# THE RAY FAMILY

by Kenneth Ray

Research on the Ray family goes back to the very early 1700's. I have found no direct connection to anyone in the 1600's, but I will keep looking..

As new information comes to light it will be added to the main book, and from time to time information sheets may be sent out to those who are interested.

Pictures are added of some of our ancestors and older relatives. Some pictures are not very good but are interesting.

A lot of the Ray and Booth and Wood family information came from the Ray family Bible which Grandma Ray (Loretta Ann Booth) kept, also from the Tillamook County Library, Tillamook County Pioneer Museum, many newspaper clippings and research into old Tillamook Headlight Herald newspapers as well as the LDS Family Research Center and the Oregon State Archives in Salem, OR.

The information on the oldest of the Booth family came from a friend, Evelyn Palmer, who lives in Lancashire, England and did some research for me.

Upon reading the following articles you will see discrepancies in dates, places and accounts of activities. As many as possible were resolved, but the rest are written as recorded.

The term "Ray Family" also includes the names Wood and Booth.

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#### **Wood Family**

James P. Wood born 1815, South Carolina, married Amy, born 1812, North Carolina.

- I. Joseph Wood born Sep 02 1834, Campbell County, Tenn., married Feb. 13 1855, Mary E Atkinson, born Feb. 11 1837, New York, died Jan 06 1930, Dallas Oregon. Joseph died Dec 03 1893.
  - A. Sarah Amy Wood born Nov 20 1855, married Jan 27 1874, Samial Harrison Booth, born Sep 21 1849, Fort Madison, Iowa, (son of Luke Booth, Sr. and Phoebe McClintick) died Feb 02 1934, Tillamook, Oregon. Sarah died 1936, Cloverdale, Oregon.
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    - Benjiman Wilber Booth born Nov 09 1877, Willamina, Oregon, married Jan 30 1901, divorced?, Mina Smith. Benjiman died Dec 28 1952, Tillamook, Oregon.
      - a. Floyd Kenneth Booth born Apr 22 1902.
      - Claris Booth born Tilllamook, Oregon.
      - c. Lila Booth born Tillamook, Oregon.
      - d. Wayne Booth born Tilllamook, Oregon.
      - e. Hazel Booth
    - 3. Sarah Ellen Booth born Dec 09 1879, married Sep 1899, William Warner.
      - a. Rex Harrison Warner born Sep 17 1900.
      - b. Lynn E Warner born Jan 09 1905.
      - c. Austin W. Warner born Oct 12 1910.
      - Donald Warner born May 12 1914.
      - e. Sarah Louise Warner born Apr 19 1918.
    - 4. Mary Ethel Booth born Dec 27 1882, married Oct 05 1902, Guy Mattoon.
      - a. Harold Mattoon born Sep 23 1904.
      - Archie Mattoon born Jun 07 1907.
      - Evelyn Mattoon born Apr 25 1915.
  - B. Mary A Wood
  - C. Martha Wood born 1860.
  - D. Alice Wood born 1858.
- II. Edmund Wood born 1836, Tennesee.
- III. Henry Wood born 1836, Tennesee.
- IV. Sara Wood born 1840, Tennesee.
- V. Elizabeth Wood born 1842, Møssouri.

Booth Family

William Booth married Oct 02 1746, in St. Peters Le-Moor Bolton, Lancashire, Betty Loton.

- I. John Booth Sr. born 1747, England, married May 17 1759, in England, Alice Viccars, born 1751.
  - A. Betty Booth born Dec 2 1764, Breightmet, Bolton, Lancashire, Eng.
  - B. Mary Booth born May 27 1767, Harwood, Lanacashire, Eng.
  - C. Richard Booth born Nov. 19, 1769, Harwood, Lancashire, Eng.
  - D. Alice Booth born May 10 1772, Harwood, Lancashire, Eng.
  - E. John S Booth born 1773, Le Moors, Bolton, Lancashire, England, married Jan 04 1802, Sara Scowcroft, born Nov 12 1782, Lancashire, England, (daughter of Richard Scowcroft and Sarah Hamer) died Sep 02 1847. John died Sep 09 1838, Lea County, Iowa.
    - Mary Booth born Aug 10 1802, Harwood Lea Bolton, Lancashire, England, married May 29 1822, William Entwistle, born 1802. Mary died Jan 13 1880.
    - John Booth born Jul 16 1804, Harwood Lea Bolton, Lancashire, Encland, died 1849.
    - Alice Booth born Aug 14 1806, Harwood Lea Bolton, Lancashire, England, married Young, born 1806. Alice died Oct 22 1817.
    - Sarah Booth born Jun 01 1808, Harwood Lea Bolton, Lancashire, England, died Jul 27 1809.
    - Sarah Booth born Dec 05 1810, Harwood Lea Bolton, Lancashire, England, married (1) Adkisson, married (2) Harrison Foster. Sarah died Feb 06 1893.
    - Richard Booth born Sep 12 1812, Haywood Lee, Bolton, Lancashire, England, married Dec 17 1840, in Lee County, Iowa, Margaret Routzen. Richard died May 13 1883, McMinnville, Oregon.
      - Zebuda Jane Booth born Sep 14 1841, Black Hills Purchase, Clay, Iowa, married George Minor, born 1841.
      - b. Sarah Alice Booth born Apr 29 1843, Black Hills Purchase, Clay, Iowa.
      - John Routzen Booth born Nov 19 1844, Black Hills Purchase, Clay, Iowa, married Ellenette Olds, born 1844.
        - Bertha Lillian Booth married Fred Hibbs, died Aug 19 1925. Bertha died Aug 07 19??, McMinnville, Oregon.
          - (a) John Roy Hibbs
      - Mary Elizabeth Booth born Feb 18 1846, Black Hills Purchase, Clay, Iowa, married John Albert MacDonald, born 1846.
      - William Jolly Booth born Jan 19 1848, Vancouver, Washington, married Nancy E. Wymer, born 1848. William died Mar 10 1900.
      - f. Benjamin Music Booth born Jun 20 1850, McMinnville, Oregon, married Mary Ann Ford, born 1850.
      - g. Richard Scowcroft Booth born Apr 24 1852, McMinnville, Oregon, married
        - (1) Ellen Elizabeth Sharp, born Jul 13 1857, Blue Earth, Minnesota, married
        - (2) Ellen Elizabeth Sharp Stephenson, born 1852.
        - Ward Leroy Booth (son of Richard Scowcroft Booth and Ellen Elizabeth Sharp) born Feb 14 1889, Pullman, Washington, married (1) Leola May Kipp, born 1889, married (2) Mrs. Patricia Curis, born 1889.
      - West Orlando Booth born Mar 14 1854, McMinnville, Oregon, married Anne Haynes, born 1854.
      - i. Josephus Adamson Cornwall Booth born Sep 27 1855, McMinnville,

Oregon, married Estella Lavinia Stephenson, born Jun 16 1876, Rochester, Olmstead, Minnesota.

- (1) Flora Ellen Booth born Oct 09 1903, Pullman, Washington.
- (2) Child Living born Living.
- j. Infant Booth born Before 1857.
- k. Margaret Lettetia Booth born Jan 29 1858, McMinnville, Oregon, married John Collins Pennington, born 1858.
- N.S. Boyles Booth born Feb 18 1860, McMinnville, Oregon, married Mae Leah Pennington, born 1860.
- m. Clarence C. Booth born Nov 02 1862, McMinnville, Oregon, married Martha Avilla Wilson, born 1862.
  - (1) Tricia born 0 Aug 1888.
  - (2) Ivan S. born 0 Apr 1891.
- Elizabeth Booth born Feb 18 1815, Harwood Lea Bolton, Lancashire, England, married D. B. Nichols, born 1815. Elizabeth died Jul 23 1903.
- Luke Booth, Sr. born May 15 1817, Harwood Lea Bolton, Lancashire, England, married Mar. 2 1843, in Lee County, Iowa, Phoebe McClintick, born Virginia. Luke died Feb 14 1904.
  - Robert L Booth born 1845, married March 11, 1869, Elizabeth Ann Brown, born 1855.
    - (1) Luke R Booth born 1871.
    - (2) Nancy A Booth born 1873.
    - (3) James L Booth born 1876.
    - (4) Phillip R born 0 Aug 1894.
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 Erin Leigh Clawson born Aug 31 1982, Tillamook, Oregon.

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- Juliann Ray born May 16 1821, married Sep 20 1848, H.C. Bretty. Juliann died Jan 15 1876.
- II. Lester Ray I born Dec 19 1822, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, married Dec 09 1848, Sara E. Hopkins, born Aug 09 1831, died Dec 18 1910. Lester died Oct 24 1902, Woods, Oregon.
  - A. Margaret Amelia Ray born Mar 02 1850, married Enos Cahille.
    - 1. May Cahille born Dec 06 1887or88, Oregon City, Oregon.
    - 2. Charles Cahille born Jun 30 ?, Oregon City, Oregon.
    - 3. Anna Belle Cahille
  - B. Charles Augustus Ray born Jun 15 1851, Lodi, Wisconsin, married Aug 18 1875, in San Francisco, California, Kate Hughes, born May 17 1856, New York City, New York, died Feb 06 1900, Cloverdale, Oregon. Charles died Oct 26 1925, Cloverdale, Oregon.
  - C. Ella Augusta Ray born Apr 06 1854, Lodi, Wisconsin, married?, Fred R Russel.
    - 1. Fred R. Russell (son of Fred R Russel and Ella Augusta Ray).
    - 2. Charles Russell (son of Fred R Russel and Ella Augusta Ray).
    - 3. Ralph Russell (son of Fred R Russel and Ella Augusta Ray).
  - D. Nancy Jane Ray born Jan 1855, Lodi, Wisconsin, married Sep 1875, in Forest Grove, Oregon, John Iler.
    - 1. Roy Ray Iler born Dec 22 0881, Gales Creek, Oregon.
    - 2. Neva Pearl Iler born Dec 09 1878, Gales Creek, Oregon.
    - Millie Caroline Iler born Jun 30 1878, Gales Creek, Oregon, died 1917, Cloverdale, Oregon.
    - 4. Emma Myrtle Iler born Dec 10 1888, Heppner, Oregon.
    - 5. Ralph Russel Iler
    - 6. Ella Willetta Iler
  - E. Joseph Ray born 1857, Rayville, Kansas.
  - F. Lester Ray II born Jan 15 1861, Rayville, Kansas, married Sep 26 1894, in Woods, Oregon, Loretta Ann Booth, born Mar 24 1875, Woods, Oregon, (daughter of Samial Harrison Booth and Sarah Amy Wood) died Dec 15 1957, Tillamook, Oregon. Lester died Feb 24 1935
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  - (3) **Jeffery Robert Dunn** born Aug 24 1957, Tillamook, Oregon, married May 19, 1995, **Ella Sheldon**, born Jun 20, 1956.
- c. Lester Wilmot Ray born Jun 5 1934, Cloverdale, Oregon, married Mar 10 1956, in Oretown, Oregon, Norma Joan Werth, born Oct 12 1934, McMinnville, Oregon.
  - Marilyn Joan Ray born Feb 20 1960, Tillamook, Oregon, married May 31 1980, in Phoenix, Arizona, Christopher Robert Allen, born Jan 06 1954, Rochester, New York.
  - (2) Muriel Jean Ray born Aug 18 1961, Tillamook, Oregon.
- d. Eleanor Loretta Ray born Nov 15 1936, Cloverdale, Ore, married Sep 01 1956, in Oretown, Oregon, Carl Higdon, born Sep 23 1935, Vona, Colorado.
  - (1) Lloyd Martin Higdon born Dec 09 1957, U.S. Army Hosp. Sagam: Hara, Japan, married Aug 09 1980, in Beaver, Oregon, Dianne Lyn Agalzoff, born Sep 12 1960.
  - (2) Laura Lynn Higdon born Sep 18 1959, Tillamook, Oregon, married Jun 25 1983, John Howard Seeley, born Jul 24 1959, Portland, Oregon.
  - (3) Lee Mark Higdon born Dec 18 1962, Tillamook, Oregon, married Dec 28 1985, in Longview, Texas, Shanon Rae Moore, born Mar 22 1964, Pittsburg, Texas.
- G. Frank Ray born Feb 24 1863, Lodi, Wisconsin, died Aug 27 1934.
- H. Julia Anna Ray born May 17 1867, Lodi, Wisconsin, married Feb 05 1893, in Woods, Oregon, John Lucy, born 1871, died Nov 06 1940. Julia died Nov 5 1934.

- 1. John Purdy Lucy born Oct 21 1895, Woods, Oregon.
- 2. Sara Eleanor Lucy born Dec 20 1903, Portland, Oregon.
- I. Fredrick Ray
- J. Robert Russell Ray born Aug 20 1875, Forest Grove, Oregon, died Sep. 22, 1970, Milton-Freewater, OR.
- III. Josiah H Ray born Aug 15 1825, married Jul 05 1852, Angelia M. Hopkins, born May 26 1833, died Apr 12 1910. Josiah died Apr 08 1910.
  - A. Sara Emma Ray born Jul 05 1853, Lodi, Wisconsin.
  - B. Emma Edith Ray born May 15 1861, Lodi, Wisconsin.
  - C. Margaret Ray born Jul 21 1863, Lodi, Wilconsin, married Brown. Margaret died Mar 1896, Glendive, Montana.
  - D. Minerva Angela Ray born Sep 03 1865, died 1905, Bellingham, Washington.
  - E. Joseph Howard Ray born Jul 28 1867, Lodi, Wisconsin, married Dec 25 1895, Alida Alma Sord. Joseph died May 08 1910.
    - 1. Margaret Valled Ray born Jun 11 1897, Glendive, Montana.
    - 2. Alida Josephine Ray born Aug 8 1898, Glendive, Montana.
    - 3. Joseph Theodor Ray born May 03 1900, Glendive, Montana.
    - 4. Franklin Hopkins Ray born Nov 02 1901, Glendive, Montana.
    - 5. Clarence Henry Ray born Jul 10 1904, Billings, Montana.
- IV. Emeline Ray born Aug 13 1827, married (1) Jun 1847, Marvin Casitt.
- V. Sara L Ray born Feb 11 1831, died Mar 12 1850.
- VI. Ransom Ray born Dec 25 1833, died 1920, Minnesota.
- VII. Charles H Ray born Oct 31 1835, married Jun 22 1868, Martha Cochran. Charles died Aug 12 1897.
- VIII. William M. Ray born Mar 09 1839.
- IX. Martin Ray born 1841, died Sep 29 1865.
- X. Samuel J Ray born Nov 23 1843.

There are several John Booths on record in Bolton, La Moor, Lancashire, England, where our Booth neestors came from, dating back to the early 1600's but 1 am unable to connect them to our clan, surely some of them must be related as some spouse last names appear later on as middle names, but no specific connection.

John Booth married Anne Morris July 29, 1604
John Booth born to Robert Booth Jan. 12, 1646
John Booth born to Thomas and Alice Sharples, ????
John Booth married Rebekah Raustern, Dec. 1722
John Booth married Elizabeth Compton, Aug. 17, 1724
John Booth married Mary Collier, Oct. 17, 1762
John Booth married Hannah Entwisle, May 27, 1772
John Booth married Martha Collier Dec. 31, 1707

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Luke Booth I
Father of Samuel Harrison Booth
Arrived N.Y. Oct 27, 1830
Oregon Donation Land Claim No. 3728
Luke would have been 13 years old at this time and the ecords show he married Phoebe in 1843.

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Richard Booth Brother of Luke Booth I Oregon Donation Land Claim No. 926 Settled Claim Nov. 15 1850 Naturalized on Nov. 15 1854

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Robert A Booth Brother of Samuel Harrison Booth Arrived in Oregon Oct. 27, 1852 Oregon Donation Land Claim No. 3727 Settled Claim Oct. 10 1853 Came to U.S. when 11 years old (1831/32)

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Samuel Harrison Booth

Jource: Tillamook Herald, February 22, 1934



Sara Amy Wood Booth and Samuel Harrison Booth with Kenneth Ray about early 1928

TILLAMOOK, Or. Feb. 21, Harrison Booth, 84, Oregon pioneer, died here last night. Mr. Booth was born at Fort Madison, IA., September 21, 1849, and crossed the plains to Oregon in 1852 with his parents, settling first near Gresham, then moving to Willamina, where he married Sara A. Wood in 1874.

He moved to Tillamook county about 50 years ago, settling at Woods, where he farmed for several years, and later moved to Tillamook, which has been his home for late years, Besides the widow, he is survived by three brothers, Robert of Newberg, James of Amity and Luke of McMinnville; three daughters, Mrs. Retta Ray of Cloverdale, Mrs. Ethel Mattoon of Portland and Mrs. Ellen Warner of Amity, and one son, Wilbur Booth Tillamook.

Funeral services will be held at 2 PM tomorrow from Henkle's chapel, with Rev. B. Ross Evans officiating. Internment will be in the

Oddfellows cemetery here.

# County Pioneer Taken By Death; Had Resided In Tillamook 51 Years

With the death of Samuel Harrison Booth, 84, on Tuesday, February 20, the life of one of Oregon's pioneers was brought to a close.

He was born at Fort Madison, Wisconsin, September 21, 1849, and was 84 years 5 months and 1 day old at the time of his passing.

His life had been one of colorful experiences. He has figured prominently in the development of the Oregon country, especially the Tillamook country, having played a part in the construction of the Woods toll road and had the distinction of having been the first man to drive a wagon over the road after its completion.

In speaking of his first recollections of Tillamook, Harrison Booth liked to tell of the time he and several companions came to Tillamook. This in 1896, and found a pony mired down in the mud in the main thoroughfare. They had come across the trail from Woods and before they ate, and there were four and were hungry as bears, but stopped to assist the pony out of the mud.

Establishments in Tillamook at this time, a saloon, run by a Mr. Olsen, a boarding house run by Mr. Larsen and a small butcher shop and a little store kept by Mr. Turnsides.

Mr. Booth came to Oregon with his parents in 1852, coming over the plains by ox team in a six months journey. He liked to tell of the difficulties of his trip, of the trouble with the Indians, of the abandoning of one wagon on account of the fear of Indians, and of the attack of the Indians on a train that was coming across just two weeks later.

Arriving in Oregon, the Booths settled at Willamina. In 1883 they moved to Woods, living there for 13 years, after which he lived at Amity for six months.

In 1889 he moved to the Mowery place on the Big Nestucca and later to the Daniel place at Cloverdale.

After spending some time in Idaho he returned to Tillamook county.

From 1922 to 1925, Mr. and Mrs. Booth lived at Fairview and since that time have lived in Tillamook.

Besides being a farmer Mr. Booth had

owned butcher shops at Willamina and Woods and conducted a hotel in Willamina and was interested in running stock. When he first came to Tillamook county it was to find better grass for his sheep and cattle.

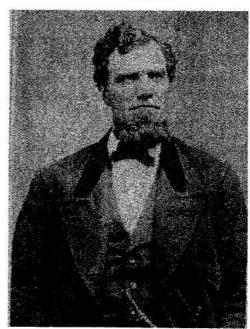
Services were conducted from the Henkle's chapel on Thursday afternoon by B. Ross Evans. Interment was in the I.O.O.F cemetery. Mr. Booth is survived by his widow, Sara A. Booth; a son, Wilber of Tillamook; three daughters, Mrs. Retta Ray, Cloverdale; Mrs. Ellen Warner, Amity; and Mrs. Ethel Mattoon, Portland; three brothers, Robert of Newberg, James of Amity and Luke of McMinnville; 15 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Note - Obituary says Fort Madison, Iowa, article says Fort Madison, Wisconsin. I could not find a Fort Madison, Wisconsin. K.Ray.

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Sara Amy Wood Booth (no information)

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Joseph Wood

Joseph Wood Oregon Donation Land Claim No. 5102 Settled Land Claim Feb. 13 1855 Arrived in Oregon 1-14 Oct. 1847

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Mary Elizabeth Atkinson Wood

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Death Claims Pioneer Resident of Tillamook County; Service Held

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Baptist church at Cloverdale for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wood (Atkinson), who passed away at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Charles Gregory in Dallas on Monday.

Mrs. Wood was born in Iowa, on February 11, 1836, and crossed the plains with her parents in about 1847, locating in the Willamette valley. In 1845 she was married to Joseph Wood and to this Union three daughters were born, two of whom preceded her in death as did her husband in December 1893.

In the year 1878, Mr. and Mrs. Wood came to Tillamook county and located in the Nestucca valley, purchasing the piece of ground where the town of Woods now stands. Woods was named for them and they spent a number of years there extending hospitality to the traveler of the early days that spent their vacations at the beach resort.

Grandma, as Mrs. Woods was lovingly called by the many who knew her, delighted in telling the stories of the early days in the Oregon country and of the trip across the plains with the old ox carts. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Harrison Booth of Tillamook, eight grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and 7 great, great grandchildren.

Interment was made in the Gist Cemetery.

Mary Elizabeth Atkinson Wood

Dallas, Or. Oct. .9 -(Special)- Funeral services were held Wednesday at Cloverdale for Mary Elizabeth Wood, 93-year-old Oregon pioneer.

Mrs. Wood died Monday night in Dallas at the home of her grand-daughter, Mrs. Charles Gregory.

Mrs. Wood was one of the last of the pioneers of 1843. She was born in New York, February 11, 1837, and came to Oregon with her parents six years later.

She married Joseph Wood in the early 50's and later they went to the lower Nestucca valley as the earliest settlers in that district. The town of Woods was named for them.

Mrs. Wood is survived by one of her three children, Mrs. Harrison Booth of Tillamook, eight grand-children, 13 great-grand children and seven great great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Mary E. Woods From - Tillamook Headlight

We believe this little story of early Tillamook county by one of our first settlers, who is still with us (1926), will be well worth reading, and we believe her name worthy of a permanent place in the history of our county.

Mrs. Mary E. Woods came here in 1881. She, with her husband, Joe, and family, were among the first to enter the county by the first wagon road from Grande Ronde. They settled on the Nestucca river at the present site of Woods, the town which grew up around her, receiving her own family name.

At first they lived in a log cabin. She tells an interesting story of how they built their first frame house. A schooner laden with lumber had ship-wrecked and washed ashore near Cape Lookout, about ten miles up the coast.

There being no road, Mr. and Mrs. Woods took their team, with the front axle off the wagon, and by following the beaches and cutting through the brush, made their way to the lumber.

It was all heavy timbers, so they lifted and

tied a few pieces to the wagon axle, and started for home with the ends of the timbers dragging on the ground. This was because of the many short turns. The entire wagon could not be used.

They dragged the timbers thus from Cape Lookout to Sand Lake. Here they had to await the turn of the tide in order to ford the lake. This crossed, they again took up their journey down the beach, and roundabout over Cape Kiawanda, and down across the soft sands of the beach to Nestucca River. Here the lumber was placed on a raft and taken up the river to the place of destination. Mrs. Woods' work on these trips consisted in part of carrying a rope and on the most dangerous steep places tying it to the load and pulling from the upper side holding the load in balance.

The rustic and other lighter timbers for this first house in Woods were hauled over the toll road from Grande Ronde, some 30 miles away. Through the muds of 30 miles, over the Coast Range mountains, across rivers, swift and rocky and around grades steep and narrow, the first load of lumber made its way.

Three Rivers, full of boulders, had to be crossed eight times. What old timer does not remember this old toll road? The long, steep numberless hills; and the mud all the way; the great deep mudholes, which no driver, when he entered, could tell if he would ever get through; and the big toll-gate at the top of the hill where we paid a dollar for the privilege of using the road while we rested our mud-begrimed horses with bleeding knees bruised by their falling in the hard struggle up the steep rough hills.

Here I wish to say one word in behalf of the toll road and its owner. It was built and maintained without money because its owner had none. It provided a way possible to get over the mountains - a privilege greatly appreciated. Its maintenance consisted chiefly in keeping logs sawed out of the road, for dead timber was thick then, and the wisest travelers carried an axe and a saw along to avoid delays.

Mrs. Woods says that their load of lumber had to be unloaded several times on some of the short curves on the grades and carried around the curve piece by piece while the wagon was uncoupled or perhaps closely coupled and helped around the dangerous places. Soon, however, as we then counted time, the first home in Woods was built.

Other homes and places of business soon followed and Woods became the principal town in the county south of Tillamook.

The first post office was a real achievement, as it was about 30 miles closer home. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Booth kept the postoffice. Al Phelps built the first store, Mr. Weatherly the first drug store. John and Leonard Krebs built a sawmill. Frank Wilehart built boats. Mr. and Mrs. Collier kept the hotel. Dr. Linton was the first physician. Mr. Woods was the first stage driver and a son-in-law, Harrison Booth, the first butcher. The school came, the newspaper and after many years the church.

What a wonderful history is the early history of our little town. Yes, we had a brass band; too. In those days we were so proud and happy over every achievement. There was so much more personality or individuality in everyone then. The wonderful 4th of July celebrations we used to have! The splendor of the pageant! The thrill of the oration! The fine spirit of these pioneers whom we knew and loved as a relation.

The unsurpassed quiet beauty of the little village. This has been Mrs. Woods' home for 45 years; her life interwoven with the life of the town. Her home is a rose-embowered nook, for she loves flowers, and they grow at her bidding.

Many beautiful hand made articles of furniture adorn her home, for she has genius for making odd things.

She is nearly 90 years old now, and just at present is living with her daughter near Willamina. She still takes much interest in life, and in her home town. Her hands are still busy making pretty things and her heart is warm and friendly.

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Benjamin W. Booth

Source: Loretta Ann Booth Ray, Gwenn Ayers Jones, Headlight Herald

Obituary from Headlight Herald:

Benjamin Wilbur Booth, son of Samuel Harrison Booth and Sarah Amy Wood Booth, passed away at the Tillamook General Hospital on December 28, 1952. Mr. Booth was taken ill Christmas day and admitted to the hospital. He was



Benjiman Wilbur Booth with Wife Mina Smith

born on November 9, 1877 at Willamina, Oregon.

The major part of his life was spent in Tillamook county and for the past 32 years he had resided near Hebo.

Funeral service were conducted Tuesday, December 30, at 11:00 am in the Memorial Chapel of Lundbergh and Son with Reverend Richard Lindsey officiating.

Tom Hoover vocalist accompanied by Mrs. Dwight Near at the console of the Hammond sang, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "Beyond Sunset".

Mr. Booth is survived by one son three daughters in California; two sisters, Mrs. Loretta Ann Ray of Cloverdale, Oregon and Mrs. Mary Ethel Mattoon of Coquille, Oregon. Internment was made in the family plot in the Tillamook I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Lundbergh and Son.

Wilbur and Mina were married on Jan. 30, 1901.

It was later discovered that a fourth daughter was born for a total of 5 children. Wilbur Booth lived near South Prairie until the U.S. Navy took his farm for the Blimp Base in 1942 at which time he moved to Hebo., so he lived about 10 years near Hebo, OR

Note: Gwenn (Jones) Ayers is the daughter of Nellie (Ayers) Smith who was the sister of Mina Smith the wife of B. Wilbur Booth.

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BOOTH, James W.

Source: Newspaper clipping from an unknown paper.

James W. Booth, a well-known resident of Amity, passed away here at his home, Friday, December 20, 1940, at the age of 83 years, following an illness of some duration.

In earlier years, Mr. Booth operated and managed the local meat market, and also did quite a bit of stock buying. Of late years, he devoted his time to farming until unable to continue.

Memorial services were held Monday Afternoon at 1 PM in the Amity Methodist church, of which he was a faithful member for many years.

The Rev. C.L. Dark, of McMinnville, officiated at the funeral, and commitment was made in the Amity cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Nora Booth, two sons, Clarence of Enterprise and John, of Salem, also two daughters, Vera of Amity and Mary of McMinnville, and several grandchildren.

The following is an article from an unknown newspaper.

"I was born at Sheridan, January 7, 1881," said James W. Booth, who has a 32-acre orchard of walnuts and filberts near Amity. "My father, Luke Booth, was born in England and crossed the plains to Oregon in 1852. My mother's maiden name was Phoebe McClintick. When they came across the plains they had three children, and seven more children were born to them after they came to Oregon. There are only four of us now living. My brother R.L. Booth lives in Newberg, Harrison Booth in Tillamook, Luke Booth in McMinnville and myself near Amity. Father took up a donation land claim near Willamina. He ran a blacksmith shop at what is now Willamina for some years, later moving to Sheridan, where he ran a blacksmith shop

for many years. I moved to Yamhill county in 1883 and in 1886 I married Mary Calloway. Our daughter Vera Dickey is a teacher at Marshfield. She taught for four years at Coquille. Our son John is at Salem, Clarence at Enterprise and Mary at Eugene.

I notice that the obituary has Nora as surviving widow, and the article states he married Mary Calloway. ???...K.Ray)

BOOTH, Clarence L

Source: Newspaper clipping from and unknown paper

Services for Clarence L. Booth, 64, son of Mrs. Nora Booth of Salem, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday of the Clough-Barrick funeral home.

Booth, a former mortician at Enterprise and, until his death, sheriff of Wallowa County, died Friday in a Portland hospital.

Besides his mother and a Salem sister, Mrs. B.D. Smithley,he leaves the widow, Mary Booth of Enterprise; two daughters, Miss Margaret Booth, Pendleton, and Mrs. George (Kathleen) Robinson, Arlington, Va; two grandchildren.

Booth was born June 5, 1891, at Amity. He moved to Enterprise in 1917, later marrying the former Mary Wyatt of Amity.

After World War I service he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, later selling the furniture side of the business. He sold out six years ago and has been sheriff there since. He also had been mayor of Enterprise.

Service at the Salem funereal home will be under the direction of the Boman Funeral Home of Enterprise. Dr. Paul Newton Poling will officiate. Interment will be at Mt. Crest Abbey Mausoleum.

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#### Ellentte Olds Booth

## Pioneer Granger Passes

The passing of Mrs. Ellenette Booth at the age of 93 years she is mourned by the members of McMinnville Grange, of which she was the last charter member, as well as by numerous friends in Yamhill county, where she had lived most of her life.

As a child of three years, Mrs. Booth came to Oregon 90 years ago from Michigan with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron K. Olds.

Until the past six years of her life, when she became an invalid she rarely missed a meeting of the Grange. With her daughter, With her daughter, Mrs. Bertha Hibbs, Secretary of McMinnville Grange for many years, she was always an active and cheerful worker.

Mrs. Booth joined the Grange September 13, 1873, and maintained her membership continuously in the Order in the 69 intervening years.

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#### Mary A. Wood Tharp

Mrs. Mary A. Tharp, 70, died suddenly at her home in Willamina Saturday from acute heart trouble. She was the mother of Charles Gregory, Dallas Merchant.

Mrs. Tharp and her aged mother Mrs. Mary Wood, 97, had been living at Willamina since the death of her husband, Joseph Tharp, three years ago. She had an attack Friday, but was able to be about Saturday until about noon, when she was stricken.

Funeral service were held Monday at Willamina, with burial at the Bellvue cemetery.

Mrs. Tharp is survived by four children, Alonzo Tharp, Willamina; Mrs. Gregory, Dallas; Dr. Zophar Tharp, Portland, and Alvin Tharp, Willamina. There are seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren and her mother, Mrs. Wood, who survive.

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#### Bertha Lillian Booth Hibbs

Tribute was paid to the memory of Mrs. Bertha Lillian Hibbs (Booth) at Macy's Memorial chapel Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Hibbs passed away Tuesday August 7, in McMinnville at the age of 68 years, 11 months and 14 days. She was a daughter of John R. Booth and Ellenette Olds Booth, early settlers of the Booth Bend district south of McMinnville. Her husband, Fred Hibbs, preceded her in death August 19, 1925.

She had been active in the McMinnville grange and for thirty years had faithfully served as secretary of the organization;

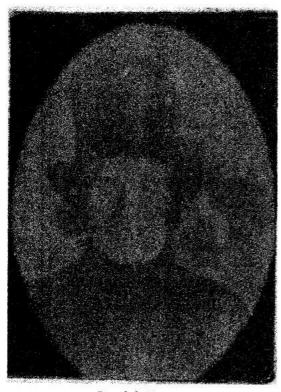
Besides her son John Roy Hibbs, she leaves

her mother.

The service was held under the auspices of the Christian Science society, and interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Hibbs was a kindly woman and will be remembered long by all who knew her.

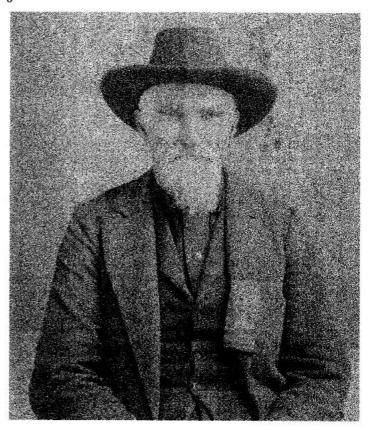
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Patrick Ray



Margaret Koonee wife of Patrick Ray



Lester Ray Sr.

#### Lester Ray Sr.

Lester Ray was born in Mercer County, Penn. in 1823. Died at Woods, Oregon October 24, 1902.

He lived in Mercer county with his parents till 1829 when they moved to Portage county, Phil,

There he lived until 1843, moving from there to Lodi, Wisc.. Dec. 9, 1848, he married Sarah E. Hopkins.

They moved to Kansas in 1858 where Mr. Ray engaged in a saw mill business. He enlisted in the 2nd. Kansas Regiment in May 1861, serving five months, when he became disabled in the battle of Wilson River. General Lion, who was at the head of his regiment, was killed in the same battle.

Retiring from the war, Mr. Ray worked at the carpenter trade. In 1872 he moved to Oregon with his family, locating in Washington county. In the fall of 1880 he took up a claim in Big Nestucca river known now as the Ray place at Cloverdale. he was one of the pioneers of Nestucca. At his death he resided at Woods, five miles from Cloverdale. Mr. Ray was a member of the Masonic order for forty-five years. A large number of the brethren from Tillamook lodge attended the funeral which was held



Sara Elizabeth Hopkins wife of Lester Ray I

at Cloverdale. He was buried with Masonic honors in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

Mr. Ray was also a member of the G.A.R., which order assisted in the funeral service.

The funeral was one of the largest ever witnessed in this section of the county.

Mr. Ray leaves a wife and seven children to mourn their loss.

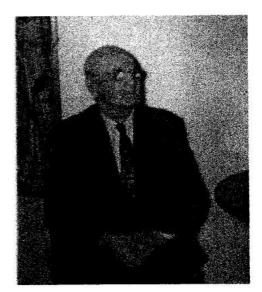
The children resides as follows: Charles Ray, Cloverdale, OR; Mrs. Ella Russell, McCune, Kansas; Mrs. Jennie Uer, Heppner, Or.; Lester Ray. jr., Heppner, OR..; Frank Ray, Heppner, Or.; Mrs. Anna Lucy, Portland, Or.; Robt. R. Ray, Woods, Or.-Ocean Wave.

#### Robert Russell Ray

Graveside services were held Sept. 28 in Willamette National cemetery, Portland, for Robert Russell Ray, 95, who died Sep.22 after a sudden illness in the Milton -Freewater Nursing Home.

He was born Aug.20, 1885 in Forest Grove. and spent most of his childhood and early years in Cloverdale, where his parents homesteaded in 1888.

Mr. Ray was a veteran of World War I and a



Robert Russell Ray "Uncle Bert"

charter member of the Cloverdale veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by three nieces, Emma Evans, Portland; Eleanor Johnson, Cloverdale; Ethel Casey, Pacific City; one nephew Oral Ray of Cloverdale and several grand nieces and nephews.

> Pioneer Days in the Nestucca Valley. By Bert Ray, Cloverdale, Oregon.

My father, Lester Ray, Sr. came to South Tillamook county in April 1880, and filed on 160 acres of land. At that time, my brother, Lester Ray Jr., was 30 years old, my sister Anna, who later became Mrs. John Lucy, was 13, and I was five years of age.

My father and brother started to build a cabin of hewed cottonwood logs on the homestead, but in hewing the logs, my father broke his leg, and Lester Ray Jr., finished hewing the logs alone.

The few neighbors who had at that time come and helped complete the cabin John Kalfong, Jasper Smith, Mr.Fuqua, Elam Butts, Wm. Butts, Sr., Wm. Butts, Jr. Andrew Anderson, Nels Hanson, Lars Jensen, George Bodyfelt and Jerry Lewellen were our nearest neighbors.

In the fall of 1879 we had come, to South Prairie and had wintered near where the Blimp Base is now. In the spring Jeff Wallace who used to buy cattle all over the county, moved us to the Nestucca river valley on pack horses. Father took the cook stove to pieces and packed it on a horse. He and Mr. Wallace also packed the dining table, bedsteads, bedding and cooking utensils all on horses.

The cattle which Jeff Wallace bought, he drove through the Nehalem valley. over the Cape Corney trail to Astoria. His saddle horse and his shepherd dogs knew the business as well as he did. Wilburn Thacker bought hogs all over the county and drove them to the Willamette Valley on foot, as there were no bridges in those days, the hogs swam all the streams.

Mr. Thacker's oldest daughter Alice told me she was the first white girl born in the Nestucca Valley. She was born in 1875. That was before I came to the county, so most of the people in the southern part of the county must have been Indians at that time.

Our first road, which ,of course, was a dirt road, became very muddy when it rained, muddy in fact, that in many places the mud was knee-deep and in some holes the wagon would dip until the jockey-box would be filled with mud and water.

I was eight years old when I went to my first three months school. The schoolhouse was built of split cedar shakes and it stood on a flat across t the present highway, on the opposite side of the Nestucca River, in front of the Dee Sanders place. A creek ran near the building.

William Rhoades, who lived one mile from Cloverdale, on the road to Hebo. was the father of eight girls. These girls and I went to the above mentioned school, and we had to cross the Nestucca river to get there.

About four years after we settled in Tillamook county, my brother, Charles Ray, came and filed on a homestead, joining our place on the east. As soon as my father could prove up and give clear title to his land he sold forty acres of it to Charles.

Perry Mattoon came to Nestucca and bought a part of the Rhoades' place. He was our country blacksmith for a good many years. Then my brother Charles bought eighty acres more from my father and built the first cheese factory in Cloverdale and started the first general mercantile store in 1894.

My father then moved to the nearby town of Woods, which was named for Joe Wood, an early settler. Al Phelps owned and operated the first mercantile establishment in that town. He afterward sold the store to Mr. R.R. Wilehart. T.J. Lucy and

Frank Wilehart also had stores in Woods.

In early days, Charles Johnson, a Russian-Finn sailor, filed on a 160 acre homestead at the mouth of Clear Creek, about 1 1/2 miles west of Cloverdale. He had a piece property adjoining the old dirt road which followed the river bank between Cloverdale and Woods. He had built a ten-rail stake and rider fence around this piece of land and here he pastured two young horses. Instead of trying to jump over the fence, the horses would back up against it and push it down. Once out in the road they joined other roving horses and would sometimes stray as far away as Hebo before being caught.

One day I was coming home from Hebo when I met Charley Johnson with his halters on his arm. He asked me if I had seen his horses and when I told him I had seen them in Hebo, he was mad. He went on his way talking to himself. He didn't: t swear, but he said, "Condum em, I fix em!". Could he have had an electric fence like they have nowadays his horses would not have backed up against it more than once, and then they would have got away in a hurry.

Charley Johnson was a bachelor. but a few years later he married a widow, named Mrs. Lizzie White. They lived on the ranch until Charley died. His widow married a Mr. Scott and now lives near Grand Ronde. Her son E.N. Johnson married my niece Eleanor Lucy and they live on the old home place where they operate a dairy, milking forty or fifty cows.

In 188?, my father and George Steele and a Mr. Streams were the head carpenters in building a cannery on the Nestucca. Jerry Lewellan made the shingles for the cannery. He hauled them about 3+miles with his team and then floated them on ebb tide about eight miles to the place where the cannery was being built.

On Saturdays, I would row nine miles with the ebb tide to bring my father home. One time when we started home, a strong northwest wind was blowing. It blew so hard we couldn't row against it, so we stopped at the home of Walter Barnhart and stayed all night. Barnhart was a bachelor who lived about a half mile from the cannery. He wore long black whiskers and long hair braided and hanging down his back like a woman's.

There were several years when the cannery did not run, so we fisherman sold our salmon to the

fish peddlers. At times, when there was a big run of salmon, we sold large chinooks as low as ten cents each. One time I had several fine bright silversides and one large black-skinned, pale-meated chinook. An old Indian woman came along carrying a large good looking basket she had made of willows. She offered to trade me the basket for that old pale salmon. We made the trade and she was as well pleased with her bargain as I was with mine. Indians always prefer the chinook to the silversides.

Fish peddlers hauled the salmon to the Willamette Valley, where they sold some for cash and some they traded for fruit and groceries, which they brought back and traded to us for more fish.

Dances were held often in pioneer days and nearly everybody attended them. Baskets of lunch were brought and coffee was made in a five-gallon oil can. Young married people would bring their babies and put them to sleep on beds made of quilts and blankets which they brought from home. All the beds would be full of babies who slept while their parents danced.

Many older people -- grandmothers and grandfathers -- attended the dances and enjoyed them as much as the young folks did. Favorite dances were the waltz, polka, schottische, two-step and minuet, not to mention the ever popular square dance or quadrille. Music was furnished by fiddlers, of whom there were as many in the locality "as there are in Hades", to quote an old saying. The musicians would take turns playing for the dancers

Frank Owens worked for Charles Ray for seven years, part of the time driving a four-mule team hauling cheese to Tillamook, taking two days for the trip. Part of the road was surfaced with gravel, part with planks and part of it seemed to have neither surface nor bottom.

At that time, I lived with my parents in Woods. My boat was my buggy. I was the horse, and my oars were my harness.

In those days Frank Owens and Guy Ford were courting the girls who afterward became their wives. Frank Owens married Eva Nelson and Guy married Viola Hogan.

In the winter time I used to come to Cloverdale and take the two couples in my boat to dances in the Oddfellow's hall over Weatherley's drug store in Woods. That was better than driving through mud that was belly deep to a horse.

After Franks marriage, he settled down on 40

acres he bought from my father and 80 acres purchased from his father-in-law. He later acquired more land from Charles Ray. He now lives on the 40 acres which was once a part of our old home place.

A man by the name of Gardiner built a house on his ranch at the mouth of Nestucca Bay, on top of a high point, which is now called Gardiner's Point. He could see the ocean from every window in his house. The house was firmly fastened to large redwood timbers which were buried in the ground. Otherwise, it would have been blown way, for when it stormed the southwest wind blew with such force that a man could hardly stand against it.

Often in winter dances were held in the Gardiner house. Dancing would begin at dusk and last until daylight the next morning.

Jerry Lewellen, who lived near Hebo, would have dances at his house and there, too, the dancing would last from dark until dawn.

During the 1890's Preacher Baily held revival meetings in the schoolhouse on the north side of Nestucca, near Cloverdale. One Sunday he Baptized 18 people in the river near Clark Gist's place, where a gravel bar had been formed.

I worked for Clark Gist's ~ for 4\$1.25 a day. Charley Johnson and Andy Rhoades pitched in the field. Micky Sanders loaded wagons, and I mowed the hay away in the barn. Arthur Dimick pitched the hay off the wagons by hand, and the Gist brothers, Archie, Forrest and Ivan, tramped it down solid in the mow. Mr. Gist had a large herd of cows and young cattle.

Sometime during the 1880's and 1890's named Priestly had a cooper shop in Woods. He made his own staves out of spruce timber and also his barrel heads. Some of his hoops were made of wood and some were galvanized. Ranchers bought the barrels to salt their meat in, and fisherman used them for packing salt fish.

A man named Lineweber started a fish cannery on the bay and paid 60 cents a apiece for large chinook salmon.

Artie Gage had a ranch on Little Nestucca Bay, which was mostly tideland. On this land he pastured a herd of milk cows and from these cows he made butter which he packed in fifty pound kegs and hauled it to the Willamette Valley towns, where he sold it

At Meda, Oretown and Neskowin the following pioneers were already here when we

came. Jerome Dunn, John Craven, Hardy Rock, Job Poster, Chris Christianson, Fred Scherzinger, Mr.Fletcher, Mr. Gardiner, Mr.Hellenbrand, Mr.Page, Lars Redberg and sons came soon after. In 1896, I went to Balston, Oregon to drive a bundle wagon for Noah Gregg and Nate Conner. who owned and operated a threshing machine. For six weeks I worked from the time it was barely light in the morning until dark at night and slept in a straw stack. The going wage at that time was \$1.25 per day.

I drove Noah Gregg's buggy team and they would run away at the drop of the hat.. One day the man who was pitching bundles into the self-feed across from me, lost his pitch fork tines, which came off the handle and fell into the cylinder, making a loud, rattling noise. This noise frightened the horses hitched to my wagon and they started to run. About half the load was still on the wagon, and I crawled on my hands and knees until I could reach the lines. I soon had the horses under control for their bridles had J.I.C. bits and it didn't take much sawing on the lines to stop them, but their mouths were bleeding. having been torn by the severe bridle bits. In 1897, George Tucker and I worked for William Conder, who lived between Hebo and Nestucca bridge. For sawing, splitting and piling rotten logs. We received \$20 a month. That was an average of five dollars more than other ranchers paid their hired men. With \$15 of my earnings, I bought a real good suit 0£ clothes--better than a man can buy now for forty or fifty dollars--from Cohn Brothers, who were popular. merchants in Tillamook City.

During the fall months of 1900-1901, and 1902, 1 pulled boat for Dryden Baker, while he fished in Tillamook Bay. In 1900 and 1901 we sold chinook salmon to Sam Elmore at Garibaldi, for 30 cents each, silversides for 12 1/2 cents each and received five cents each for chums. In 1902 we received two cents per pound for chinooks, but the price remained the same for silver-sides and chums. In those days we had some real Fourth of July Celebrations, when people from Sheridan, Willamina, and other Willamette valley towns would come in their covered wagons with their tents and camping outfits, all prepared to celebrate for several days. Tom Handley, a lawyer from Tillamook, would make a patriotic speech in honor of the occasion. Some pretty girl dressed in white and decorated with flags would be Goddess of Liberty. A hayrack, all

decked out with bunting and flags, on a wagon drawn by a high-stepping team of horses also decorated with flags would be the coach in which the Goddess was driven about the parade grounds. Many girls and boys carrying flags would also take part in the parade.

Masked pug-uglies went around among the crowd making all kinds of fun.

There would be soda pop and lemonade stands and firecrackers for the youngsters. Large firecrackers would be placed under an anvil or something else that would make a loud noise, and these would be shot off early in the morning. Later in the day, there would be foot races, sack races and when the tide was low, on the beach ,there were horse races on hard sand. There were boat races on the river also.

No celebration was complete without a baseball game and a dance. Some folks would dance all day and all night. These celebrations would be held sometimes at Woods, sometimes at Pacific City, and sometimes at Cloverdale.

Jess Kennedy brought the first car into the Nestucca valley. At Cloverdale one Fourth of July, he charged each person a dollar for a one-mile round trip. Passengers rode on the seats, the running boards, the top, and all over the car--and kept it up all night.

One time at Woods, a man brought some bunch grass horses from eastern Oregon and sold them for saddle horses. Most of them had never been saddled. Dorr Shaw was known as a bronco buster so we made up a purse of \$20 to see him ride one that would really buck. Mounting one of the broncos, he put the spurs to him and the horse jumped over a pile of lumber in John Krebs' mill yard. Dorr stayed on him and after that got several jobs breaking such horses to ride.

In summer, people came to Nestucca from all over the Willamette valley, coming in covered wagons and camping in tents, while they fished for trout, trolled for salmon, caught deep-sea fish off the rocks at Cape Kiawanda, and hunted seashells. In the fall when shot huckleberries were ripe, they would come back to pick berries.

The Indian women had the best system for picking berries. They would spread blankets under the bushes shake the berries off onto the blankets and then sit on the sand while they picked out all the leaves and stems leaving the berries nice and clean.

The settlers used to make apple butter from

wild crab-apples which grew in abundance before so much brush was slashed off the land. Many went up on Mt. Hebo and picked wild blackberries which they canned.

Guy Ford, who is dairy inspector for Tillamook county, was the first cheese maker at Cloverdale.

Doctor Linton at Woods was the only physician this side of Tillamook. Church services were held in the school houses and the preachers traveled on foot, on horseback or rode in buggies--if lucky enough to own such vehicles.

I should like to mention here some of the early settlers whose names do not appear elsewhere in this account of pioneer days in Nestucca valley. In Woods there were Peter Belleque, Harrison Booth, William Booth, D.C..Collier. and Frank Norberg. In Pacific City, John Malaney, Tom Malaney, Al Southmayd, an and R.C. Magarell. between those towns and Cloverdale, lived Louis Hushback, Mr. Compton, Dick Allen, Jasper Dimick and George Landingham, Sam Hunter, William Glick, H.H. Miller and Charles Waymire.

A great many of the old timers have passed away and many have moved to other localities, while new people have come to take their places, until there are many people in the southern part of Tillamook county that I do not know. Yet, at one time, I knew every man woman and child within radius of twenty miles or more from Cloverdale.

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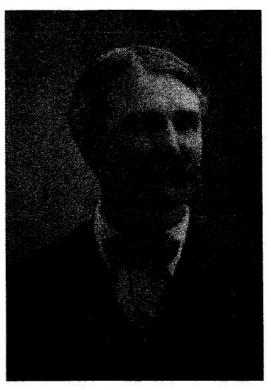
### FUNERAL SERVICES HELD WEDNESDAY FOR CHARLES RAY

Well Known Pioneer Dies at Age of 74 at Home in Cloverdale

#### CAREER INFLUENCED

Interest in Welfare of Community Always Shown: Distinction Held in Cheese Industry

Funeral services for Charles Ray early pioneer of Tillamook county who died at his home in Cloverdale last Monday morning, were held from the



Charles Augustus Ray "Uncle Charlie"

Presbyterian church there Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Ray has the distinction of having built the first cheese factory in Tillamook county, and later was interested in the building of factories at Neskowin and Oretown. He won the world's medal of the best cheese at the Lewis and Clark exposition in Portland in 1905, which marked the beginning of Tillamook county's fame as a cheese country.

Mr. Ray who was 74 years of age at the time of his death was born at Lodi, Wisconsin, June 5, 1851, and came to Oregon 41 years ago from California where he had met and married Kate Hughes. They came to Oregon and settled on the present site of Cloverdale where Mr. Ray engaged in dairying.

#### Mr. Ray Hard Worker

Throughout his career in Oregon Mr. Ray was on industrious and hard working pioneer and is said by those who knew him and his accomplishments to have overcome many obstacles that would have discouraged a weaker man.

He was a big factor in building the town of Cloverdale and up to the day of his death was active in its improvement and welfare.

Probably no other person in that section of

the county will be so generally missed as will Mr. Ray.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. John Iler of Heppner, and Mrs. John Lucy of Cloverdale, and three brothers, Lester Ray of Cloverdale, Frank Ray of Deery, Idaho, and Bert Ray of Vancouver, Washington.

(Another account has Charles Ray born in New York City. K. Ray)

Charles Augustus Ray

The Charles Ray house located in Cloverdale, Oregon. (date written unknown)

This two story house of box design with a one story addition in the rear was built by Chas Ray about 1900.

Clyde Hudson once told me that date give a year or two either way. He said it was before the Hudson's built thier house which was 1905.

Mr. Ray came to the area in 1884, he platted the town which was later named Cloverdale. He operated a dairy farm until about 1920, and built a large barn across the creek and east of the house. The barn was torn down about 1930. He was instrumental in the development of the town of Cloverdale.

Mr. Ray lived in the house until his death in 1925 at the age of 74. During the late 1920's and through the 1930's the house was rented by several different families.

Two families I recall were the Robert Call's, and the Till. Trent's.

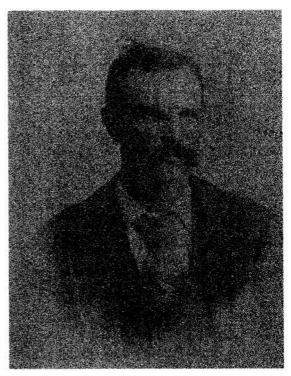
Sometime around 1940 Mollie Fox (a widow of John Fox) bought the house and lived there until her age and infirmities caused her to move to the Tillamook Care Center. She had several improvements made and rented apartments to local people, especially teachers.

The present owners Mr.& Mrs. Hatcher have made more improvements and the house is now being used as rental apartments, and a dentist office.

# PIONEER CITIZEN DIES At Cloverdale Home

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Lester Ray, pioneer resident of Tillamook county died, Sunday, February 24, 1935, at his



Lester Ray Jr.

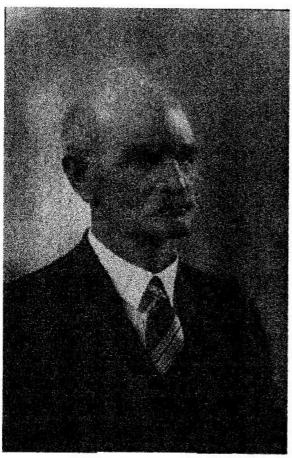
home on the Little Nestucca, where he has lived for many years. In his passing, Tillamook County lost a fine citizen and one who will be greatly missed in the community in which he always took an active and interested part.

Mr. Ray was born at Rayville, Kansas, on January 15, 1861. He came west with his parents as a small child and they resided for a number of years at Gales Creek, Oregon. On September 26, 1895, he married Miss Loretta Ann Booth at Woods, and soon afterwards moved to Mills City. From there Mr. and Mrs. Ray moved to Cul De Sac, Idaho where their two children were born. Later they returned to Tillamook county to make their home on their ranch on the Little Nestucca river.

Mr. Ray was baptized in the Presbyterian church as a boy and was an honored member of the Masonic lodge, the Eastern Star and also of the Oretown Grange. For several years, he held the position of treasurer of the Little Nestucca drainage district.

He is survived by his wife and two children, Oral of Cloverdale and Ethel of San Francisco, Calif. and three grand children, one brother Robert H. Ray of Roseburg, and a sister, Mrs. Jane Iler of Heppner.

Funeral services which were conducted by Rev. Ira R. Aldrich at the Presbyterian church in



Lester Ray Jr.

Cloverdale, Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock, were widely attended, the many beautiful flowers testifying of the high regard in which he was held. Interment was made in the Cloverdale cemetery with the Masonic lodge and Oretown Grange in charge of the services.

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# Mrs. Loretta Ray County PioneerPasses at 82

Funeral services for Mrs.Loretta Ann Ray 82, a native of Tillamook county were conducted on Monday December 16 at 1:00 pm in Oretown Gospel Church with Rev. Ellery Parrish officiating

Mrs. Kenneth Lane and Mrs. Clifford Dougherty sang as a duet, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere", accompanied by Mrs. Elma Johnson at the piano.

Mrs. Ray passed away at the Tillamook County General Hospital on December 13, 1957 after approximately a three month illness.

She was born on March 24, 1875 at



Lorretta Ann Booth Ray

Woods, Oregon. the daughter of Harrison and Sarah Woods Booth. Loretta Ann Booth was united in marriage to Lester Ray at Woods on



September 26, 1894, and has resided in the Cloverdale area since 1907.

Mrs. Ray was known as a kind friend, generous neighbor and was always interested in church and civic affairs of her community. She was of member of Oretown Gospel church, Oretown grange No.354. Golden West Chapter No.138 of Order of Eastern Star and Ocean Spray Rebekah Lodge No. 148.

She is survived by one daughter, Sarah Ethel Casey of Redwood City, Calif., and one son, Oral Ray of Cloverdale; one sister, Mrs. Ethel Mattoon of Coquille, Ore., also by four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Friends serving as bearers were Lyle Craven, Lee Good, Ole Redberg, Earl Porter, Ralph Redberg and P.A. Eslinger.

Interment was made in Cloverdale IOOF cemetery beside her husband who preceded her in death in 1935, with arrangements entrusted to Lundberg and Son.



Oral and Jessie Ray (taken at 50th wedding anniversary)

#### Lester Oral Ray

Lester Oral Ray, 85 died July 21, 1991 in Lincoln City.

He was born in Cul-De-Sac, Idaho, and came to Oregon in 1907, settling in the Cloverdale area, He graduated from Cloverdale High School in 1925.

Mr. Ray was on the family dairy farm for many years and was a retired dairy farmer. He married Jessie May Kester in Monmouth September 15, 1926.

He was a member of Oretown Grange and Oretown Bible Church.

He is survived by his wife, Jessie M. Ray of Cloverdale; two daughters, Eleanor Higdon of Oretown and Alice M. Dunn of Sandlake; two sons, Kenneth O. Ray of Tillamook, and Lester W. Ray, Chandler Heights, Arizona; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held July 17 at the Oretown Bible Church in Oretown. Private interment was in Oretown Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Oretown Bible Church, Oretown, 97112.

Arrangements were by Virgil T. Golden Funeral Services.

The following was written by Alice May Ray as told to her by Oral Ray.

"This information was given to me by Dad on June 3, 1991."

Alice May

Lester Oral Ray - Born

August 9, 1905 in Culdesac,

Idaho, 30 miles south of Lewiston.

Mother - Loretta Ann Booth
Ray; Father - Lester Ray; Sister Sarah Ethel Ray - Burke - Casey Thorup; Grandmother - Sarah
Wood Booth; Grandfather Harrison Booth; Paternal
Grandmother - Sara Hopkins Ray;
Paternal Grandfather - Lester Ray.

Came to Oregon at age 2 years to Woods, Oregon. Then

lived on cannery hill (near Oretown) half way up the hill. Started Oretown Grade School at age 7 while living on the Fletcher place on road to Winema Beach.

Saw first automobile at age 6 or 7, which was coming up from Winema Beach.

Moved onto family farm at about nine years old. Dad Ray paid Ole Redberg to have Roy Redberg pick up Oral and take him to grade school at Oretown.

Moved to Cloverdale and lived with Uncle

Charlie so Ethel could go to high school, Oral was in the 7th and 8th grade.

His first car ride was in Uncle Charlie's Michigan car on a fourth of July.

He started high school while living in Cloverdale. His dad built the farm house in 1922 or 1923. They then moved back to the farm.

Lynn Whiteman leased the family farm while they lived in Cloverdale.

Grandpa Ray and Dad (Oral) milked cows for Uncle Charlie. He had a Sharpless milking machine run by a water wheel for electricity. The water wheel had to be started and stopped each time it was used.

One time Dad wanted to stop the water wheel faster, so used the tail of his jacket to hold the shaft on the water wheel. The jacket caught on the shaft and flipped him twice. He hit his heels but not his head, on the floor! He didn't do that again.

Dad graduated from Cloverdale High School in 1925. He missed part of a year or would have graduated in 1924.

At age 18 Dad drove a team of horses (Grandpas Ray's team of roan horses), can't remember the wages, while building highway 101 around the lake at Winema. He worked there two different years. He also pounded drill in rocks for blasting.

He worked with Frank Redberg at the Oretown Cheese Factory. Then went to Longview, Washington and worked in the Longbell Mill, the sticker department, window molding, quarter rounds, etc. He worked there parts of two years. His dad needed help on the farm so he came home. He married Jessie May Kester in Monmouth, Oregon on September, 15, 1926 and took over the family farm.

He then worked in the Central cheese factory during the summers to supplement income. He earned \$2 a day, working seven days a week. Mom drove the tractor to disc the fields while dad was milking. When cows freshened in the spring he got up at 3:30 am so he could be at the factory by 6:30 am. They finished at the factory about 3:30 or 3 PM or whenever to work was finished.

As a little boy dad was on the beach when a big wave knocked him down and was washing him out and his dog saved his life.

Grandpa (Lester) Ray taught school for a year or two when he (Grandpa Ray) was about 18

years old.

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Jessie May Kester Ray

We are gathered here today to remember Jessie Ray, our friend and loved one.

Jessie May Kester was born May 1, 1909 at Suver, Oregon to Wilmot and Francis Conklin Kester. She died in Lincoln City on <u>December</u> 17, 1992 at the age of 83 1/2 years.

Jessie is survived by two sons: Kenneth Ray of Tillamook; Lester Ray of Chandler Heights, Arizona; and two daughters: Alice May Dunn of Sandlake and Eleanor Higdon of Meda Loop; twelve grandchildren; 16 great grand children; and a host of friends and relatives.

She was a pioneer of Tillamook County, a member of the Oretown Grange for over 50 years, Oretown Bible Church and past member of the Nestucca Valley Garden Club. She was a homemaker and lived on the dairy farm with her husband, Oral, until their retirement in 1968.

In her earlier years Jessie was a mid wife for one of the neighbor ladies delivering several of her children when the doctor did not arrive on time.

Lester recalls when he was very young, Mom and he were riding in from the field on a load of hay pulled by Dads team of horses. The wagon hit a bump in the field and the bunch of hay Mom and Lester were on slid off. Dad had thrown the mower sickle bar on the load. As Mom slid of f, she reached out grabbing for anything and got the bar. The bar cut off her little finger except for a small piece of skin. She went to doctor Brown in Cloverdale. He was able to sew the finger back on. Mom's finger was stiff, but usable.

For a length of time, Oral and Jessie made wool rugs to sell and give to family members. Jessie braided the wool strips and Oral hound them in to the rugs.

In November 1975 Jessie had her first heart attack 50 miles from Barstow, California. Oral had pulled off the road when Jessie was not feeling well. When it became clear she was in serious trouble, Dad flagged down passing motorists for help. One of the people who stopped was a man who would not tell them anything about himself. He was most helpful. The cb radios could not get to anyone to

summon an ambulance. This man drove on down the highway and called the needed help on his cb. A few days later he stopped by the hospital in Barstow to see how Mom was doing. He never would give Mom or Dad his name. He was just a friend. Mom called him "her angel", because without his assistance she would probably have died before help could have arrived.

In their retirement, Jessie kept busy assisting Oral in his jewelry-making of semi precious stones. Jessie would string "he-she" beads making pretty necklaces and often just looking up the things Oral didn't have at his finger-tips. She also made refrigerator magnets from shells and pictures of small animals. Oral and Jessie enjoyed tailgating, selling their jewelry and other items they made or picked up along the way. Jessie would coordinate the tables of display to make them look attractive. They traveled over the Northwest and Southwest and made many friends along the way. During retirement Oral and Jessie spent about six months out of the year in Arizona in their trailer house near their son Lester and his wife Norma.

While spending the summer months in Oregon, they both enjoyed fishing, hunting and gardening. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1976. At the time of Oral's passing in July 1991, they had been married 64 years and 10 months.

Jessie was the youngest of seven children. She had two sisters much older than her so she spent most of her time playing with her four brothers. She often said she wasn't afraid to do anything and all the boys had to do was dare her to do something and she did it. This sometimes got her into trouble.

There was a period of time her parents lived at the Coast and Jessie attended Cloverdale High School, Later they moved back to the Valley.

Jessie loved her flowers and garden. Even in her later years she kept lots of flowers and raised tomatoes and cucumbers in her green house. She enjoyed hunting and perhaps fishing even more.

A few years ago while camping at Lake Takinich with Carl and Eleanor, they were out on the lake fishing for cropie and perch. The fish seemed to stop biting and Carl said if nobody caught a fish within five minutes they would go in. Soon Jessie had a bite and reeled in a very small perch. Carl commented how small it was. Jessie was quick to reply, "But it counts".

Jessie's strong love of her family shone through the many years of her full and happy life.

She was a warm and loving daughter, wife, mother, and grandmother; and she brought joy into the lives of all around her.

She leaves her friends and family with many precious memories that will live on and be held dear in their hearts in the years to come.

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SarahEthel Ray

#### SarahEthel Ray

Sarah Ethel Ray was born to Lester Ray & Loretta Ann Booth Ray in Culdesac, Idaho on December 25, 1901.

At the age of 5 1/2 the family moved to Oretown, Oregon where her early years of growing up were spent.

The family moved to Cloverdale and spent four years there so she could go to high school. Ethel graduated from Cloverdale High School in 1920.

She worked in the mercantile store for the Kunst brothers for several years before going to Toledo, Or. to be the bookkeeper for a milk

company.

In 1935 Ethel moved to San Francisco, California to be the bookkeeper for the Kunst brothers who had set up a paint factory. She remained with them until they went out of business many years later.

Ethel married Bill Burke and after his death remained in California continuing to work as a bookkeeper.

In 1945, Ethel married Leo J. Casey and many of you will remember her by this name as they were married nearly 30 years. They bought a home in Redwood City and she became a bookkeeper for Norneys, a stationery and toy store. After retiring, Leo and Ethel moved to Pacific City for several years. They missed the sunshine and warmer weather so decided to move back to California where they purchased a home in a mobile park at Windsor, Ca.

Leo passed away July 16, 1975 -- just thirteen years ago this day.

Ethel continued to live in Windsor until November 1978 when she moved to Oregon to be near her family. She chose Salem as it was a bit warmer than the Coast.

On July 15, 1982 she married a long time friend from Redwood City, Russell R.Thorup. They continued to live in the Salem or Woodburn area until Russel passed away Jan. 17, 1985.

Ethel remained in Salem living in a retirement home until March of this year when she moved to Tillamook to be nearer the family. The last 34 months was spent in the hospital and nursing home due to a broken hip.

Ethel is survived by one brother: Lester Oral Ray of Oretown, two nephews: Kenneth Ray of Tillamook and Lester Ray of Chandler Heights, Arizona, two nieces: Alice May Dunn of Sandlake and Eleanor Higdon of Oretown. She had a number of great and great great nieces and nephews. Also one step-son, Russel R. Thorup of Redwood City, California and many friends that were not able to be here due to the distance and health reasons.

Ethel went to be with The Lord on the morning of July 13, 1988. At the time of her death she was 86 years 6 months and 18 days.

Nothing pleased Ethel more than to spend time with her family and see the children. They will remember her for the loving, fun person she was.

#### **ADDENDUM**

William Booth was appointed the first Postmaster of Woods, Oregon on April 10, 1886. He is the son of Richard Booth, the brother of Luke Booth (Grandpa Booth's Father)

I received the following from the US Postal Service Information Systems in Washington D.C.

"I am enclosing excerpts from National Archives Microfilm Publication M841, Record of Appointment of Postmasters, 1832, September 30,1971, showing the appointment of William Booth as the first postmaster of the Woods Post Office in Tillamook County, Oregon on April 10 1886. He served until approximately October 7, 1899, when the next postmaster, Nancy E. Booth (another relative?), was appointed. She served until her successor was appointed on November 8, 1901. The Woods Post Office was discontinued on September 30, 1935."

Nancy E. Wymer Booth was the wife of William.

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The pictures of Patrick Ray and Margaret Koonee were reproduced from tin-types that are very small and very old, but still "seeable".

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Samuel Harrison Booth Sara Amy Wood Booth Kenneth Ray (1928)



John Iler and Jane Ray

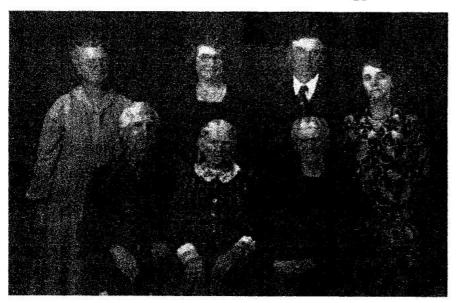


Luke Booth (Jr.), Samuel Harrison Booth, Robert L.
Booth
Mame (wife of Luke) Sara Wood Booth (wife of Harrison)
Sophia (wife of

Robert L Booth?)



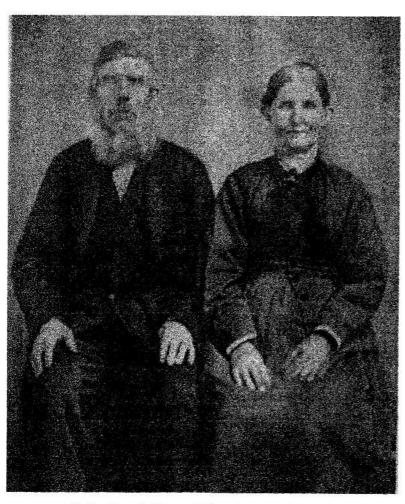
Mother of Mary E. Atkinson Wood Last name Foster? Grandmother of Loretta Ann



Top L-R Sara Ellen Booth, Loretta Ann Booth, Wilbur Booth, Mary Ethel Booth Seated Samuel Harrison Booth, Mary E Atkinson, Sara Amy Wood



Five Generations
Mary E Atkinson Wood (sitting)
Great Great Grandmother holding
Kenneth Ray, Standing L-R
Loretta Ann Booth, Grandmother,
Sara Amy Wood Booth, Great
Grandmother, Oral Ray, Father.



Luke Booth Sr. and Phoebe McClintick