

## Pioneers

R.S. Morgan

First Commission merchant

Robert S. Morgan, one of the pioneers of this valley died early Monday morning from a complication of disorders, a wound sustained in the Civil War being a contributing cause.

Mr. Morgan was born 62 years ago in Philadelphia. At the outbreak of the war he was living in Illinois but enlisted in a Missouri regiment and served three years. He was in the battle of Missionary Ridge and Corinth.

Mr. Morgan came here 23 years ago and bought a homestead. He has lived here ever since and was the first commission merchant in this vicinity. He shipped the first alfalfa ever sent out from North Yakima. The Yakima Herald, August 11, 1909.

## Henry D. Cock

Henry D. Cock, well known far and wide for the many years as Colonel Cock, died at his home last Friday. He was a resident when the territory was set off from Oregon and was a member of the first territorial legislature, having been elected to the council from Yakima county. Some years later he was elected to the lower house from Walla Walla.

He came with his father from Pennsylvania when a boy. For some years the family lived in Wisconsin, from whence by wagon they came on to Puget Sound and settled in Olympia.

He was a trusted leader and fearless scout and messenger. The circumstance of his daring ride to bring dispatches through the country of the hostile tribes to the interior from the west side to Gen. Haller at Fort Simcoe and his pursuit across the Ahtanum and narrow escape are matters for more careful setting down after more careful reference.

Col. Shaw of Vancouver, Gip Wills and other old Indian fighters can help out the future and more particular writer of these incidents.

He was the companion and guide of the first governor of the territory, I.I. Stevens and his interpreter as well and was a party to many pow wows with the Indians at a time

when all hands were sharpened for uprisings and ambushes. In the capacity he was in all parts of the state before its settlement by the whites and later went over it again with Prof. Gibbs of the Smithsonian on a tour of exploration and specimen hunting. He was a born naturalist.

Of late years he was anxious to see fish and game preserved, and on the day of his death expected the arrival of an agent of the United States fish commission with food fishes which had been promised him for stocking the streams in this vicinity.



He tried steamboating on the sound for some years and with the results of his selling out bought cattle and came to this county.

The home ranch was on the river near where Zillah now is and adjoining the old Sam Chappell homestead. Even before this he attempted mining in the Caribou country. He for a while kept a miner's hotel away up in that region and was full of stories about the attempts to use camels for pack animals on the trail passing his place.

The cattle business tripped him of what was left from steamboating and he went with his family to Walla Walla where he bought a drug store with no better luck. Then he was made city marshal as he was several times afterward for North Yakima.

He planted the shade trees that are the pride and glory of the town. He knew the Big Klickitat, the Tietan and all the lakes and passes and trout streams and could point instinctively to the bush behind which was a prairie chicken. Col. Walker, Dr. Ware and all the men who hunt and fish will miss Col. Cock.

The two children, Charles and Mrs. H.K. Owens were at the funeral-- Yakima Herald, July 18, 1895.

## Bowser

N.H. Lillie, so \_in-law and the administrator of the estate of the late Joseph Bowser was in the city Monday from Toppenish and informed a Herald reporter that he was convinced that Old Joe had certificates of deposits to the amount of between 10 and 15 thousand dollars on his person at the time of his death and that these have been stolen. He warns all persons against negotiating the same and offers a reward of \$1,000 to the person who will turn them into the estate--Yakima Herald, June 13, 1895.



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As full of bubbling enthusiasm as in the days when he first saw the Yakima valley in 1886 and giving proof that Ponce de Leon's mountain of youth must be located not far from Miami, Fla., G.M. McKinney is now visiting his daughter, Mrs. M.M. Jones in Yakima.

Mr. McKinney may justly lay claim to being one of the real founders of Yakima and to have contributed according to the most modern of reclamation principals not only to its physical development but to the task of placing successful settlers on its lands.

Yesterday he visited the Republic building in vain search for the small office which once he occupied in that structure which has apparently changed much more than its former occupant.

When Mr. McKinney first located in Yakima he represented the Crippen Investment company and as such made the first commercial loans on Yakima valley lands. The legal firm of Whitson & Parker handled served as counsel here and W.L. Steinweg, president of the First National bank was its banker.

Of the four Judge Whitson has passed away but the other three, though their hair is a bit touched with gray and possibly not quite as luxuriant in growth as of yore, look back with keen enjoyment to the days when they were boy businessmen.

In the great financial slump of the early development period the Crippen company went under. McKinney then became development agent for the Northern Pacific which sold some of its valley lands at as low as 50 cents an acre with the view of placing freight producers along its tracks.

"When I came here there was no Sunnyside canal. Below the Purdy Flint and Captain Dunn places there was only sagebrush



Pioneers- Sunnyside  
stock raising stages

"With the death of J.B. Morgan at Sunnyside on October 7, 1905, one of the most historical careers in this section of the country was brought to a close and the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved family.

Mr. Morgan familiarly known as "Jock" was born May 11, 1844 at Burlington Iowa and crossed the plains with his parents in 1850. The journey consumed eleven months and cost the family the life of its leader and protector who died on the way.

Arriving at Albany, Or. they settled on a donation claim where "Jock" spent his boyhood days until he reached the age of 15 years. Then he became an employe of the old California Stage Company as a stock tender. His natural ability and thorough knowledge of the work together with trustworthiness soon placed him on the payroll as the crack driver on the fastest stages.

He was entrusted with the most responsible of the missions which he always promptly and faithfully fulfilled. His career as a stage driver ended as he drove the last stage into Salem, Or., just ahead of the first locomotive that entered the town.

In 1871 Mr. Morgan took up stock raising, buying and selling and drove a band of cattle across the state line into the state of Washington. In 1872 he made his headquarters at Goldendale and 1873 he entered the Yakima country braving the dangers and surmounting the difficulties of frontier life on the Indian reservation. In 1882 he removed to what has ever since been the home of the Morgans, just across the river from Mabton, where the entire surrounding community is well acquainted with his kindness of heart and openhearted liberality.



North Yakima and Yakima valley people this year overlooked an interesting anniversary, nothing more nor less than the semi-centennial of the settlement of this part of Washington by white settlers.

On February 15, 50 years ago F.M. <sup>(Thorp)</sup>~~Sharp~~ came across country from Goldendale and made his home permanently in the Moxee valley.

Accompanying him was Charles Splawn, brother of Hon. A.J. Splawn and L.L. Thorp, then a boy, was a member of the party. There was at that time no family resident in this part of the valley or state between the Columbia river and Puyallup....Yakima Herald, March 15, 1911.

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(Tomb)  
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valley.

According to the records of the Yankins family, brother of John A. J.

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Yankins.....Yankins Yankins, March 13, 1861.

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### Granger-Thomas

Mr. Walter N. Granger, manager of the Northern Pacific Yakima & Kittitas irrigation company was married on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, to Miss Maude Thomas, only daughter of Captain and Mrs. J.H. Thomas.

The ceremony was strictly private, only the family and the officiating clergyman, Rev. John Uren, being present--Yakima Herald, Thursday, July 2, 1901.

## Josiah Wiley

Josiah Wiley, one of the early settlers of Yakima county died at his hoe on the Antanum Wednesday, Feb. 26.

The deceased was born in Pennsylvania on August 4, 1846. He enlisted in the 11th Pennsylvania cavalry during the Gettysburg emergency and reenlisted when his time was out, serving altogether about two years and a half.

He crossed the plains in 1868 settling in the Antanum valley in the fall of that year where he has resided ever since.

Mr. Wiley was a strong republican and active in all campaigns. He leaves two children and three brothers, all of whom reside on the Antanum.

He was buried today from the Congregational church, the services being conducted under the auspices of the Grand Army--Yakima Herald, February 27, 1896.



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D.W. Owens

D.W. Owens, a pioneer of the Yakima valley, aged 80 years died at his home at Kennewick Monday and in his passing one of the best loved and manly of men passed to his final reward.

From his earliest manhood he had sought the frontier and he had come to the Yakima valley when it was a sage brush wilderness and there are few of the early pioneers of the section but that loved the man.

His home at Kennewick was a store room of curios collected by the man during a busy life and represented the largest individual collection in the state.

Dewitt Owens was born in Massachusetts in 1831 and while a young man moved to the middle west. In 1877 he moved to Goldendale. In 1881 he moved to Ainsworth and later to Pasco where he engaged in the real estate business. In 1904 he moved to Kennewick and was instrumental in the forward growth of the lower valley towns.--The Yakima Herald, April 28, 1909.

## Sagebrush

Wapato, Jan. 28--Credit for clearing with his own hands 3,000 acres of sagebrush Reservation land goes to Thomas Kobayashi, Japanese who died at St Elizabeth's hospital of pneumonia on Saturday evening.

Kobayashi has probably grubbed more sagebrush from more Reservation land than any other one resident of the Reservation and was recognized as a leader among the valley Japanese.

Kobayashi, who was 54 at the time of death, came to the United States 34 years ago and to the Reservation in 1903. He had been afflicted with asthma for some time and contracted pneumonia while in poor health.--Yakima Republic, January 28, 1924.



James K. Ward

James K. Ward died on Wednesday at 1 o'clock a.m. after an exhausting illness of nearly a month. His disease was caused by a complication of troubles, beginning with the grip. Several days before the end came he was unconscious and was kept alive by stimulants and liquid nourishment.

From about 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning until he died he was in a stupor or sleep from which it was impossible to arouse him.

Mr. Ward came to North Yakima twelve years ago and purchased the property on the corner of the avenue and First street from Paul Schulze. He afterwards improved the property by erecting substantial brick blocks. He leaves a brother, Moses N. Ward, ten years his junior, his only blood relative in Yakima. His widow, to whom he was married in Pennsylvania at the close of the war and his niece Mrs. J.B. Braden, survive him.

J.K. Ward was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania on the 4th of March, 1832, being 67 years of age at the time of demise. He enlisted in the 17th Indiana Volunteers at Columbia City, Indiana, early in the war, as a sergeant and was subsequently promoted to a lieutenant which he resigned before the close of the rebellion.

He was in many hard fought battles including Shiloh. He was a member of Meade Post No. 9, GAR and the local lodge of Odd Fellows, under whose auspices he was buried this afternoon. A plain unassuming man, he was a solid citizen, a good neighbor and friend and noted for his common sense and kindly disposition. It may be said of him that he had not an enemy, but left hosts of warm friends whose sympathies go out to his family in the sad hour of bereavement--  
Yakima Herald, March 23, 1899.

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Said an old soldier the other day to a Herald reporter.

"It makes me extremely weary to hear these hundreds of residents of Yakima addressed and answering to high-sounding military titles. Do you know that W.F. Prosser is the only resident of this county who earned the title of colonel in the late war and that J.T. Kingsbury alone is entitled to the rank of captain?"  
Yakima Herald, September 26, 1890.



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### John M. Fife

John M. Fife died at the mining camp on Bumping river fifty miles west of North Yakima on Tuesday, the 11th day of November, aged 76 years.

Mr. Fife was born in Scotland and previous to coming to Yakima he lived in Seattle.

His occupation was that of a miner and prospector and together with his sons, he located many rich claims in the Bumping river district.

He is survived by family consisting of six sons and two daughters-  
Yakima He ald, November 20, 1890.

Historical  
Ahtanum

Persons who feel that Yakima has gone to the "bow-wows" would get a jolt if they would listen in on the testimony offered by pioneers of the Ahtanum in the water rights litigation hearing going on in the federal building.

"I came here in a wagon with my parents from Iowa in 1882. We settled at Old Town and the place where Yakima now stands was a green pasture inhabited only by cows and pony riders," relates Mrs. Fannie D. Griffiths of White Bluffs, who testified late Wednesday.

"My father George W. Strong was sent to Old Town as the Methodist minister. At that time the land on which Yakima stands was owned by Orlando Beck. Many the time have I herded cattle over all the land now so thickly settled. To we people who came here before Yakima began the sight of its busy streets and ever increasing activity affords us a real thrill. Like the West, Yakima is still prospering, the early comer remarks.

In 1886 Mrs. Griffiths and her husband settled on a homestead just east and north of Wiley City. Although Mrs. Griffiths has sold the place she still holds the deed to the homestead.

"A willow swamp occupied the present Wiley City location and much of the surrounding territory" she says. "My husband helped clear much of the brush away.

"Our house was the first lumber house built in the Ahtanum. The lumber was made in the mills here and the hardware equipment packed in from The Dalles. The house, a five-room affair, still stands. It is the oldest house now standing in the district. Prior to the erection of our house most of the houses were of logs. A stage used to bring us mail twice a week from The Dalles," Mrs. Griffiths continued.

At this point a twinkle came into the eyes of the pioneer woman who still retains the vigor of her early days.

"I was just thinking of how they moved Old T...



"I was just thinking of how they moved Old Town to North Yakima. I remember when the First National bank was on wheels, half way between the two places. We used to buy groceries from the store on wheels."

"Work out, not rust out is my motto. On the ranch I could never stand to see a fence corner filled with debris. I have always worked hard," comments Mrs. Griffiths.

Although Mrs. Griffiths is well over 60 years she walks and talks with the enthusiasm of the average woman of 40.

Mrs. Felicia Stanton, a witness yesterday, testified she had known the Ahtanum lands since 1869. The Hughes Bolman ditch, one of the early water ways in the district, was described by William Hughes, one of the builders of the ditch.

Hearing was resumed this afternoon on the Curtiss R. Gilbert and Theo J. Hackett claims--Yakima Republic, January 24, 1924.

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Mrs. T.D. Quinn

Mrs. T.D. Quinn, wife of commander T.D. Quinn of the local post of the G.A.R. died suddenly last night at 10:30 o'clock at the Quinn residence, 501 South Ninth avenue.

She had been ailing for some months, suffering from asthma and heart trouble. She and Mr. Quinn had planned to leave today for Seattle in the hope that the change of climate might be beneficial.

Mr. and Mrs. Quinn were among the pioneers in the valley, having moved to the Kittitas valley almost 30 years ago. They were among the first settlers in the "enas w~~20~~ whither they moved 21 years ago. Later they removed to the Selah and about three years ago took up a permanent abode in North Yakima, although they had lived in town intermittently before that time.

Mrs. Quinn was known as Emily Curry as a girl in Illinois. It was in Illinois that she was married. She died at the age of 59. The Yakima Republic, March 20, 1910.