

## **Woods, Oregon**

**Stasek, Marguerite**

**Date Unknown**

*Marguerite BALMER Stasek Tittle was born in Bay City, Oregon, and died in 1962. She was a bookkeeper by trade and served as the Tillamook County Treasurer for many years.*

*Garret Henry Ward was born in 2875 in Ohio and lived in Kansas for a number of years before moving to Tillamook County. He is listed in the 1990 census as living in Hebo, Oregon. Garret died in 1953 in Tillamook, Oregon.*

*(Typed by Dean Bones March 2020 with the listing of the town of Woods' names and businesses typed in 2024 )*

A word picture of the town of Woods in 1892 as recalled by Garrett H. Ward who lived on a homestead near Woods at that time.

It was reached by a toll road on the north side of the river to McPhillip's Beach and was connected by ferry to the county road on the south side of the river at Ocean Park, the first summer resort laid out in the south part of the county.

The mail was carried on horseback from George Bodyfelt's place near Hebo (*In 2020 this farm is owned by Dave and Debbie Hale just north of Conder Bridge Road.*) When the Big Nestucca river was not fordable, the mail was carried down the north side of the river to the toll road. Otherwise they crossed at the ford a short distance below the big bridge at Tom Kellow's place, crossed Three Rivers at Hebo, and re-forded the Big Nestucca below Hebo.

Although the population is about the same now as it was in 1892 there's a great deal of difference in the business life of the town.

The opening up of the country with highways is largely responsible for the change. It takes only an hour to drive into Tillamook or to Willamina. Therefore the little stores and, of course, the hotels passed out of existence. The sawmill which took the logs as farms were cleared had served its usefulness. The principle industry now is farming, and then fishing comes next.

Since the streams were closed to commercial fishing sportsmen from all directions have been enjoying the casting, trolling and fly fishing on the lower river.

(See the next page for a listing of people and the occupations of people who lived in Woods in the very early years.)

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<b>Name of Resident of Woods:</b>	<b>Occupation:</b>	<b>Number in Family:</b>
Belleque, Peter	farmer, son of Pierre Belleque of old French Prairie fame	5
Booth, Harrison	cattle dealer, teamster & stage driver	5
Booth, William (Billy)	Postmaster	4
Collier, O.	operated Collier's Hotel	2
Compton, W.D.	operated grocery store	4
Fletcher, N.L.	hunter and trapper	5
Krebs, John	sawmill owner	4
Krebs, Leonard	sawmill owner	6
Linton, C.E.	The only doctor in the south end of the county	2
Long, J.B.	photographer	2
Lucy, T.J.	operated general store	5
McGee, J.N.	ferry operator	4
Norberg, Frank	fisherman	1
Plank, William	carpenter	4
Priestly, W.D.	operated cooper shop	1
Ray, Grandpa	retired farmer	4
Virgil, E.H.	retired capitalist who owned the nicest home in town	2
Weatherly, R.T.	druggist and owner of only hall in town	7
Wilehart, Frank	merchant and owned pool tables	1
Woods, Joseph & Mary - Founder of Woods	farmer	4