

Pioneers

Ernest Woodcock

The estate of the late Ernest Woodcock, Antanum rancher and businessman and pioneer of the valley is valued at \$97,920.72 according to the report of the appraisers, S.M. McKee, George A. Alexander and C.H. Hinman. Much of the estate is in Yakima county real estate and it also includes in it a number of business concerns. The property is to be divided equally between the widow and the son--The Yakima Daily Republic, August 26, 1925.

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First assessor

E.A. Shannafelt of ~~Deedadd~~ ^{Medonda} beach Calif (copy) who is here for the pioneer celebration recalls his first glimpse of the Yakima valley from the brow of the Mabton hills as the stage coach from The Dalles, Ore. stopped briefly while the horses rested.

That was back in 1882 and Shannafelt was tired after his long journey from Michigan overland to San Francisco and then by boat on the Pacific and up the Columbia river to The Dalles.

At that time the valley was sage covered and the roads dusty and deeply rutted. Shannafelt says. Upon his arrival at Yakima City Shannafelt took up a homestead in the Tampico district. He is proud of his title as first assessor of Yakima county. Prior to his appointment to the office in 1889 the collection of taxes was in the hands of the sheriff. Harry Coonse was Shannafelt's deputy.

Shannafelt, who is 76 years old, drove here from California. Among his friends are Mrs. N.J. Dickson, frontier queen; Richard Strobach, W.L. Steinwge and A.B. Weed--
The Yakima ^{republic}, May 18, 1935.

Judge Whitson

Telegrams received this morning by Fred Parker and Miss Ruby Whitson from Mrs. Edward Whitson at Spokane say that Judge Edward Whitson was this morning stricken with paralysis. His condition is not fully known to his relatives and friends here but they fear that it is very serious.

The first message received at a little after 8 o'clock stated that the judge's right side was paralyzed but that he was conscious. The second one reached here an and a half later and stated he was unconscious.

Judge Whitson suffered the stroke in his bath room. It is stated that he was found there unconscious. Later he recovered consciousness.

Judge Whitson came to Kittitas county from his home in Independence, Ore in 1871 and engaged in the stock raising business with his father and brother until his election as county auditor in which capacity he served one term.

In 1877 he was elected representative for Yakima county in the territorial legislature.

He was admitted to the bar at Yakima City in 1878 and located at Yakima City where he remained until 1885 when North Yakima was founded. He was one of the prime movers in the founding of this city and resided here continuously until his appointment as United States judge for eastern Washington by President Roosevelt in 1905.

Shortly after his admission to the bar he formed a partnership with the State Senator John B. Allen, then of Walla Walla under the firmname of Allen & Whitson.. In 1885 Mitchell Gilliam, now superior judge of King county became associated with him. After Gilliam's appointment to the bench Fred Parker was admitted to the firm.

and practice was continued under the firm name of Whitson & Parker until Judge Whitson's appointment to the United States court.

Judge Whitson was interested in practically all the large business enterprises of North Yakima and owning a great deal of property in the city.

Judge Whitson married Nellie Bateman in Washington, D.C. in 1885 and has two children, Clara and Marion, the latter now being at school in New York.

Judge Whitson was not only the leader for many years of the local bar but he was a leader in all matters and movements intended to build up the city and valley in which he had the utmost faith from the beginning. He organized the First National bank. He was one of the original incorporators of the original incorporation and was for a time president of the president of the institution. He also installed the light and water system here and conducted it for many years, selling it finally to Robert E. Strahorn.

The burden of this work left him some 13 or 14 years ago practically bankrupt. He had a vast amount of property but it apparently had no value. He managed to struggle along with his burden of debt, refusing to sacrifice property which he always declared needed but a little time to become immensely valuable.

Time justified his opinion. In a few years he was able to pay all his debts and when he closed up his business here and left for Spokane to occupy the bunch he was counted a wealthy man.

Judge Whitson was the first projector of an electric railroad system here. He believed that such a system would make North Yakima the greatest inland city in the state and on several occasions in company with other gentlemen, he had plans worked

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out which gave promise of success but which never materialized, many people have claimed on account of opposition from unexpected quarters.

Judge Whitson, during his years of residence here, was one of the most democratic and companionable of men.

For that reason no man who ever lived in the Yakima country had more friends. His legal, political and business interests were so extensive that he became known all over the state and when it was known that a new judicial district was to be created for the eastern part of the state it was generally admitted, both at home and in other parts of the state, that he was the man pre-eminently qualified for the place.

He had no opposition for the appointment and had the indorsement of practically every well known man in the state.

Judge Whitson's many friends will hope that he may recover his health and strength at an early date--The Yakima Republic, Oct 14, 1910.

Edward Whitson, judge of the federal district court for the eastern district of Washington died at his home in Spokane Saturday evening about 6:30 o'clock.

In 1874 Judge Whitson was auditor of Yakima county. In 1876 he was elected a member of the legislature. He was admitted to the bar in 1878.

...He organized the first bank and was its president for a time. He helped to organize the Commercial club and was twice president of the organization. He was always a Republican and for many years regularly attended all the conventions. As Yakima county's representative on the floor of the

Republican state convention he placed Wesley L. Jones in nomination for Congressman in 1898 and regularly thereafter performed the same duty every two years until the last convention he attended prior to his appointment. He was chosen chairman of that body.

..Until 1905 when the judge received his appointment on the bench...

..His efforts to build up the Yakima country were tireless.

In 1899 he began to plan to store the water in the lakes at the head of the Yakima river and brought J.B. Lippincott, the leading irrigation engineer of the Pacific coast here to make a report on the project. He had partially arranged to finance this great scheme when the government took it up on a still more elaborate plan.

Judge Whitson was 58 years old. He was born in Oregon and was the son of B. F. and Eliza Whitson. In 1885 he married Nellie Bateman.

Judge and Mrs. Whitson were for many years active in all social matters in North Yakima..

The oldest daughter, Clara, recently married a Spokane man and has taken up her home there. The younger, Marion, lives at the family home in that city. The judge had one brother here, A.B. Whitson who is among the early settlers.

Mrs. Bruce Melroy is his niece.. Yakima Republic, Oct. 14, 1910.

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R.O. Dunbar

R.O. Dunbar, the well known member from the Eleventh district, was born in Illinois, April 26, 1845, crossed the plains to Oregon in 1846, was educated in the Willamette university. Studied law in Olympia with Hon. Elwood Evans and was admitted to the bar in 1870. Has been practicing his profession in the territory ever since, excepting about a year and a half devoted to the practice of law in The Dalles, Ore. Removed to Goldendale in Klickitat county in 1877 where he has resided ever since. In 1883 was elected probate judge of Klickitat county and also a member of the territorial council. Served as a member of the legislature in the council in the session of 1879 and was chairman of the judiciary committee and an active member of other committees. In 1882 was elected prosecuting attorney of the district of Clarke, Skamania, Klickitat, Yakima and Kittitas counties, was speaker of the legislature (house) in the fall of 1885. Is in favor of submitting the question of prohibition and woman suffrage to the people by separate amendments. Mr. Dunbar has been a prominent candidate for congressional honors before the last three republican territorial conventions, but his failure to secure the nomination did not dampen his ardor for the republican party, as he made an earnest canvass of the territory for his successful rival each time.--Yakima Herald, North Yakima, Washington Territory, July 18, 1889.

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Walter J. Reed.

Yakima Historical--Cle Elum
Roslyn

Hon Walter J. Reed, state senator of ~~Yakima~~ Yakima and Benton counties for the past two years and ex mayor of North Yakima died Monday evening at his home at the head of South Second avenue north after an illness extending over a year.

Member of the 63rd regiment Penn. volunteers...

He came to this section in 1879--located on a soldier's claim in what is now the city of North Yakima in 1879 and has since lived in the valley..

In 1886 before the completion of the NP railroad (Copy) he took up the present site of Cle Elum as a pre-emption claim. He moved his family there, discovered and helped develop the coal fields surrounding Cle Elum and Roslyn. It was through his efforts that much of the progress of these two towns were made.

During adm. of President McKinley he was appointed register of U.S. land office and was recognized as one of the most faithful and efficient officers.

He was elected state senator of the district that includes Yakima and Benton counties as now constituted, in 1904, defeating A.J. Splawn. Repb~~000~~ Republican.

During his term as senator was elected mayor of North Yakima over H.H. Lombard.

Senator Reed was a member of the law firm of Reed & Krutz of which Ira M. Krutz was junior partner. ...the Yakima Herald, Dec. 18, 1908.

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Matt Bartholet

Matt Bartholet, who came to the Yakima valley 45 years ago and was a pioneer merchant in Old Town and Yakima died at Olympia Friday night at the age of 66 according to word received here.

During part of his merchanting career the pioneer was associated in partnership with Henry Ditter, father of Phil and Joseph Ditter. For several years he was auditor and treasurer of Yakima county and in Ellensburg he served as mayor.

About 15 years ago he entered the hotel business in Seattle. More recently he moved to Olympia where his son, Charles J. Bartholet, is assistant state hydraulic engineer. The deceased had been in ill health for more than a year.

Another son, J.C. Bartholet is a civil engineer in Seattle. Frank Bartholet of Yakima is a brother and Mrs. Mary Conolly a sister of the deceased. The widow and nine children living on the Sound survive. One daughter, Sister Mary Dolorita was in the Moxee parish last year. Phil and Joseph Ditter are cousins of Matt Bartholet and Mrs. Conolly left Saturday night for Seattle where the funeral services were to be held. Yakima Republic, Jan--1925.

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John Reed

John Reed, brother of Walter J. Reed and one of the pioneers of these parts died at Cle Elum last Saturday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock from diabetes, age 45.

Mr. Reed had been a sufferer from this disease for the past eight years and grew constantly worse until death called. He was born near Cambridge, Ohio on September 28, 1858, was educated in Pennsylvania State Soldiers' college from which he graduated at the age of 17 when he entered the employment of Negly & Co. coal operators as bookkeeper, remaining with them 10 years.

He migrated to Red Bluff Cal. where he engaged in the lumber business, manufacturing and in the spring of 1878 arrived in the Yakima valley where he resided until 1892 when he moved with his family to Cle Elum.

He was one of the men who blazed the trail and made Yakima valley a garden spot. He was a member of the city council of North Yakima six years and mayor of the city in 1893.

He was the first secretary of the state fair commission, being appointed a member of the board by Gov. McGraw and held the position five years. He was chairman of the Republican county committee in 1892 when Snively and McGraw were candidates for governor. He was elected a councilman of Cle Elum last December. Yakima Herald, August 12, 1903.

Mrs. George H. Watt

Among older residents of Yakima has the news of the death of Mrs. George H. Watt on Tuesday, July 23, caused sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Mattoon, the parents of Mrs. Watt, removed to Yakima from Clackamas county, Ore., thirty one years ago when the deceased, then little Annie Mattoon, was but four years old. They settled in the Parker Bottom district where they lived for a number of years and then moved to Yakima.

Miss Mattoon was a very apt scholar and completed her education and soon given a position of teacher of a district school. Her services were in ready demand and she taught in the schools of Parker Bottom, Natchez, Wenas, Kittitas, Yakima city and several terms in the schools of North Yakima.

In June, 1893, she married George H. Watt, a teacher in the public schools who was subsequently made a member of the faculty of the state agricultural college at Pullman where Mr. and Mrs. Watt went to abide. They arrived from Pullman on the 3rd. Had the deceased lived until the fourth of October, she would have been 36 years of age--Yakima Herald, July 25, 1895.

John W. Goodwin

John W. Goodwin of Yakima, one of the pioneers closely associated with the history of the Yakima valley since his arrival in the Cowiche in 1867, died at 11:30 last night at the home of his son at 516 South Seventh street at the age of 80.

He was among those whose vision of what the valley might become was vindicated.

Goodwin came west with his parents in a wagon train and was one of the few who proved up on his preemption claim on a tract on Parker bottom near Donald on which he lived till last October, a period of over half a century. In the early days all supplies had to be freighted from The Dalles as there were no railroads through the valley.

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In all of his life he had no quarrels with anyone and his word was accepted as good wherever he went.

He is survived by his wife, Catherin Goodwin, who moved with him to Yakima a few months ago; two sons, A.E. Goodwin of Donald and C.D. Goodwin of Yakima; and two daughters, Mrs. Lulu Butts and Mrs. A.B. Wilcox of Yakima.

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he is the only one of the pioneers who settled on a place and remained on it through such vicissitudes as the great frost of 1881 and the hard times of '98 and '07, and retained the original property clear of indebtedness for his declining years.

He was a man with a great capacity for developing friendships and was the most popular resident of his community.

Funeral services will be held from the Saw-Huston chapel at 10:30 on Saturday morning--Yakima Daily Republic January 3, 1924.

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Mrs. Virinda Longmire

Mrs. Virinda Longmire, aged 82 years, widow of James Longmire died in North Yakima Monday almost 4 p.m. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Talatha Kandle, 113 South Seventh street. Mrs. Longmire was a member of the first party of white people who ever passed through this valley and was probably the last lady surviving of that original train.

In September and October 1853 she and her husband together with 153 others, the wagon train consisting of thirty-five ox wagons passed through this valley, up through the Wenas and over the Naches to Longmire Springs in Thurston county where Mrs. Longmire and her husband made their home. Later her son, David Longmire returned to this valley and made his home on the property in the Wenas where the party had camped on its way through. He has been a resident here for forty years and one after the other... (lines duplicated)

Mrs. Longmire and her husband started from Indiana and were six months in making the trip through to Thurston county. They and the others with them were the first party to cross the range north of the Dalles all their predecessors having gone by way of the Columbia river. Other members of the party were George Himes, now secretary of the Oregon Historical Society and also of the Oregon Pioneers Association and Mr. Gilstrap of Tacoma of the Washington Historical Society. These two gentlemen with George Longmire whom they frequently visit, a couple of years ago went over the old route and hope some day to mark it with monuments.

To Mr. and Mrs. Longmire belongs the honor of having founded in Washington a family which now numbers over 160 members and which is larger than that of any other family of the pioneers in Washington.

or Oregon with one Oregon exception/

James Longmire, who had served several times in the territorial legislature and who had held various county offices in Thurston county died in August, 1897 and Mrs. Longmire for the past eleven months had been in Yakima visiting various of her children who live here. She was in ill health when she came and her death resulted from the physical weakness of old age.

The children who survive her are Elcaine Longmire, who lives at Longmire springs; David of Yakima; Mrs. Talatha Kandle of this city; Mrs. Laura Longmire of Sequim; John Longmire and Mrs. Melissa Rice of Yelm; Robert who is sheriff of Pierce county and Frank of Tacoma and George and O of Yakima. Two children are dead. Mrs. Longmire was a member of the Christian church and her body will be buried at Yelm alongside that of her husband according to the rites of the church. Yakima Herald, February 14, 1912.

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Mystery

Judge I.H. Brooks of Yakima City died on Saturday, April 18.

The immediate cause of death was blood poisoning and recently his mind had given away.

The judge was an old resident of this county, a resident of New York and came to this county 20 years ago. He was a man of much ability and occupied the office of probate judge previous to the incumbency of S.O. Morford.

Some months ago he sold his ranch for \$3,800 but neither the proceeds of the sale nor any papers relating to his affairs can be found.

It is believed that during his mental derangement he cunningly buried or otherwise secreted them.

The judge was 74 years of age and had no relatives in this country. Yakima Herald, April 23, 1891.

Ab Sunderland, who was a resident of Yakima in early days and who run cattle over this country from '71 to '84 spent several days in this city last week, greeting old friends.

Mr. Sunderland is now a resident of the Willamette valley, where he has large possessions and is accounted a rich man. He left on Sunday with Nick McCoy for a trip through the Okanogan country. Yakima Herald, May 7, 1891.

Who the First Settlers were That Peopled Central Washington

In the early days of the sixties and later, Deacon Elisha Tanner, one of nature's noblemen, made wagon excursions driving also bands of cattle out into the prolific grass fields of Camas prairie, and made expeditions over into the Ahtanum.

Noah Chapman was also one of those soon to enter the charming country, and George Gilmer, a Virginian, who had been much connected with government work as teamster at The Dalles, made his home on pine flat where is now a postoffice bearing his name. There was but little cattle ranging in the Klickitat of Yakima until after the Indians were gathered upon the Yakima agency when Father Wilbur was appointed agent. Soon thereafter large bands of cattle began to run and multiply.

Benjamin Snipes of The Dalles and H.H. Allen, now of North Yakima were among the cattle kings of those endless bunch grass fields with an eye to permanent occupancy was Filden M. Thorp, a Missourian, who came to Oregon in 1844 and was adventurous even beyond the average of his countrymen, who were daring as Goths.

Like Sol Enrick at Celilo, he petrified the Hudson Bay people by safely shooting the Cascades in a canoe. In 1858 he was at the site of Goldendale and in 1861 made a home in the uninhabited Moxee valley. Life here was eventful by reason of constant struggles single handed with untamed nature and on account of occasional threats of Indians of whom old Smohallaah, the arch prophet, was chief. But with that peculiarity firm fibre, that makes up the epic spinal column of the frontiersman. he overawed the Indians and outweathered the storms.

His son, Leonard P. Thorp, who bore fully as bold a part, lives in opulence three miles from North Yakima. In 1856 George W. Goodwin of

Illinois located in company with his parents, the claim now lies between the two Yakimas, ~~Goodwin~~ being the first settlement in the vicinity. His father's house was the first in old Yakima, and the grave of his mother, who died in the December following settlement, was the first in the cemetery of the city. Mr. Goodwin, who is a live man, may as truly as any one be named the founder of Yakima--Oregonian, July, 1880.

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Mrs. Lucy ^{Tanner}~~Turner~~ died at her home in the Ahtanum valley Feb. 18th, 1892 of la grippe and old age.

Mrs. Tanner was born in Warren, Conn., Oct. 25, 1812, her maiden name being Carter.

She was married to Elish Tanner in 1835 and immediately after journeyed to Illinois where they made their home for 15 years.

Catching the western fever they crossed the plains by ox team, arriving at Forest Grove, Oregon, in 1891 (copy) After

spending another 15 years in and about that place they removed to Washington and in '70 were among the first settlers of the Ahtanum valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Tanner were pioneers nearly all of their lifetime and pioneers of the highest type. They carried the Christian principles and Christian institutions with them wherever they went. They moved to Illinois when the foundation of churches and colleges were being laid and Mr. Tanner's brother became president of Illinois college. Mr. and Mrs. Tanner, while at Forest Grove, rendered acceptable aid to the Congregational church, the Tualatin academy and the Pacific university.

On coming to the Yakima country twenty-two years ago they immediately started a Sunday school in their own house and three years after were the leaders in the organization of the Ahtanum Congregational church, being thus the prime movers in the organization of the first Sunday school and the first Protestant church in central Washington.

Mr. Tanner was drowned some 10 or 12 years ago while trying to ford the Yakima river at the point where the Nelson bridge now stands.

It was Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. Tanner were trying to cross the swift stream for the purpose of attending church. The horses became entangled in the harness and Mr. Tanner was swept away, his wife narrowly escaped the same fate.

The deceased leaves two children, Mrs. G.W. Carey of Spokane and Mrs. S.T. Vivian of the Ahtanum, who will mourn the loss of a kind and gentle mother and a noble Christian woman--Yakima Herald, February 25, 1892.