

Stephen King (1818-1852)

Madison & Franklin Counties, Ohio—Carroll County
Missouri—Polk County/Benton County, Oregon Country

Born July 13, 1818 Madison County, Ohio

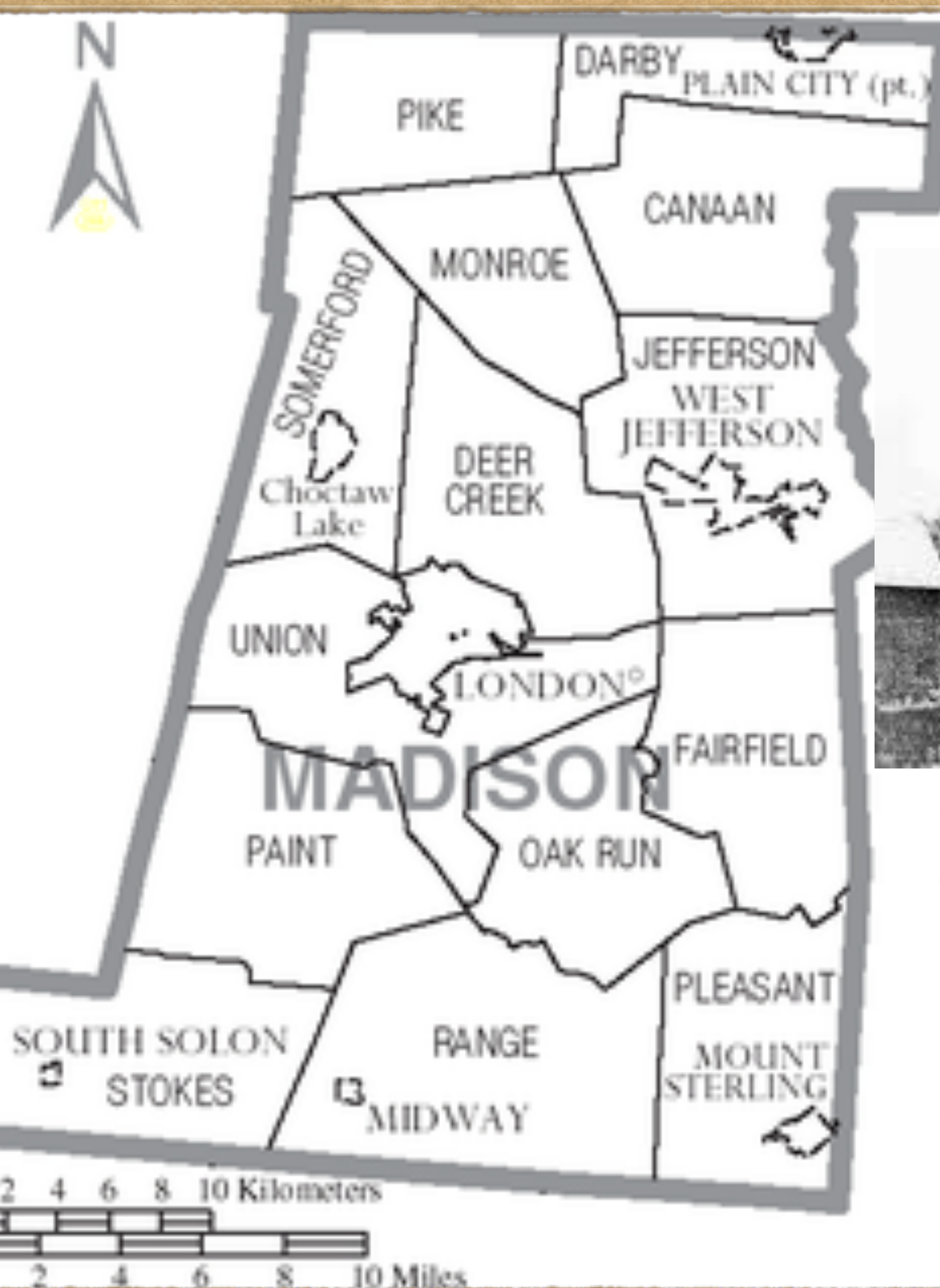
Which was formed in 1810.

The country was recovering from The War of 1812, which Stephen's father, Nahum, served from Delaware County, Ohio. Madison County was established in 1810 is near present-day London, Ohio. Franklin County was established in 1803 near present day Columbus, which became the state capital in 1812. These counties were primarily agricultural. Canaan township and Darby Township are in the NE part of Madison County.

He is the seventh child of Nahum and Sarepta Norton King and their second son.

The family moved here from Enfield, Hartford, Connecticut where they lived for a short time in 1810. They remained in Ohio almost 30 years until after 1840 (Franklin County, Ohio Census) when they moved to Carroll County, Missouri.







CARROLL COUNTY COURT HOUSE, CARROLLTON, MO.

Stephen married Anna Maria Allen
Christmas Day, 1843
Carroll County, MO

She was born March 26, 1822, Enfield,
Hampshire County, Massachusetts.
Her parents, John Allen (1776-1842)
and Anna Bangs Allen (1785-1860)
had moved to Canaan, Madison
County, Ohio in 1841 and Anna Maria
left with Stephen King and his family
four years later for Oregon Country.

Enfield, MA was flooded in 1938
with the creation of Quabbin
Reservoir, to provide more
drinking water for Boston, MA



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Anna Maria(h) King, wife of Stephen (1822-1905)

ANNA MARIE (MARIA) ALLEN KING
MARCH 26, 1822-SEPTEMBER 30, 1905

IN THE GRAVE.

Death and Burial of Mrs. Sol
King—One More Pioneer
Gone.

Annie Maria, the wife of Sol King, died at the family home near Corvallis last Saturday evening after an extended illness. She was one of the earliest settlers of Benton, having settled in Kings Valley in the spring of 1846, nearly sixty years ago. She was born in Ohio in April 1822, and was aged 83 years, six months and four days. She resided in Ohio until 1841 when she moved to Missouri, and after four years there, she left by ox team for Oregon in the spring of 1845. The train arrived at Lynton, on the Willamette on the last day of November, 1845. The details of the long journey are recounted in a letter written April 1st, 1846, from Kings Valley, which letter is still in existence in the East and which appeared in the TIMES June 21st last.

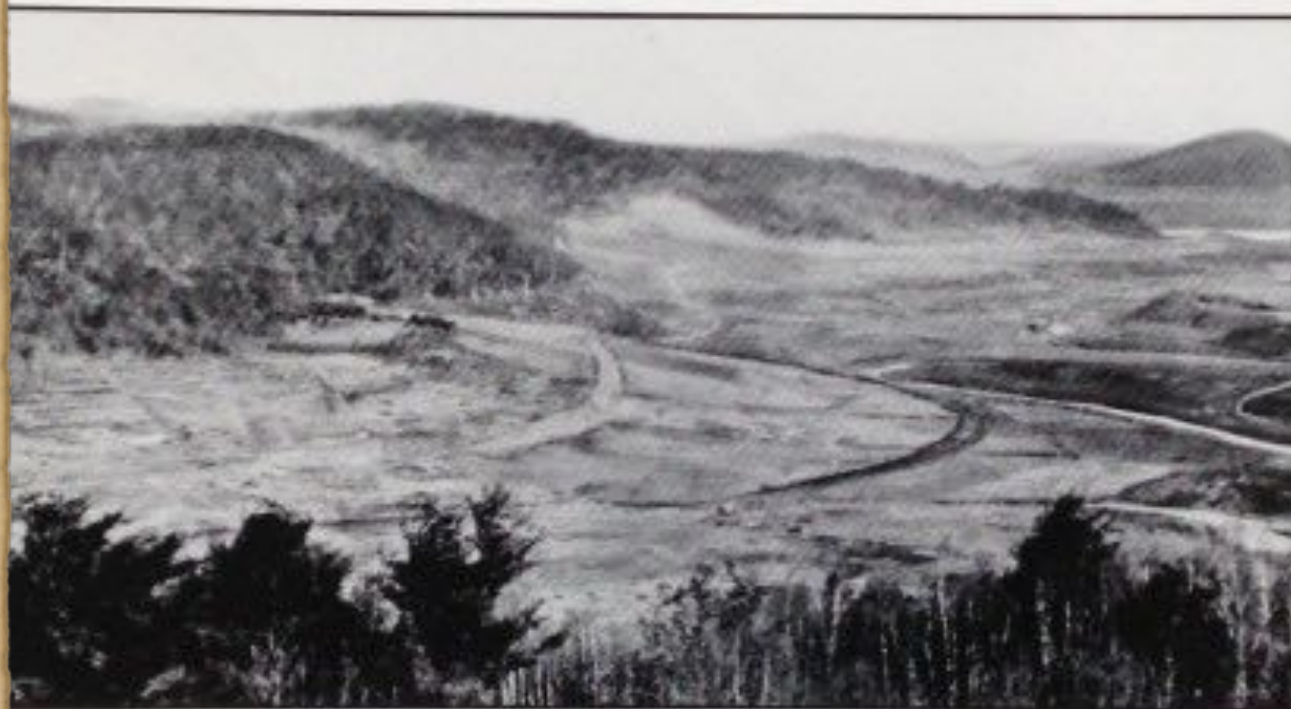
The funeral occurred from the late home Monday forenoon, and the service was conducted by Rev. Bush. The interment was in Odd Fellows cemetery. Surviving members of the family are, Mrs. W. B. Kiger, Scott King, Eli King, Abe King, William King, and the husband.

(The Corvallis Times; Corvallis, Oregon; Wednesday, October 4, 1905.)



Town Hall, 1938. Enfield, MA





Quabbin Reservoir



Enfield 1927



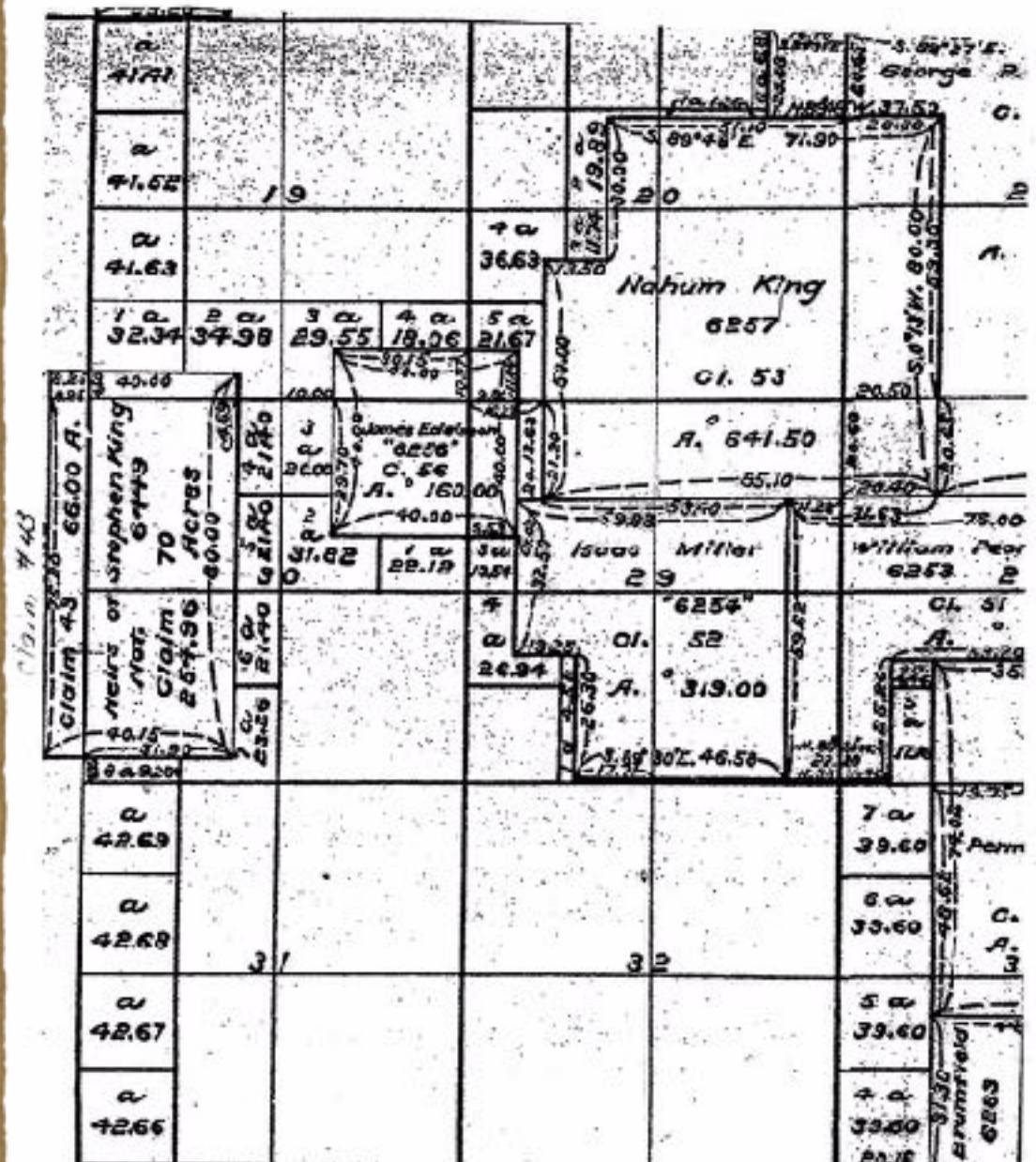
In the spring of 1845 Stephen and Anna Maria King traveled to Oregon County with Stephen's extended family. They spent the first winter on the Tualitin plains, near Gales Creek and present-day Forest Grove. In the spring of 1846 they traveled by Hudson's Bay Pack Trail into the Kings Valley/Wren area of Polk County.

Benton County was created from Polk County Dec. 23, 1847. Many pioneer residents still traveled to Dallas, Polk County, Oregon to do business as it was an easier road than to Corvallis, Cardwell Hill Rd built before 1855.

Letter from Luckiamute Valley, OR April 1, 1846
signed Stephen and Mariah King

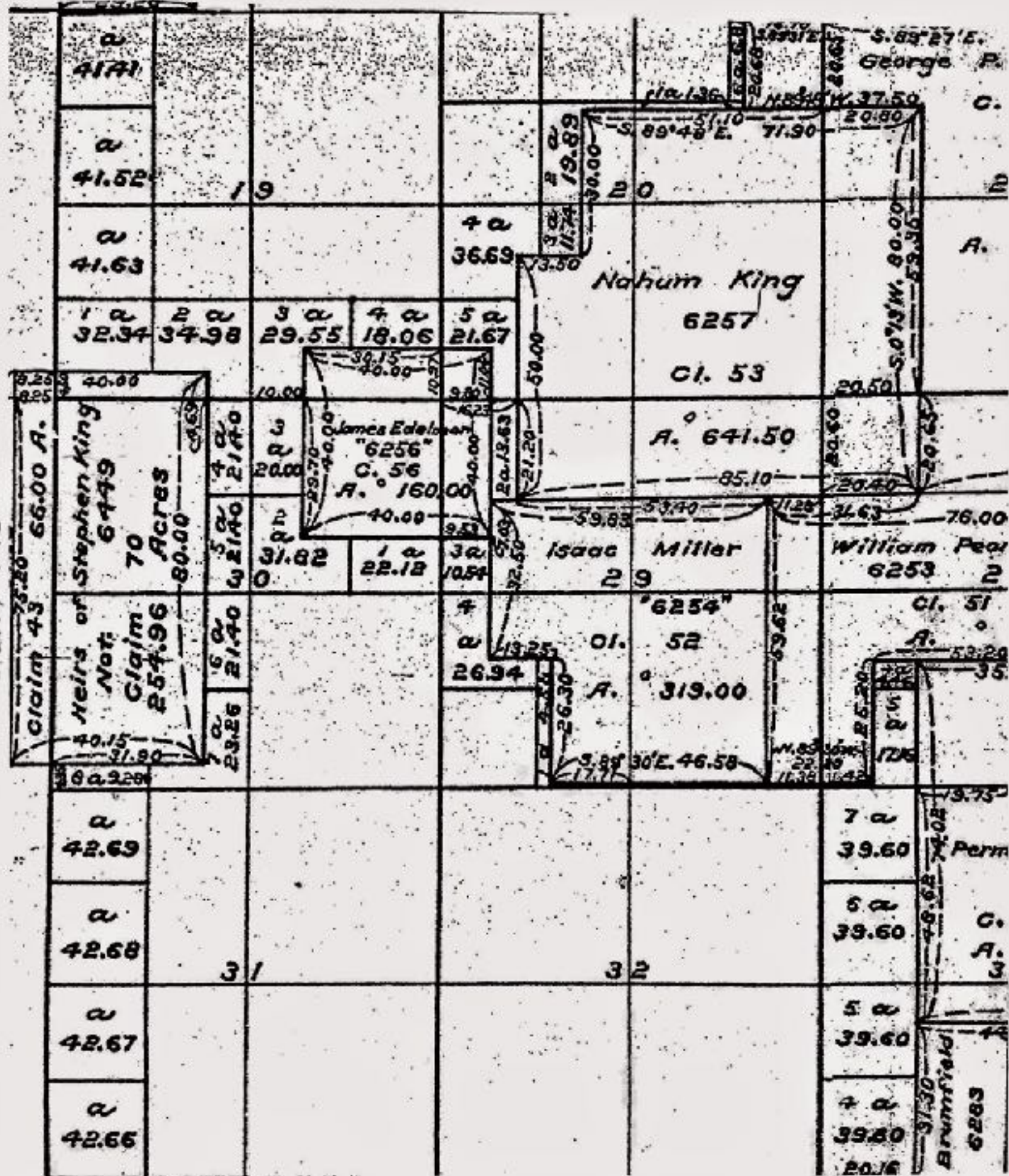
- ◆ “...Stephen was taken with the fever at Fort Boise. He has not been well since we left Ohio, but was now taken worse. He was sick for three months. We did not expect him to live for a long time, but he is now well and hearty, getting fatter every day...”
- ◆ Possible illnesses were consumption or tuberculosis and a lingering sickness called “mountain fever” which could be malaria or typhoid fever. Anna believed it to be consumption.
- ◆ Stephen would live 6 more years. He died Nov. 28, 1852. Oregon was not yet a state when he died. It was known as Oregon Territory. It became a state in 1859.
- ◆ In those six years let us see what Stephen accomplished.

His neighbors John Phillips and Nahum King, his father, signed the affidavit. Anna Maria King was appointed guardian of the heirs Oct. 1853. On Jan. 9, 1854 Rowland Chambers was also appointed in that role. It sold in a Sheriff's Sale on mortgage foreclosure April 19, 1941.



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claim #43





Early Friends, Family, and Neighbors



- >Nahum, King and Solomon King, father and brother. Sol King stayed in the area until 1872 when he sold most of his land and holdings and moved to Corvallis. Much of it was sold to James and Sarah Robinson for \$10,000.
- >George P. Wrenn had a DLC just North of original village of Wren. The town of Wren has his name.
- >Jonathan Mason, Barbara Mason, Peter Mason
- >George W Mason's DLC eventually was purchased by 23-year-old Charles Allen King in 1869, \$1800.00
- >Byron P Cardwell, had a cabin on his DLC when Cardwell Hill Road was built in 1855.
It was the shortest route to Corvallis.
- >William Cardwell
- >Oscar F Clark, Came to Oregon in 1847 and lived with the Kings for a time. Friends before coming to Oregon.
Sol King stated he saw Osca & Stephen King ride off and return together from Cayuse Indian Wars, 1848.
- >Perman Henderson, had land where original village of Wren stood
- >William Pearson
- >John Phillips. Sol King purchased this DLC and sold it to Robinsons.
- >Isaac Miller
- >James Edlemam. Sol King purchased this DLC in 1870 and sold it to the Robinsons.
- >James Wood.
- >Eli Summers
- >Samuel Huffman
- >Amos Blakesley
- >Isaac Spawr, had a sawmill near present-day Harris and sold it to Sol King about 1860. Sol sold it to Jonathan and Mary Pitmann in 1874 for \$2,000.
- >George Mason, started a sawmill that later sold to Sol King, about 1865 for \$450.00.

Benton Co. Oregon

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
ON MORTGAGE FORE-
CLOSURE**

On the 19th day of April, 1941,
at the hour of 11:00 o'clock A.
M., of that day at the front and
East door of the County Court
House in the City of Corvallis,
Benton County, Oregon, I shall
sell at public auction to the
highest bidder, for cash, all the
following described real proper-
ty, to-wit:

Lots 3 and 4 in Section 30,
in Township 11 South, of
Range 6 West of the Wil-
lamette Meridian,

ALSO the Donation Land
Claim of the heirs of Ste-
phen King, being Claim No.
70, in Township 11 South of
Range 6 West of the Wil-
lamette Meridian, and Claim
No. 43 in Township 11
South, of Range 7 West of
the Willamette Meridian.

EXCEPTING the follow-
ing:

Beginning at the Southwest
corner of said Claim, run-
ning thence East along the
South line of said Claim to
Mary's River, thence up said
stream to the West line of
said Claim; thence South on
said West line 104 rods to
place of beginning, contain-
ing 17 acres, more or less,
in Benton County, State of
Oregon.

Said sale is held pursuant to
an execution issued from the
office of the Clerk of the Circuit
Court for Benton County, Ore-
gon, in that cause therein pend-



Stephen served in the Cayuse Indian War for 3 months in 1848. Stephen's younger brother, Sol, watched Stephen and Oscar F Clark, a family friend, ride away and return together. They served with the First Regiment with The Oregon Rifleman. On Jan 9, 1848 Colonel Cornelius Gilliam from Polk County, who lived along the Luckiamute river, started out for The Dalles with a contingent of 220 men. Years later, Mary Anne Allen Oscar, widow of Oscar F Clark, applied for a military war pension and Sol King spoke at the deposition.

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To: Anne Trussell <atru02@comcast.net> , Charlotte Wirfs <charwirfs@gmail.com>

Stephen King

Another item: Sol King and Oscar Clark were boyhood friends in Missouri. Clark went directly to the Nahum King place when he arrived in 1847

Years later, Oscar's widow, Mary Ann Allen applied for a pension for Oscar's service in the Cayuse war (Whitman Massacre)

Sol gave a deposition in which he stated that he saw his brother, Stephen King and Oscar Clark ride off together and he saw them return together.

(I did not look it up so my quote is not exact) Anyhow, that information sure would look good in the news letter and Char's running narrative about annual tours.

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Stephen helped his brother-in-law build a gristmill in Kings Valley along the Luckiamute River.

The grist mill was finished in 1853.

Stephen died November 1852.



Stephen and Anna Maria
Allen King had a son,
Charles Allen King, born
Feb. 2, 1848, who lived his
entire life near Harris,
Oregon.

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Name	Stephen King	
Birth	13 Jul 1818	Madison Co, OH
Death	26 Nov 1852	Benton Co, OR
Father	Nahum Amos King (1783-1856)	
Mother	Sarepta Norton (1791-1864)	
Marriage	25 Dec 1843	Madison Co, Ohio
Spouse	Anna Maria Allen	
Birth	26 Mar 1822	Enfield, Hampshire, MA
Death	30 Sep 1905	Corvallis, Benton, OR
Bural		Odd Fellows Cemetery, Corvallis, OR
Father	John Allen	
Mother	Anna Bangs	
Children		
1 M	Charles Allen King¹	
Birth	2 Feb 1848	OR
Death	28 Apr 1915	Harris, Benton, OR
Spouse	Martha Susan Robnett	
Marriage	12 Dec 1869	Benton Co, OR ²
Spouse	Margaret E. Barnes	
Marriage	28 Dec 1897 ³	
Notes for Stephen King	<p>Donation Land Claim # 5196</p> <p>-----</p> <p>couldn't locate in 1850 Census</p> <p>-----</p> <p>"King, Stephen, Benton Co., b. 1818, Madison Co. Oh. Arrived Oregon October/1 Nov. 1845, Settled Claim 1 Nov. 1851. Md. Anna Maria 25 Dec. 1843, Madison Co. Oh. Stephen King d. 28 Nov. 1852. Oct. 1853 Anna Maria King was appt. guardian of heirs by Abraham N. Locke, Judge of Probate Court. 9 Jan. 1854 Rowland Chambers was appt. guardian by same judge. Anna Maria King md. 2nd Solomon King Nov. 1853."</p> <p>xxxxxxxxxxxx</p> <p>"Memories of Wren, Oregon" by the Wren Historical Society, November 1998.</p> <p>"By 1870, the census indicated that Charles King's real estate was valued at \$3,000 and his personal property at \$747. Charles and Susan had three children, Anna Maria in 1870, Edward in 1871, and Adella in 1875...But things did not go well for them and then Charles and Susan broke up in 1892. After Susan moved out, Charles sued for divorce on the grounds of desertion. Susan quit-claimed all of her interest in the Stephen King and George Mason DEC to Charles King for \$800..."</p>	
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Marriage	28 Dec 18973

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What Became of Anna Maria and Charles after Stephen King's death.

- ♦ Stephen King's younger brother, Solomon King, married Anna Maria November 23, 1853. Sol was age 20. Anna age 31.
- ♦ About 1856 Sol, Anna Maria, and Charles lived on his father's farm near Wren. Sol purchased other land in that area, farmed, and ran a sawmill until 1872-74 when he sold out in the Wren area and moved to Corvallis to set up a livery business.
- ♦ Sol and Anna Maria remained there until their deaths, raising 6 children to adulthood.
- ♦ Charles King remained in the Wren/Harris area, named after George H Harris, who settled there 1890. It was renamed Elam (which did not stick) when the PO opened in 1893. Charles logged his father's land as well as his own land near Harris. He married twice to Martha Susan Robinette , and had 3 children. After divorcing Susan, he married Margaret E Barnes and had a daughter, Ethel Jane King Morgan (1899-1977).

**Charles Allen King (1848-1915)
married Martha Susan Robnette (1852-1919)
Dec. 12, 1869. After 25 years this marriage ended in
divorce (about 1892).**

**Susan moved out and Charles filed on grounds of
desertion. Her 2nd husband was
Thomas C Casey, married about 1900.**

Three Children were born to the marriage of Charles & Susan:

- > Charles Edward King (1871-1949) who married Minnie M Harrison.**
- > Anna Maria King (1873-1938) never married. Wren Cemetery.**
- > Adella King (1875-1954) married Samuel Creed Turner about 1875.**



Children of Charles Allen King and Susan

**Charles Edward King
(1871-1949)
and
Anna Maria (1873-1938)**

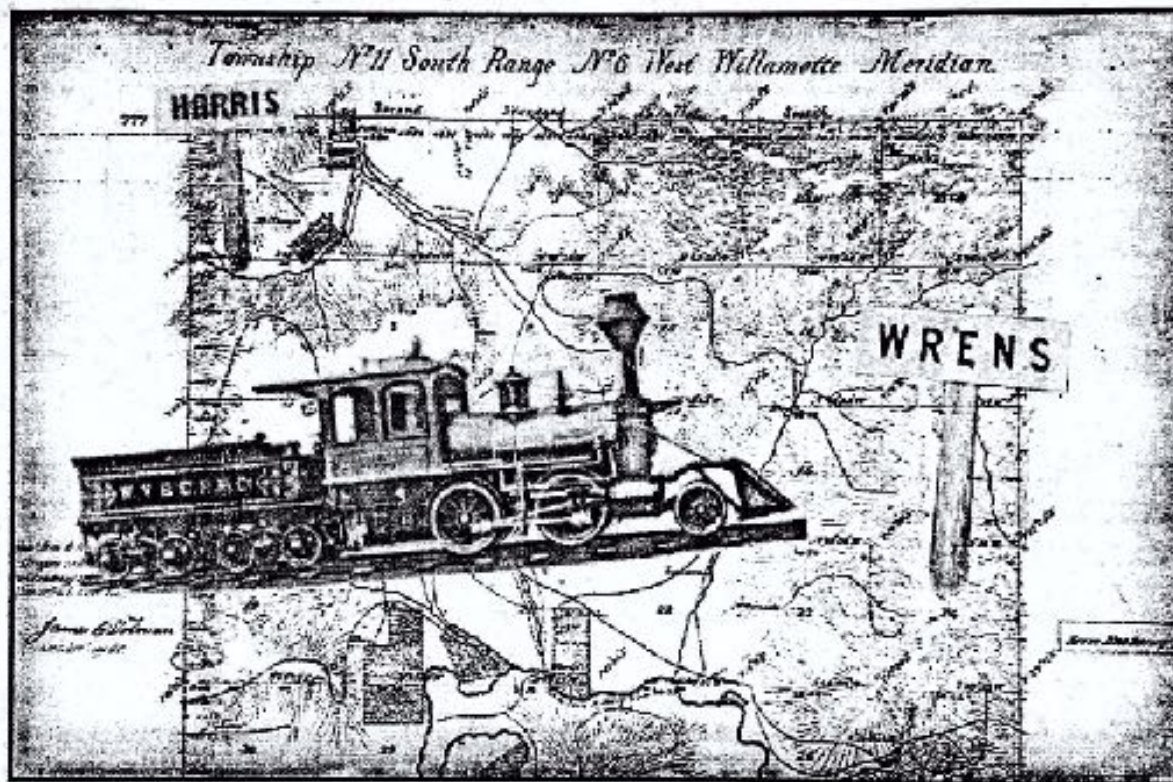


**Charles King
(1848-1915) and
daughter, Ethel
Jane King
Morgan
(1889-1997)**

Ethel was the only
child of Charles
second
wife, Margret E
Barnes (1861-1927)



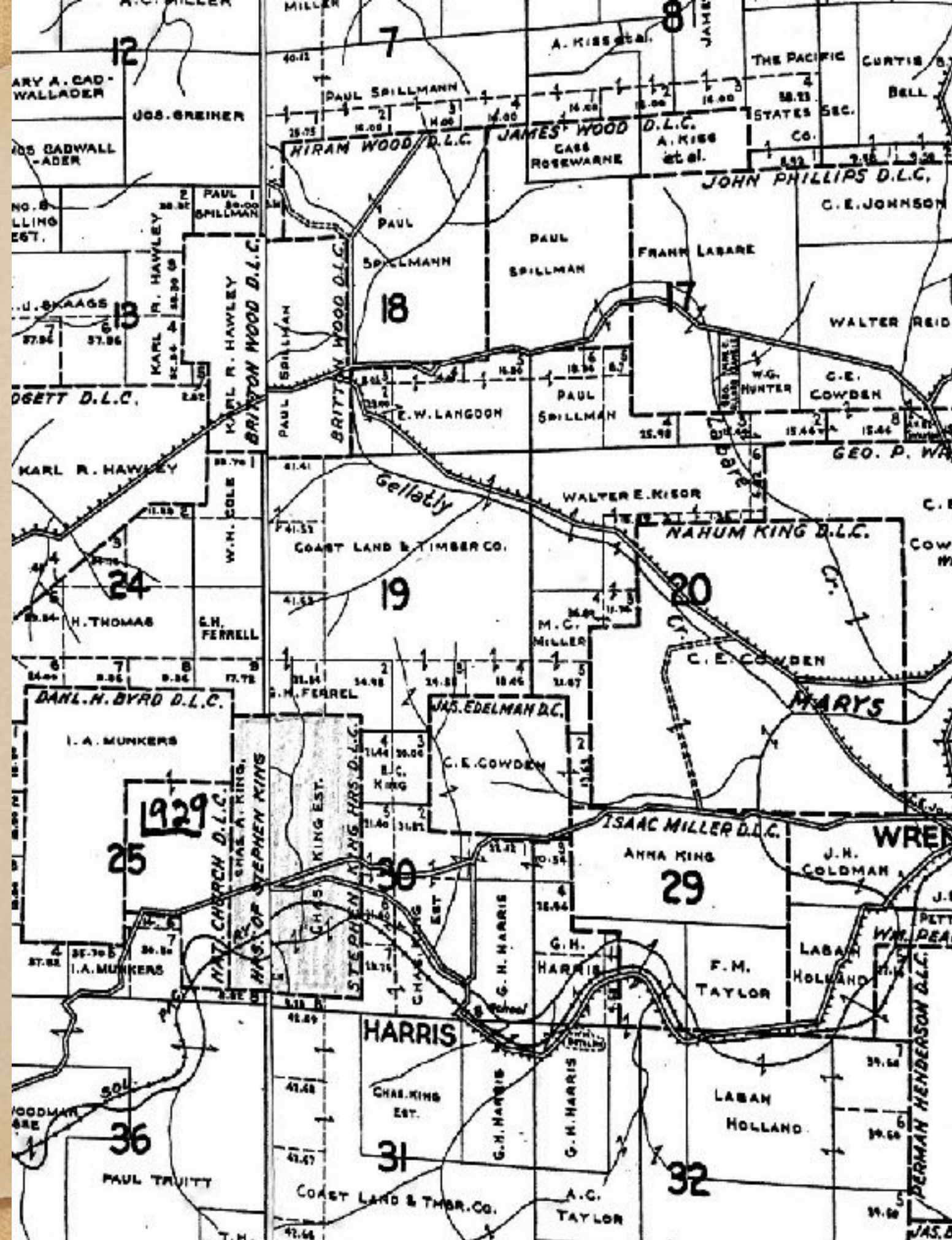
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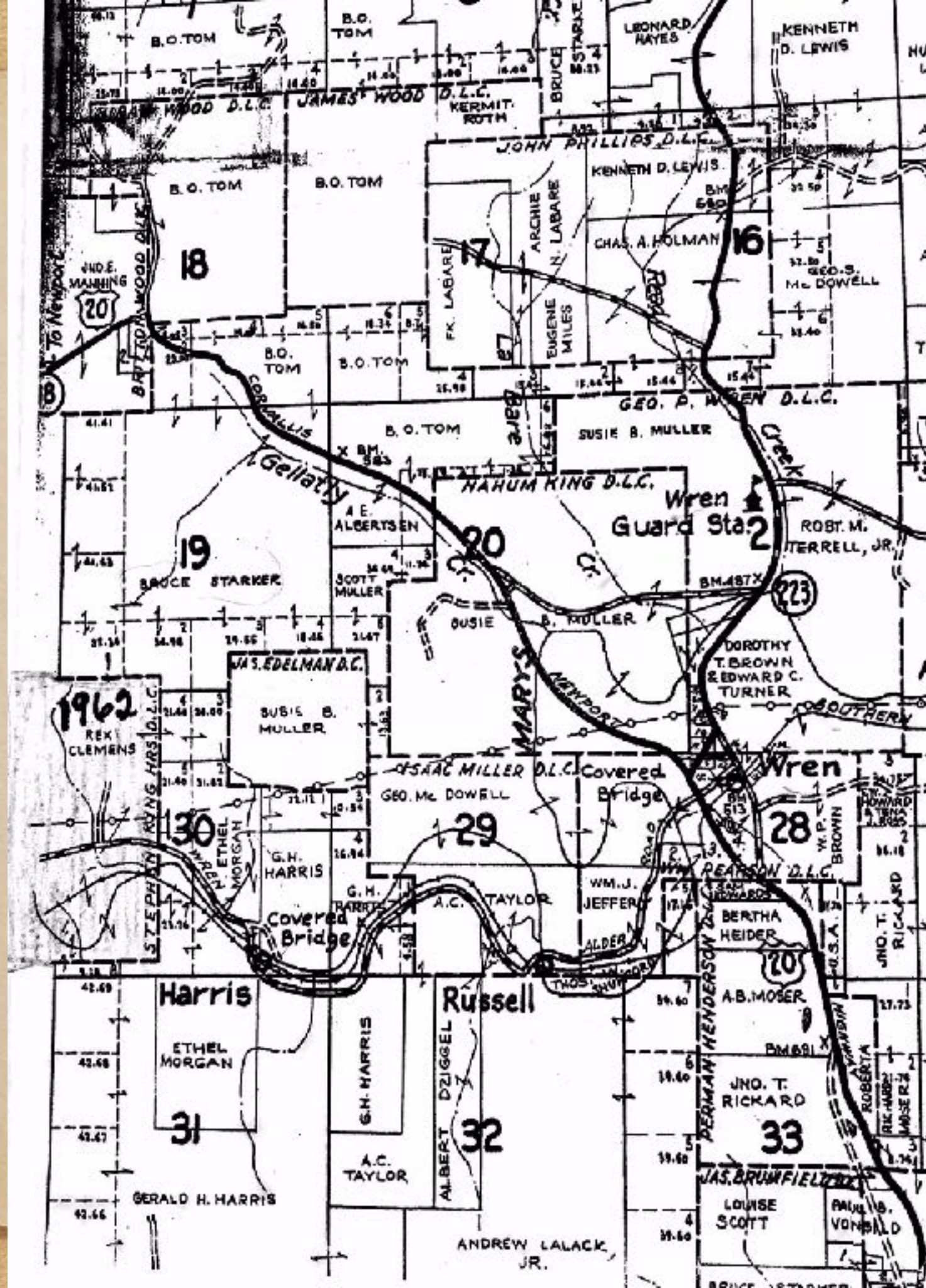


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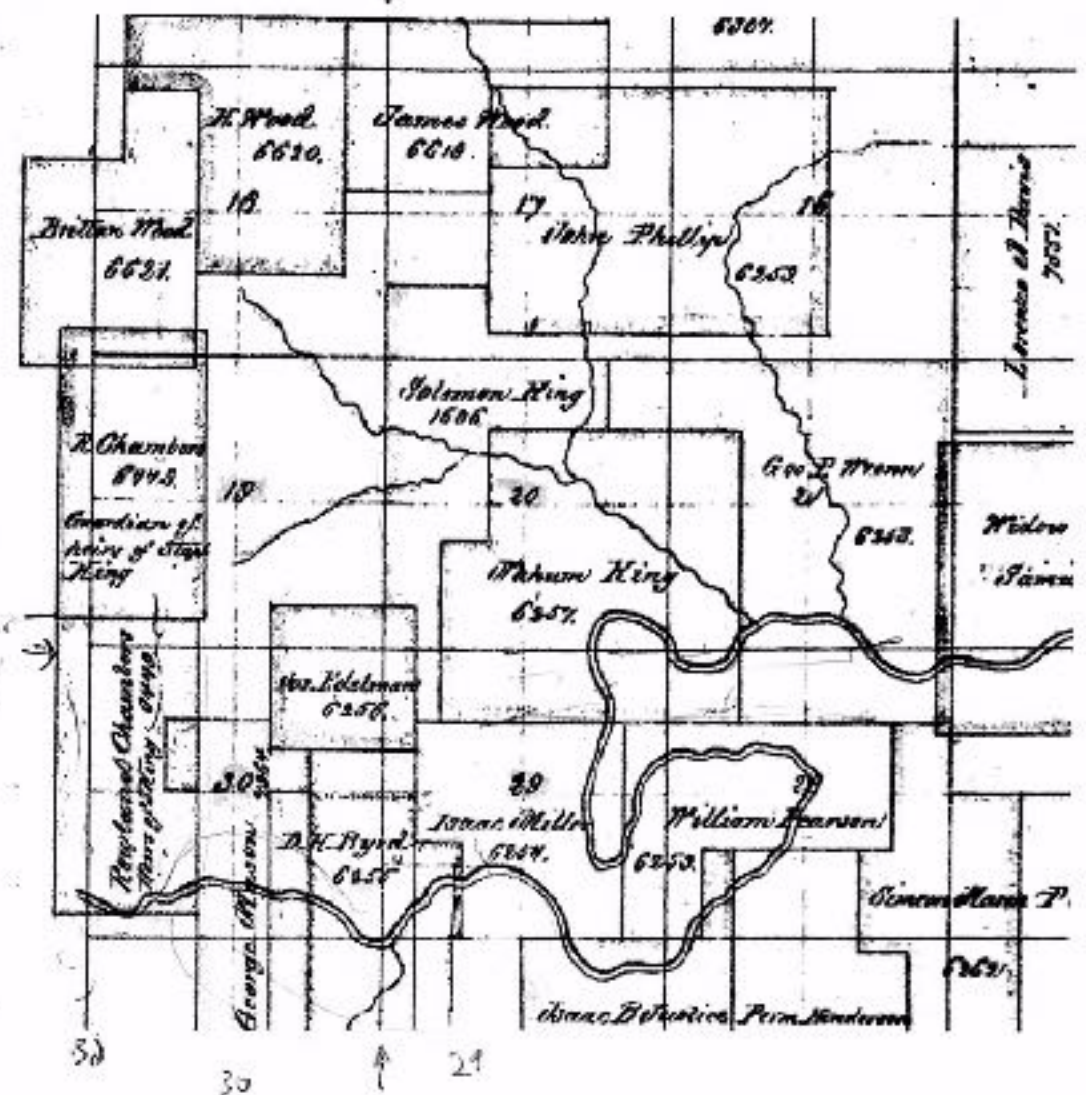








The settlers soon learned that the land near Wren and Harris grew trees better than any other crop. Charles King logged Stephen's land as well as his own. Later names like Starker Brothers and Rex Clemens were huge timber land owners in the area. Just last year Stephen's land was logged again.



On Jul 2, 2016, at 10:21 AM, egreiq@peak.org wrote:

Hi,
We are trying to locate the approximate location of the Stephen King grave. Stephen is buried on his DLC (Similar to his brother Isaac King).

The grave is unmarked. It appears that Starker Forest may be the present owner and if so, we can get permission to furnish a monument. Could you get us some information similar to what you are furnishing for Amos King?

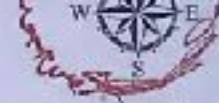
Bill Dixon and I have interviewed some old timers in the Harris area. Harris is not far from Wren and not far from the Nahum King DLC. It appears the grave was fairly well marked until the land was logged and the rock markers were dozed. We can't even find out where that

spot was

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STEPHEN KING
Red x indicates
location of grave.



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- ♦ **History of Benton County Oregon, David D Fagan, Portland, Oregon; AG Walling, printer, lithographer Etc.; 1885.**
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- ♦ **Benton County Land and Survey Maps of Tsgp Range; Benton County, Oregon.**
- ♦ **Benton County Topography and Soils Maps**
- ♦ **Family Research Records by Earle Greig.**
- ♦ **ancestry.com; King Folk, by King Family of Oregon.**
- ♦ **King Family Obituary Collection, compiled by King Family Historian, David Trask of Medford, OR; Stephen King Binder.**
- ♦ **Two Years in Oregon, by Wallis Nash, published by D Appleton & Co., 1882**

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