 1850; m Elizabeth J. 31 July 1849, Linn Co, Ore. T. Aff: Henry F. Clymer (MA), Samuel Cooper, Joseph Ralston, Wm. Ralston.

No. 1163 BAKER, William H., Marion Co; b 1813, Jefferson Co, Ind; Arr. Ore. 21 Sept 1851; SC 23 Mar 1852; m Elizabeth H. 1 Jan 1850, Scott Co, Ia. Aff: John Herren, James Stanley, Isaac Blanten, Jerome Geer.

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4 May 1996

Jeanne Miller, Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Miller,

I was referred to you by Lesley Wischmann of Laramie, WY. I have two letters written by a W.H. Rees that I wish to donate to OCTA's Merrill Mattes Research Library. The first is from Oregon City dated 20 March 1846 and addressed to Mrs. Elizabeth L. Rees (his mother), Riley, Butler Co., OH. The second is from Sutters Fort dated 22 Oct 1848 and addressed to Mrs. Amanda M. Rees (his wife), Champog, OR. I believe my grandmother acquired these when she was head housekeeper of the Masonic Home in Forest Grove, OR. She often purchased items when residents died.

If you let me know how you wish the letters to be sent, I will be happy to donate them. Is regular mail ok? Or should I send them registered mail and/or insure them? I will include text of both letters.

Thank You,



Cathi Frost

May 12, 1997

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1855 Eighth Street
Columbia City, OR 97018-9729

Dear Cathi:

Thank you for your May 4th letter and your generous offer to donate the two letters of W.H. Rees to the Merrill J. Mattes Library. We would be delighted to receive the letters.

I have more than a passing interest in the 1846 letter, since I was born in Cincinnati, Ohio (Hamilton County). Butler County is due north of Hamilton County and I have relatives who live near Hamilton and friends who graduated from the Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. There is a small town called Reily located south of Oxford and I suspect that this is the town of Riely where Mr. Rees's mother lived.

The 1848 letter seems to confirm that Mr. Rees had caught a severe case of "gold fever". The discovery of gold by James Marshall in late January, 1848, was a secret that could not be kept. The word of the discovery must have reached Oregon within a few months. The trip from the Willamette Valley to Sutter's Fort would be in excess of 500 miles and it would take from 4-6 weeks even under ideal conditions.

If the letters are folded, I would place them in a double envelope and mail them first class to the above listed address. If the letters are flat, I would place in a file folder or place them between some light cardboard (same thickness as cereal box) and send them. We would be glad to reimburse you for your expense.

I am looking forward to receiving the letters.

Sincerely,

James E. Budde

CC: Jeanne Miller

Oregon City 20th March 1846

Dear Mother while addressing you at this time, I am fearful that you will not receive my letter in consequence of our having no other means of conveyance other than by private travelers, which cannot be relied upon with that degree of confidence & safety as where we have the privilege of Public posts I wrote several letters addressed to different parts of the U.S.A by Dr Whites party who left this country in Aug last for the States over land, and have just been informed from an authentic source that the party consisting of 4 or 5 individuals were captured & put to death by the Soux Indians consequently the papers & letters intrusted to their care were all lost some of which, were of vital importance to Oregon I have also written several letters which have been sent by sea on board of American Merchantmen but as yet have not received an answer to any. Which places me in rather an awkward position not knowing whether you have recd any of my letters or not. For in former letters I have went into a jeneral description of the country so far as my knowledge of it extendid. Which for fear of repetetion at the preasant I shal defer I am hapy to say that I am in good health, and that this blessing is afforded to all by the mild and celubrious climate of Oregon. Many persons within my knoweledge would have long since fell victims to disease had they not by migrating tither found relief in the fresh and balmy atmosphere of this most excelent clime the onely objection that I have to the country is that there is to much rain falls in the winter season. however they are warm and not injurious to stock the grass is just as good here in January as in July & our farmers sow wheat from Oct til June & raise from 40 to 60 bushells pr acre and all sorts of small grain in proportion. We have had no snow in the vally this winter but occsionly a light frost The emigration of last fall all got in salely [safely] & in good season with the exception of one company. their pilot attempted to bring them into the vally by a new & as they suposed a nearer rout but unfortunately failed and lost them in the middle region of Oregon this company suffered severely for the want of provisions and in many instances for water Our Legislator have passed a bill making provisions for the viewing and location of a new road into the vally when completed will be of great advantage to Emigrants & to the country claims that are improved are selling from \$500 to \$3000 in Oregon currency which consist of stock wheat lumber & salmond or all kinds of produce that will bear transportation the principale part of the business of the country is done by barter our merchants take all kinds of produce in exchange for goods & our people all live well & accumulate property faster here than in any part of the world I have ever bin in, I bought a farm a few days sinc for which I paid \$1000 it is situated in the Willamett Vally 15 miles above the Citty (I am not married yet but have come to the conclusion of doing as Cane did when he went into the land of Nod[?]) we have one printing office & six churches now in the vally and the country is improving beyond all calculation. I send my respects to all the family I am in hopes you will wrigt every oportunity invellope your letters Directed to the PM at Indipendence Mo & they will be brougt throug by the emigrants or otherwise by way of the Sand Wich Islands. I shall continue to wrigt every oportunity as I feell it a duty incumbent upon me & one that will never be forgotten or neglected by me so long as that being by whom I was created shall be pleased to number me among the living of this unjust and unfriendly world. Mother I must now bid you adieu one & all but must first again try to impress upon your mind the anxiety I feel in hearing from you once more it being two years since I have recd a letter There ware some persons came over in the last emigration from Oxford & also some from Hamilton but I could get no information from home

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W. Rees

E. L. Rees & Family

Envelope addressed to: Mrs. Elizabeth L. Rees
Riley Butler Co
Ohio

Sutter's Fort Oct 22 1848

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And you will please do me the favour of dropping a line when ever you can make it convenient I will now close by once more bidding you an affectionate adieu and at the same time you may rest asshured that I will ere long join with you in the social circle of our own fire side

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