

THE OLINGHOUSE-HAWIIAN-INDIAN CONNECTION

Born in Middlesex County, Massachusetts in 1810, Moody French migrated to the Hawaiian Islands, formerly known as the Sandwich Islands, at an unknown date. The Oregon Spectator, under the heading of, "Ships News", listed as follows: The American Barque, Toulan, Crosby, master and passengers, Moody French and two sons, arrived from Honolulu, June 2, 1846. The 1880 census shows Isaac French, 44, Sampson French, 36, males, born in the Sandwich Islands, father born in Massachusetts, mother born in the Sandwich Islands. Since there is no mention of the mother on the ships passenger list or any census record she probably died on the islands. Moody French was listed on the 1870 census but not on the 1880. So he probably died during that period.

Moody French and his two sons, Isaac and Sampson, attracted by mining, eventually found their way to the Cow Creek area of Southern Oregon during the late 1850's. At various times both Isaac and Sampson served as postmaster of the post office known as Binger and later known as Anchor, which was located on the property now known as the Anchor Ranch. The post office was closed and the services moved to Azalea during the late 1930's.

A French Canadian, Joseph Laverdure, born in upper New York or Canada in 1791, became an employee of the Northwest Fur Company at the age of thirteen. Early in the 1820's this company merged with the Hudson's Bay Company and young Laverdure, engaged in fur trapping, made his home in the area near what is now Walla Walla, Washington. It was here that he married an Indian girl, Lizette, a member of the Walla Walla group of Indians. In his book, "Shallow Grave at Waillatpu", Erwin N. Thompson gives credit in his account of the Whitman massacre, to an Indian woman from Fort Hall, whose husband was a white employee of the Hudson's Bay Company, as being the mediator between the Indians and their captives. Could this woman have been Lizette?

In the 1850's the fur trapping wound down and Joseph Laverdure, whose name had by now been changed to Lavadour, turned to mining and by a circuitous route wandered into the same Southern Oregon area as the French family. By this time they had several children including a daughter, Izabella, born at Yreka, California in 1856. Sometime after their arrival at Galesville on upper Cow Creek, Izabella was married to Sampson French, October 2, 1870 in Douglas County by William J. Martin, Justice of the Peace. Joseph Lavadour's consent for this young girls marriage is on record. Of this union a daughter, Isabelle, was born.

In October, 1890, James Cyrus Olinghouse, lured by tales of rich mines in Southern Oregon, moved his wife and seven children from Oroville, California to Southern Oregon and the Cow Creek area. They later had three more children, all born on Cow Creek. It was at Galesville on July 12, 1899, when Francis E. Olinghouse, the oldest son of James Cyrus, over the tearful objection of his mother, married Isabelle French. They had five children, Gladys, George, Francis (Dutch), John and Homer. Isabelle died February 22, 1910 and Francis on June 18, 1939. Both are burried in unmarked graves in the Masonic Cemetery, Glendale, Oregon.

The Lavadours eventually returned to the Pendelton, Oregon area where Joseph passed on in 1892 at the age of one hundred one. Lizette had died a year earlier at the age of seventy-four. They are burried in the St. Andrews Mission Cemetery near Pendelton. A large tombstone marks the spot.

The French family did not fare as well, as many lie in unmarked graves along upper Cow Creek but the census records and obituary items attest to their passing. There are many descendants of the French family scattered through the Southern Oregon area.

About the only claim to fame that the Olinghouses have is that James Cyrus was the first mail carrier on upper Cow Creek and his grandson, George, was a deputy sheriff at Glendale, Oregon from about 1927 to 1939.

NOTE

This information was gathered from the records of the following organizations: The Douglas County Historical Museum, The South Umpqua Historical Society, The Genealogy Branch of the Latter Day Saints Church, Roseburg, Oregon and the Masonic Cemetery, Glendale, Oregon. I also made use of marriage records on file at the Office of the County Clerk, Douglas County, Oregon and to a small extent my own knowledge of the Olinghouse activities in the area, since I was born at Glendale and lived on Cow Creek until the age of seventeen.

The Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, Sunday, June 11, 1978 pages 33, 38 and 39 contains a story connecting the Lavadour family with the Walla Walla Indians. This article includes pictures and a partial list of births, deaths and marriages up to but not including the marriage of Francis and Isabelle.

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County of Umatilla)
) SS.
State of Oregon)

I, Isabel French, of county and state aforesaid,
after being first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

That my Indian blood comes through both my parents,
who were married about the year 1844. In 1848 my parents
moved to Southern Oregon, and in 1849 went to California,
where they lived for a number of years, and finally returned
to Umatilla County in 1885. My mother was a member of and
enrolled with the Walla Walla tribe of Indians. She died on
the Umatilla reservation in 1887, before the allotments
were made. While my mother lived apart from the tribe, she
was always in touch with the tribe, frequent communications
passing between her and the tribe. My brothers are ~~not~~ al-
lotted with the Walla Walla tribe, my brother's, Xavier
Lavadore's number being Walla Walla 394 and Joseph Lavadore's
number, my brother, being Walla Walla 404, and who were en-
rolled and allotted through their mother's Indian blood. I
have also two other full brothers, who are now dead, who were
allotted on this reservation, namely, Scott Lavadore, No.
401 Walla Walla, and Narcisse Lavadore, deceased Walla Wal-
la allottee No. 395. My father was a Canadian Frenchman,
not an Indian, but my mother was a full blooded Indian of
the Walla Walla tribe. My mother did not leave the tribe
at the time of her marriage, but she did return after going
to California about the year 1885, and lived on the reser-
vation until the time of her death in 1887. My brothers, who
are allotted, came to the reservation in 1885, and have lived
here ever since. As these men were living on the reserva-
tion at the time of the allotting work, they were duly allot-
ted as members thereof. I was living in Southern Oregon at
the time the allotments were made.

Witnesses:

Mary V. LaHaye

Isabel French



her

mark.

Sworn, and subscribed to before me at Umatilla Indian
School, Oregon, this 13 day of March, 1911.

J. H. [Signature]
Superintendent.

HUSBAND'S NAME James Cyrus Olinghouse ?
 When Born 3 February 1849 Where Ft. Wayne, Kosciusko (Allen) Co. Ind.
 Christened _____ Where _____
 When Died 4 May 1935 Where Roseburg, Oregon
 When Buried 6 May 1935 Where Masonic Cemetery, Glendale, Oregon
 When Married 16 February 1870 Where Warrensburg, Missouri
 Other Wives (if any) _____
 Number (1) (2) etc. _____
 His Father Israel Olinghouse His Mother's Maiden Name Urzilla Largent

(Husband's Full Name)

(Wife's Maiden Name)

This information obtained from _____

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME Sarah Elizabeth Horner
 When Born 18 February 1853 Where Warrensburg, Missouri
 Christened _____ Where _____
 When Died 28 March 1909 Where Anchor, Douglas Co., Oregon Date _____
 When Buried _____ Where Masonic Cemetery, Glendale, Oregon Compiler _____
 Other Husb. (if any) _____
 Number (1) (2) etc. _____ Address _____
 Her Father _____ Her Mother's Maiden Name _____ City _____ State _____

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN Town or Place	County	State or Country	WHEN DIED*			Married
		Day	Month	Year				Day	Month	Year	
F	1 Mary Ellen										Date _____ To _____
M	2 Joseph Franklin										Date _____ To _____
M	3 Francis Ezreal	28	March	1874	Suisun	Calif.	Roseburg, Ore.	18	June	1939	Date _____ To <u>Isabella "Belle" French</u>
F	4 Bertha Urzilla	2	March	1876	Forbestown	Calif.	Lebanon, Ore.	23	Oct.	1962	Date <u>7 July 1890</u> To <u>William Thomas Pickett</u>
M	5 Charles William	7	April	1878	Forbestown	Calif.	Salem, Ore.	25	Dec	1947	Date <u>10 June 1910</u> To <u>Pearl Phernetton</u>
M	6 Harry Edward	22	March	1880	Forbestown	Calif.	Salem, Ore.	23	April	1918	Date _____ To <u>Barbara Ellen Cheney</u>
M	7 John Barney	10	June	1882	Biggs	Calif.				1956	Date _____ To <u>Lulu May Root</u>
F	8 Maggie May	18	Oct.	1884	Oroville	Calif.	Portland, Ore.	11	March	1974	Date _____ To <u>William Perry Totten</u>
F	9 Violet Lieurette	22	July	1886	Oroville	Calif.	Roseburg, Ore.	4	June	1972	Date <u>#2 - Norman Agee</u> To <u>#3 - Jacob M. "Jack" Grosti</u>
	10 Stillborn										Date _____ To _____
F	11 Sarah Elizabeth	19	May	1891	Galesville	Oregon	Roseburg, Ore.	13	Dec.	1976	Date <u>#1 - Charles Archer</u> To <u>#2 - Louis Neiderheiser</u>
M	12 James Binger	20	April	1894	Carll	Oregon	Coss Bay, Ore.	5	Aug.	1978	Date <u>25 November 1915</u> To <u>Mary Alice Coughlin</u>
F	13 Jennie Ettabell	17	March	1896	Binger	Oregon	Santa Cruz, CA.	2	April	1979	Date <u>1 March 1928</u> To <u>Alfred Warren Kenne</u>

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#1 Geo. Gilchrist Archer

OLINGHOUSE BUYS CALIFORNIA RANCH

"Returning to his boyhood home here for the first time since he left at the age of 13 years, Charles Olinghouse, retired Roseburg, Oregon, farmer has purchased 15 acres of land on the upper Palermo road," says the Mercury-Register of Oroville, California. "With his wife and son," the item says, "Olinghouse will come here in May or June and build a home on his new property."

MOVED FROM
OREGON JULY
10-20, 1937

The Glendale Log, Glendale

B. C. Huntington, superintendent of the Glendale schools, has been re-elected for another year. Next year will make Mr. Huntington's fourth year here. He came to Glendale from Camas Valley.

Charles Olinghouse has purchased a 15-acre tract at Oroville, California and plans to build a new home and settle there. He and his family will go down in May or June to build.

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STON, DAILY CHRONICLE

Centralia Couple Exchange Vows

Miss Mary Riley, daughter of Mrs. Lulu Olinghouse, of Centralia, was wed Saturday afternoon in the Christian church parsonage to Ivan Stout, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Stout, of Centralia. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Earl Van Doren before the immediate families.

The lovely bride's only attendant was Mrs. Jack Thompson, and the bridegroom was attended by Mr. Thompson, his brother-in-law.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, those present being Mrs. Olinghouse and Mr. and Mrs. Stout.

The couple will make their new home in Centralia.

Finds Parents' And Other Kin

Family Separated by Divorce Here Years Ago Is Reunited, with One Still Missing

By a strange chain of coincidences, Miss Maxine Cross, 21, of Seattle, in the past three months has added a year to her age, found her parents who she had thought dead, and discovered eight brothers and sisters whose names she had forgotten.

Now the reunited family is seeking the 10th child, Vera, the baby of the family and only three months old when last accounted for.

Starts with Divorce

It all starts when the parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Olinghouse, were divorced in Centralia. Maxine, seventh in the family of 10, was seven years old.

Because she had little money, Mrs. Olinghouse asked the court to place her four youngest in an orphanage. To the Washington Children's home in Seattle went Ned, 5; Austin, 3, and Maxine. The baby, Vera, apparently was adopted without being sent to the institution, as it has no records of her, and Maxine does not remember her at all.

Maxine was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. William C. Cross, Seattle. Unknown to her, Austin and Ned were taken by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pretlow, Seattle. They grew up and gradually forgot details of their early lives.

Locates Brothers

Last December, Maxine, out of curiosity, began trying to trace

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them. The home rules forbid revealing such information, but a check disclosed the Pretlows had granted permission to make the records of Ned and Austin public. Maxine discovered Ned was in the navy and had been at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese attack. Austin's records were incomplete.

When Ned returned to Bremerton, Austin, living at Kirkland, who had heard of Maxine's search, told Ned, and the pair called on her and introduced themselves. They had a happy reunion, but none of the three knew where they were born or anything about the rest of their family.

And then—
A navy recruit, joining Ned's ship, told Ned:
"You remind me of a fellow I know in Olympia."

"What's his name?" asked Ned. The rookie said his Olympia acquaintances name was Jack Olinghouse. The name stirred some vague memory, and Ned told Maxine. It stirred some faint memory for her, too, and, at last, she recalled that "Olinghouse" was their family name.

Parents Also Found
Ned, Austin and Maxine finally got in touch with two other members of the family, Norman and Hazel Olinghouse, of Olympia, and

learned, for the first time, their parents were alive.

A week later they journeyed to Olympia and met Mrs. Olinghouse, who still lives in Centralia. She wept for joy, having thought she never would see them again. Olinghouse, they learned, is living in Oregon.

And it was then that Ned, Austin and Maxine learned they were a year older than they believed. Austin immediately joined the navy.

Now the reunited family is carrying on a lively correspondence. And Maxine, an "only" child for 15 years, has lots of help in her search for "baby sister" Vera, to make the reunion complete.

ors, who charge of arrangements.

OLINGHOUSE—Tuesday, April 23, 1918, at the Deaconess hospital, Harry Ed Olinghouse, at the age of 38 years.

He is survived by a wife and four children, living at 305 Trade street. Deceased was injured three years ago in lumber operations at Mill City and has been practically an invalid since.

The funeral will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock from the Rigdon chapel.

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J. C. OLINGHOUSE DIES IN ROSEBURG

James Cyrus Olinghouse, 86, died in Roseburg last Saturday evening after a short illness. He was born at Fort Wayne, Ind., February 3, 1849, and came to Oregon to make his home many years ago. Previous to coming to Roseburg he was living with his daughter, Mrs. Sarah Neiderheiser, at Drew, Oregon.

He is survived by nine sons and daughters: Mrs. May Teutchman, Portland; Mrs. Jennie Kenner, Oakland, Calif.; Mrs. Violet Grostine, Bakersfield, Calif.; Mrs. Sarah Neiderheiser, Drew; Mrs. Bertha McGee, Canyonville; Charles W. Olinghouse, Anchor; John B. Olinghouse, Portland; James B. Olinghouse, Chemult, Oregon, and Francis E. Olinghouse, Coos Head, Oregon. Besides his children he is survived by two brothers, Francis W. Olinghouse of Oklahoma, and Walter W. Olinghouse, of Arkansas, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Brown, of Oklahoma.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Presbyterian church in Glendale, Rev. J. K. Howard officiating. Interment took place in the Masonic cemetery there. The funeral arrangements were in charge of the Douglas Funeral home.

F. E. OLINGHOUSE OF GLENDALE DIES

June 18-39
Francis E. Olinghouse, 65, well known resident at Glendale, died in Roseburg Sunday following a long period of illness. He was born in California, May 28, 1874, and spent the greater part of his active life in Douglas county.

Surviving is a son, George Olinghouse, deputy sheriff at Glendale.

The body has been removed to the Roseburg Undertaking company parlors pending funeral arrangements.

OLINGHOUSE RITES SET

Buried June 21-39
Funeral services for Francis E. Olinghouse, who died Sunday at Roseburg, will be held at the Presbyterian church in Glendale at 2 p. m. Wednesday. Rev. Harding, of Glendale, will officiate. Arrangements are in charge of the Roseburg Undertaking company.