

Children and grandchildren:

1. James--b. 1942.

Anthony Louis--b. 6/19/1966.

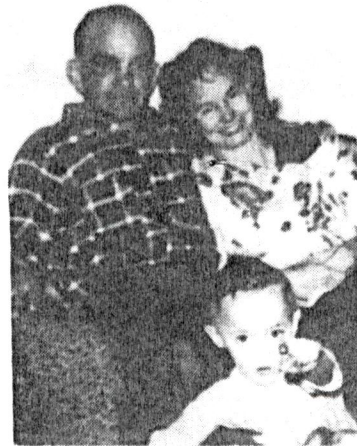
Matthew--b. 6/15/1968.



Jimmy



Selden and
Grandfather Putnam



Selden, Rose
and Jimmy



MARY

AILEEN

EDWARDS

Aileen was born June 22, 1911, on the Webley James Edwards ranch west of Mayville, Oregon. This ranch was sold to Orva Dyer, a cousin of Bert's, in later years and then became known as the Orva Dyer Ranch. In the fall of 1911, when Aileen was but a few months old, the family moved to Independence.

Her earliest recollections were of visiting at the home of her grandmother and grandfather Putnam, which was about a mile west of Independence. One incident which is still very vivid in her memory, was a party at her grandparents house given by her aunts, Zaidee and Gladys, for their friends. She was being tossed in the air by the young people until finally her head hit a light bulb and all the lights in the house went out. Everyone thought this very funny but Aileen. At another time, her father took her out to the hop yards where they met a chinaman who gave her an orange. The chinaman and the orange were both very strange to her. Another incident she remembers was playing in a hay loft of an old barn, and the older children would tell the younger ones that the 'boogey man' would get them if they didn't stay hidden. Needless to say, this frightened the younger children which, of course, was what was intended. Somehow our parents found out and put a stop to it, or so they thought.

It was fun to go to the grandparents house, as there were all kinds of old buildings and a big yard to play in. Part of their place was across the highway, with a large berry patch and a slaughterhouse. There was a board sidewalk from the back porch of the house to the back yard gate and it seemed very high to a little girl, but so much fun to play on. There was an old hand pump on the back porch where they had to pump their water for the house. It seemed to be a very big house, two stories, with a very steep stairway going to the upper floor.



Aileen at grandparent's.

The family moved to Corvallis when Aileen was about four years old, and then there was the college campus to play on. To four small children, this was very exciting. When she was five years old, the family moved to the ranch in Eastern Oregon. There were many new things for a five-year old to learn. Horseback riding, fishing, wading and swimming in the creek, doing the chores.

Aileen received her elementary education at the country school on Thirty-mile Creek, about two and one-half miles from the ranch. She spent the first part of the ninth grade at this school and the last three months at Mayville High School, which was seven miles from home. She rode horseback every day from the ranch. Her mother was sick with rheumatism at the time and could do no housework, so Aileen would get up in the morning, wash the supper dishes left from the night before, cook breakfast and go to school. In the afternoon when she arrived home, the routine was to wash the breakfast and lunch dishes, cook supper and go to bed. With so much work to do on the ranch, father had no time for housework except to make lunch for he and mother. Aileen rode Pronto to school until he gave out one afternoon on the way home. It was no wonder, as she ran him the whole way, day after day, except for up hill and down hill.

During her second and third year in high school, she attended Wheeler County High School in Fossil, boarding with the Rettie family who lived in town during the school year. The Retties owned the ranch adjoining the Edwards ranch. She attended Monmouth High School in the Willamette Valley during her senior year, living at the home of her grandmother and grandfather Putnam. During this year, she went out for sports and was on the girl's championship basketball team.

During her first year at Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis, she lived in Waldo Hall, a girl's dormitory, and worked in the dining room to help earn expenses. The next year and one-half, her parents were living in Corvallis, as her father was working for the Oregon State Grange there, and she lived at home with them.

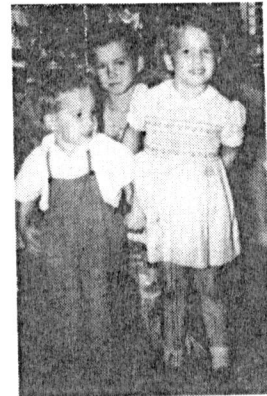
She majored in secretarial training, but due to the lack of funds, had to discontinue college after two and one-half years. She went back to the ranch to live for awhile, as her mother was again sick and unable to do the housework. After her mother's health improved, she went to Fossil and got a job doing housework for \$10 a month, room and board. This was great, as she had a little money to buy clothes with and there were good times to be had. During the winter of 1933-34, she worked for a family in Portland, at the same wage.

In 1934, Aileen was employed by the County Agent's office of Wheeler County, in Fossil, as secretary, receiving the large sum of \$40 a month.

She was employed by the Soil Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, in 1935 as Clerk-Typist at \$125 per month. The office was located in Condon, but was transferred to Pendleton in 1938. In November 1939, she resigned her position to marry Wallace Townsend, going to Los Angeles, California, to live. They were married in Yuma, Arizona, on November 11, by a Presbyterian minister, Raymond C. Acheson.

Children and grandchildren:

1. Lew Wallace - b. 9/18/1942.
2. Phyllis Darlene - b. 7/1/1947;
m. (1) 6/28/1964 to Donald Bergstrom,
(2) 4/26/1975 to Douglas Pianka.
Shelley Christine - b. 3/20/1967
Jason Lee - b. 10/29/1970
3. Gary Michael - b. 1/9/1949.



Gary, Lew
and Phyllis



Shelley Christine



Jason Lee

THE TOWNSEND STORY

On the Townsend side of the family, ancestors are traced back to Abraham Townsend, who came from Wales to America about the latter part of the 18th century.

George Gamiel Townsend, son of Abraham, was born in Steuben County, New York, August 12, 1803. George's father died when George was a small boy and he was put out to work, his earnings going toward the support of his mother. While still a boy, he moved with his mother to Ohio, where he grew up and married Marium Sampson on May 8, 1822, in Huron County. Marium was a native of Ohio, and her father served six years and six months in the Revolutionary War. From Ohio, the family moved to Illinois.

In the year of 1850, after having talked with relatives and neighbors about the reports concerning the Oregon country, its advantages, the prospect for adventure, the lure of the mines, wonderful climate with the promise of fine farm lands and the fact that many of their friends had already gone to this new country, they decided to try their luck in this new land. There were the families of Ezekiel Hendricks, Thomas Rigdon, son-in-law, Alfred and Charles Hovenden, Jacob Baughman, son-in-law, and Silas Higgins, adopted son of George Townsend.

The Townsend train started out on the Iowa route in March 1850, going straight west from Iowa, rather than the southern route from Missouri. There were seven wagons in the train. Thomas Rigdon, husband of Anna Townsend, had been bitten by a rattlesnake about two years before, and had never fully recovered from the affects of the poison. It was due to his failing health that they decided to go to the much discussed Oregon country, as they thought the climate would be better for him. Most of this journey, Thomas was confined to his bed, tortured by the lurching of the wagon over rough roads and by his illness and pain.

Sixteen year-old Silas Higgins drove the Rigdon ox team, and at the crossing of the Platte River, the oxen began to drift down stream with the current when not half way across. Silas lost his nerve and became very much frightened, thinking all was lost. Anna quickly tossed her baby backward into the wagon box and climbed to the back of the lead oxen. By much wielding of the lash she had snatched from Silas' hands, and shouting lustily at the oxen, she gave the needed impetus that turned their heads to the opposite bank and thus the family, as well as their worldly possessions, were saved.

At all times the Indians were troublesome, lying in wait for an opportune time to stampede the stock or steal from the wagons, and always insolent and saucy. At one time the Rigdon's wagon got a little too far ahead and for a time was out of sight of the other teams. An old Indian took advantage of this and demanded food of Anna. Of course she refused as she had none to spare. The savage was very insistent. Finally, snatching up the little girl Artilissa by her hair, he drew the back of his long knife across her throat and by signs said if she did not give him food he would cut the child's throat. Anna was not easily scared, as other incidents proved, so she parried with him until she saw the dust from the other wagons.

This was pointed out, saying with signs and gestures that many, many white folks were coming and would kill all his tribe if he did not let go of the child and get away. He was convinced, so fled at the sight of the first covered wagon that hove into sight.

From The Dalles they came over the Barlow Route. At this time the road followed along the north bank of the Sandy River and the ford was at the present village of Sandy, and then down the Molalla and the Abiqua Rivers to the Howell Prairie and to Salem, where they arrived on October 23, 1850.

After their arrival in Oregon, they all found donation claims around Parkersville, Marion County, or Parkers Mills as the place was then called, settling between the Pudding River and Butte Creek. George Townsend took up his donation claim of six hundred and forty acres, and in this wilderness a little log house was built for the accommodation of his family. The desolation of their situation may best be understood when it is known that their nearest neighbor was four miles distant. When their daughter Elizabeth died, it was in the winter and they carried her coffin to Pudding River by hand and then by skiff across the river and buried her there in the woods where a few other pioneer graves gave mute evidence that all had not gone well in the new country.

Thomas Rigdon's health did not improve with their arrival in Oregon, so hearing that the climate of Southern Oregon was more balmy, he sold his 'squatter's rights' in his claim for \$300, and left with his wife Anna and daughter Artilissa for Jacksonville, expecting if he were able, to work in the mines. Their daughter Lutinsa was left with her grandfather Townsend, and the youngest child Winfield, was left with his Uncle Jacob Baughman.

During the winter another little son, George, was born. George was the only baby in Jacksonville at the time and Anna was one of only three women there. She used to keep the baby hidden, as the miners would slip him out of the cabin and take him to the saloons as quite a curiosity and even would ply him with whisky, something that Anna did not appreciate.

Early in the spring Thomas Rigdon died and was buried at Jacksonville, thus Anna was left with two little children in a strange place and two more in Marion County to care for. Her resources were all spent except her wagon and team. She sold her wagon for \$100 and with this bought one hundred pounds of flour. She made this into bread and sold it to the miners for \$200, doubling her money. Her adopted brother, Silas Higgins, was sent from Marion County for her and they made their way back to her father's home on horseback, Anna carrying her new baby in her arms while little Artilissa held on behind her mother's saddle.

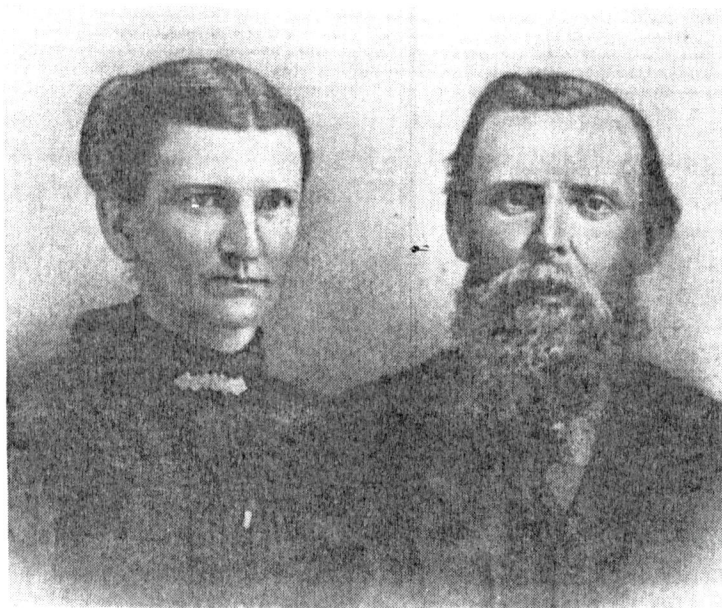
Anna took up another claim near her father's home, but before she proved up on this, she met and married Orondo Beardsley. They tried farming, then rented a saw and grist mill, which did not prove profitable. The family was always poor, having to practice the strictest economy at all times. Four more children were born, making a family of eight children. Mr. Beardsley

died in 1866, leaving the family again in straightened circumstances. The oldest son, Winfield, then undertook the care of the family.

Uncle George Townsend, as he was familiarly called, was a quiet, orderly man of unblemished character; sturdy, honest, industrious and frugal like so many of the early pioneers of Oregon. In time, golden harvests rewarded the father and children and a new house took the place of the rough hewn log cabin and many blessings came the way of the industrious and thrifty family. On this same farm, most of the children recieved their start in life, and here the father lived to be 81 and the mother 82 years of age.

Children:

1. Anna--b. 1825 in New York; m. (1) Thomas Rigdon, (2) Orondo Beardsley, who died in 1866 of tuberculosis, (3) 12/11/1869, E. T. Wilson.
2. Abigail--b. 1829; m. 9/23/1847 in Iowa to Jacob Baughman.
3. Elizabeth--died young.
4. Rachel--died young.
5. Ebenezer--b. 1840; m. 11/22/1869 to Emily Smith.
6. Washington Rockwell--b. 1846; m. 6/24/1874 in Clackamas Co., Ore., to Nancy Emmaline Stephens.
7. Miriam--b. 1847; m. 1/9/1867 to John Garrett.
8. George--b. 1851; d. 1880; m. 10/6/1873 to Emma Noblett.
9. Johnathan--b. 1854; m. Miss Stephens, cousin of Nancy Emmaline Stephens.



Washington Rockwell and Nancy Emmaline Townsend

Washington Rockwell Townsend, son of George Gamiel and Marium (Sampson) Townsend, was born in Fulton County, Illinois, November 27, 1846, and came west with the family in 1850. In spite of the disadvantages attending his acquirement of an education, Washington managed to qualify as a teacher, and was thus engaged for a couple of years. At the same time he continued to make the old donation claim in Oregon, his headquarters.

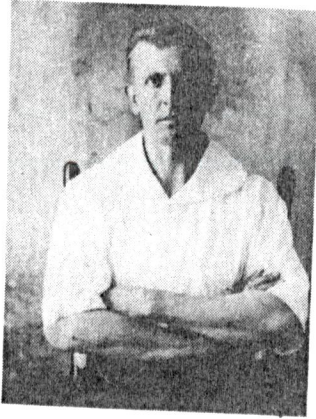
After his marriage to Nancy Emmaline Stephens, on June 24, 1874, in Clackamas County, he went to live on the farm which was to be his home. This farm consisted of 90 acres. The most modern of improvements, practical management, and up-to-date methods contributed to make the Townsend farm one of the most desirable in Marion County. He completed a modern two-story frame dwelling and his barns and out-buildings were substantially constructed. He engaged in general farming and stock raising, twenty-eight acres being devoted to hops. He was a Republican in politics and took an active interest in affairs and served as road supervisor, member of the Woodburn Grange No. 79, and in religion was connected with the Christian Church. Nancy's parents crossed the plains in 1852, settling near Needy, Clackamas County, and Nancy was born December 21, 1857.



Nancy Emmaline Townsend

Children:

1. Delbert H.
2. May
3. Clyde Stephen
4. Winona
5. Ammi (M)
6. Ada



Clyde

Clyde Stephen Townsend, son of Washington Rockwell and Nancy Emmaline (Stephens) Townsend, was born in Oregon in 1881. He was married to (1) Phyllis Kenworthy, who was born in 1887, (2) Jenny (Kenworthy) ?

Children by Phyllis Kenworthy:

1. Delbert Raymond--b. 3/31/1905; m. 2/10/1940 to Constance Johnson.
2. Wallace Earl--b. 8/11/1906; m. 11/11/1939 to Aileen Edwards.
3. Hazel--died about 1936.
4. Helen (Vileda)--b. 5/19/1913; m. (1) Harrington, (2) J. D. Herbert.

Delbert Townsend, son of Clyde and Phyllis (Kenworthy) Townsend, was born at Hubbard, Oregon, March 31, 1905. He started to school at the age of seven in Portland, Oregon, and at the age of nine, the parents were separated and the four children were all together for a short while with their grandparents (Townsend) at Fossil. Delbert went from Fossil to Woodburn, to Condon, and back to Woodburn; from Woodburn to Horseheaven Hills in Washington, and lastly to Condon at age eleven to Britt White's, where he stayed and went to school. At the age of fourteen he quit school and worked around at ranches for his room and board and a \$5 bill once in awhile. At the age of sixteen, he left Britt White's to go out on his own, and his first job was driving a twelve-horse team hitched to a three-bottom gang plow. He put in sixteen hours a day at a wage of \$60 a month, room and board. Most ranch jobs were \$30 a month, room and board; sewing wheat sacks in harvest was \$6 a day. Delbert weighed 128 pounds at the time he went out on his own, so heavy ranch work was not easy for one his size. He worked on various ranches, from cowboying to sack sewing in harvest, and all other ranch jobs.

In 1928, at the age of 23, he went from Condon to Moxee City, Washington, to pick hops with his father and stepmother and his brother Wallace. From there they all went to Los Angeles, where Delbert worked on ranches and drove truck for four years. When he left Los Angeles, he went back to Condon, Oregon, to more ranch work of all kinds and lived there until 1940. Delbert was married February 10, 1940, at Condon, Oregon, to Constance Marguerite Johnson, known as Jackie to her friends. She was born at Holdman, Oregon, January 11, 1913. They lived at various places in Oregon, and also at Murray, Idaho, where Delbert worked in the mines and also for a logging company. From Idaho, they moved to Central Point, Oregon, where Delbert worked in the lumber mills and from which he eventually retired.

Children and grandchildren:

1. Karen Marcele--b. 3/12/1942, Kellogg, Idaho; m. 11/19/1959, Reno, Nev., to Karl Nielson Skou, born at Grants Pass, Ore., 10/25/1938.

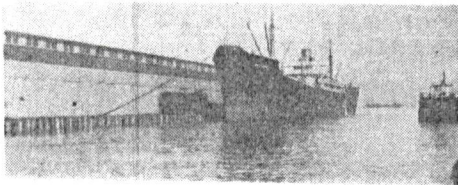
Kenneth James--b. 9/11/1960, Medford, Ore.

Tania Lynn--b. 9/30/1961, Medford, Ore.

Wallace Earl Townsend, son of Clyde Stephen and Phyllis (Kenworthy) Townsend, was born August 11, 1906, at the Union Hotel in Portland, Oregon. At the age of five he was moved to Woodburn, where he lived with his grandmother, Emmaline Townsend, and he started to school in the first grade while there. In the spring of the following year his grandfather, W. R. Townsend, moved the family to Fossil where the grandfather, who was a saddle maker, died the following winter, at which time his grandmother moved back to Woodburn, and Wallace was boarded out with Edna and Ralph Hamilton at Fossil.



At the age of ten, he was sent out to Pine Creek, where he lived and went to school in the 5th and 6th grades. During the winter, while attending school, Wallace would get up at 4 a.m. in the morning and milk the cows and feed 500 head of sheep, then go to school. At 3 p.m. after school, he would ride horseback up the mountain about 8 miles and feed 500 head of cattle, then ride to the head of Pine Creek and feed 500 head more. He would arrive back home about 10 p.m. and milk the cows. 'Grandmother' Metteer died when he was twelve years old, at which time he returned to live with the Hamiltons.



S. S. Montague

Wallace graduated from Wheeler County High School at Fossil in 1925, and from there he went to Aberdeen, Washington, and took a job as mess boy on the S. S. Point Arena, plying between Grays Harbor, Washington, and San Diego, California. In 1926, he shipped out on the S. S. Montague as a deck boy on a voyage around the Pacific Ocean by way of New Zealand, Australia, Phillipine Islands, China, Siberia and Japan, and returned to San Francisco. The ship was gone for fourteen months.

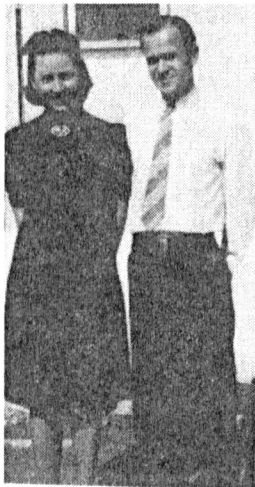
On his return he transferred to the Tacoma Oriental S. S. Company and worked on the Trans-Pacific routes until 1933. He signed on the S. S. Shelton for the North China run by way of Japan. On the second trip the ship was caught in Kobe Harbor in a typhoon with winds of 150 miles an hour. During this typhoon, the ship was tied to a French battleship, both ships were at full speed ahead into the winds, yet were at a stand still.

On a later voyage, the ship was caught in the Yangtse River between the Japanese Navy and Woosung, which was a city located at the mouth of the Whangpoo River, a tributary of the Yangtse. The Japanese shelled and totally destroyed the city of a million people. During the battle, the S. S. Shelton was protected by U. S. Destroyers. The ship later tied up at the Dollar Compound for 30 days with a full load of wheat, then had to go to

Taku Bar to unload. The ships of this line alternated between trips, one trip to North China, Shanghai, Taku Bar, Tsingtao, Darien, and Vladisvostok, and the next to South China, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Phillipine Islands, Dutch East Indies and return to San Francisco.

Wallace made one trip from San Pedro, California, to New York, England and Germany on the S. S. Calmar and return to San Pedro, then made a six month's trip to Cape Town, South Africa, and on around the world to Seattle. From there he transferred to the American President Lines 'around-the-world' runs, then back to Tacoma Oriental S. S. lines.

He left the merchant marine about 1936, and went to Los Angeles, California, to live. He worked for the Los Angeles Railway as a conductor on a street car and also had four Signal service stations leased on South West Boulevard. During this time he also had a milk route and at this time they were still using horses to pull the milk wagons.



On November 11, 1939, Wallace and Aileen were married at Yuma, Arizona. They made their home first in Los Angeles, and then in Hawthorne, California. Wallace worked at various jobs, such as managing lunch counters, working in the aircraft industry, and at different times leased small resturants. He was employed by Douglas Aircraft Company during World War II, and after the war was over, he was employed as a manager in a drug store lunch-counter in Hawthorne.

Wallace's hobbies were stamp collecting and model railroading, and Aileen's were hand weaving, oil painting and jewelry making, but was adept at most any craft that she tried. They operated a hobby shop for several years in Hawthorne. When the children were old enough to travel, the family spent their free time traveling, camping, boating and rock collecting.

Wallace was employed by Northrop Aircraft Corporation in 1951, where he worked until his retirement in 1971. Aileen worked from 1962 until the summer of 1971 in the school cafeteria. The family belonged to several clubs and was active in the children's school functions and outside activities.

Upon retiring, Wallace and Aileen moved to Bouse, Arizona, having purchased property there in 1967. They spent their retirement years building on, and improving their property and in traveling.



The family
Christmas 1951

Lew Wallace (Butch) was born September 18, 1942, at Hawthorne, California. He received his elementary education in the local school district and graduated from Leuzinger High School in Lawndale in 1961. During his school years he was in scouting, being a cub scout, boy scout and sea scout.



Lew worked at various jobs while attending school. He graduated from the Los Angeles Police Academy and became a policeman in Hawthorne, but later went into real estate. He became interested in flying and eventually received his pilot's license.



Phyllis Darlene (Susie) was born July 1, 1947, at Hawthorne, California. She received her elementary education in the local school district and attended Leuzinger High School. Her activities while in school were Brownie and Girl Scouts.

She was married before finishing school and went to Pennsylvania to live for about a year and a half, then going back to California to live, where she eventually re-married. She has two children, Shelley Christine and Jason Lee.

Gary Michael was born January 9, 1949, at Hawthorne, California. He received his elementary education in the local school district and graduated from Leuzinger High School in 1968. During his school years he was in cub scouting and played little league baseball.



He entered the U. S. Air Force in 1969, and after basic training at Lackland AFB in Texas, was sent to Turkey for one year. He was advanced from Airman 1/c to Sgt. while there, and was then assigned to the 48th Security Police Squadron at Lakenheath RAF Station in England for the rest of his tour. After discharge from the service, he was employed by a printing company in Los Angeles, California, and he continued his education on a part time basis.



BERTRUDE

BERNICE

EDWARDS

Bertrude was born October 15, 1918, at Fossil, Oregon. She was first named Gertrude Bernice, but the name was changed to Bertrude when an uncle suggested she be named after both parents, Bert and Gertrude. She received her elementary education through the seventh grade at the country school on Thirtymile Creek. Transportation for the three miles each way was usually by horseback.

She attended Corvallis Junior High school for two years, then finished her secondary education at Wheeler County High School in Fossil, graduating in 1935 as valedictorian of her class.

She attended Oregon State College for two years, and it was there that she met Alden E. Bewley, whose sister was a member of the same sorority. Bertrude and Alden were married November 21, 1937, in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Independence, by the Reverend Arthur W. Brown.

The couple's first home was at Tygh Valley, in Wasco County, where Alden helped farm the ranch of his aunt and uncle, Mamie and Emanuel Karlen, for about three years. Their daughter was born at The Dalles during this period. During the summers, Alden worked for the Northwest Oregon Forest Protective Association in Columbia and Clatsop Counties. His family joined him there the second and third summers.

In the fall of 1940 they moved to Kinzua where they lived for four years, working in the lumber mill's factory. In October of 1944 they moved to Condon, entering into a partnership with Bertrude's parents in the operation of a welding and machinery repair business. Two sons were born while the family lived in Condon.

In the fall of 1946, they became sole owners in the business, then at a later date took in another partner. When the partner wanted to sell out in 1950, Alden, Bertrude, her parents and her brother Charles and his wife formed a corporation. In the fall of 1956, the business was sold.



Alden accepted employment with a machinery and equipment dealer, commuting weekly from Condon to Pendleton for several months before the family moved to The Dalles area on March 1, 1957, living first in the Rowena community. They moved into the city in the spring of 1959, and a few months later Bertrude went to work for the first of several employers, doing book-keeping and accounting. She worked for the Wasco County Treasurer in 1970 and 1971, then worked for the State of Oregon at The Dalles and Portland for two years. She returned to work for Wasco County in February, 1971, this time in the clerk's office.

In July 1974, she was appointed Wasco County Treasurer to fill a vacancy caused by resignation. She was nominated by the Wasco County Democratic Central Committee to be their candidate in the general election that fall. Winning the election, she continues to serve as county treasurer.

Children and grandchildren:

1. Loraine Bernice - b. 9/12/1938; m. (1) 1956, Bobby J. Dixon
(2) 1964, T. L. Goss
 Debra Lynn - b. 1/13/1957
 Brenda Lee - b. 10/28/1959
 Mark Allen - b. 3/1/1962
2. Carl Alden - b. 5/5/1945; m. 9/28/1973, Ellen Marie Weger
3. Keith Robert - b. 8/23/1946; m. 11/24/1971, Linda (Bush) Pease
 Michael James - b. 9/19/1968
 Sandra Kay - b. 6/17/1970



Loraine, Carl and Keith
during the early years
at Condon.

As they grew older,
Loraine's mischievous
younger brothers de-
lighted in teasing their
sister, much to her dis-
may and consternation.

BERTRUDE'S MEMORY BOOK

Bertrude's memories of her early life on the ranch include many recollections of the same kind of ranch work and chores as related by her sister Aileen: pitching hay, driving the derrick horse, feeding chickens, milking cows, herding sheep, and being bucked off a horse. Her mother wrote the following poem for her:

High upon a hilltop when evening draws nigh,
Bertrude on a pony against the blue sky;
She'll drive in the sheep when the sun drops to rest,
Then cuddle up in bed like a squirrel in its nest.

Nov. 6/29

"Mother"

Probably inspired by her mother's ability as a poet, Bertrude would sit astride her horse while keeping an eye on the sheep, and compose poems of her own, a few of which she wrote down. The first she has record of was written in 1932.

Mother's day was the occasion for expressing her feelings for her mother.

MOTHER

Dearest one in all this world to me,
You have guided well my wandering feet;
You've watched my errors with a loving eye,
And ever kept me on the proper street.

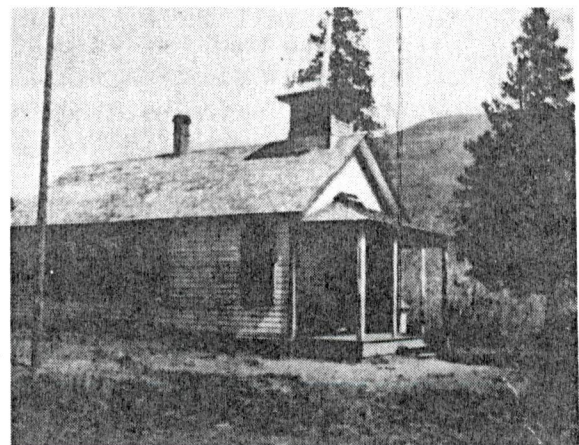
Words can't say just what you mean to me,
And I know there cannot be another,
So sweet, so kind, so dear, so true,
Who can equal you--my mother.

Ready to go herd sheep.

5/9/36

Memories of school days are usually a vivid part of childhood recollections, and Bertrude's memories are no exception. Her first teacher was Mr. Sybouts, and there were just three first-graders.

School meant reading out loud from books and from charts; the old organ, the library books, the red-hot stove; lunches carried in lard pails, sandwiches made with biscuits; hiking on Squaw Butte, playing games, jumping ropes; and the snow and cold on the way to school, or riding the horse across the rain-swollen creek.



Thirtymile School



FOR MY MEMORY BOOK

is the title of the foreword
Bertrude wrote in her scrap-
book of schoolday souvenirs:

Grandparents--Alden and Bertrude

Time fleets away on silver wings, the years are gone before we know;
And soon, ere we can realize, we reach life's sunsets' fading glow.

But till that time has come to us, with the passing of the years,
We'll cherish in our memories our childhood souvenirs.

Gay, happy times we all have had, and each and every one
Will linger yet within our minds when all our work is done.

To help recall those memories, I've put my souvenirs
Within this book, where they will stay throughout the coming years.

Oh, may the years be kind to me, as they have been before;
And may I finally come to rest on God's Eternal Shore. May/36

Bertrude's memories, and those of her husband, Alden, range over the years from childhood to the present--from themselves to their children and grandchildren--and become more precious as years go by. Photographs by the dozen--some good, some not so good--help preserve the moments for the future.

Sandra

and

Michael Bewley

Memories preserved on film.



To help their children remember something of the history of their father's family and ancestors, Bertrude and Alden have assembled the information that follows in this chapter. The Bewley, Patty, and Cheldelin stories have been pieced together from Alden's memories, family and other records, newspaper and other sources researched by Bertrude's niece, Carolyn Taylor.

Included is information on several Bewley generations, including Alden and his children; information about the ancestors of his grandmother, Elizabeth Patty Bewley, and what is known of his maternal grandparents, the Cheldelins.

THE BEWLEY STORY

The BEWLEY family is of English ancestry. According to a historiography from Halberts, the surname Bewley appears to be locational in origin, and is believed to be associated with the English, meaning "one who came from, or lived near a beautiful place". There were probably a number of spelling variations of the surname, the most prominent being Bewlee, Bewlees, Beaules, Beauleas, and Bewleys.

Alden Bewley has no knowledge of just when his ancestors came to the United States. He had always thought they came directly from England, but his cousin Floyd told him that two Bewley brothers came from Ireland to this country. A friend of Floyd's wife reported eating in a "Bewley" cafe in Ireland a number of years ago and brought back tea and coffee with a "Bewley" label. Alden recalls having been told that there was also some Welsh, Irish, and a little French in his ancestry.

The book "Tennessee Cousins" by Worth S. Ray refers to the Bewleys of Hamblen: "The Bewleys, Jacob and J. W., were natives of Washington County and lived in the old home near Tusculum College. The first Bewley to settle in Washington County was George Bewley." The book also states that a Dr. J. W. Thornburg married Louisa Bewley. "North Carolina Land Grants in Tennessee 1778-1791" by Cartwright lists a one hundred acre grant in 1783 in Washington County to Anthony Bewley "beginning a little below the lick running into Nolachucky".

The 1830 Federal Census of East Tennessee lists Anthony Bewley, Sr. and Jacob M. Bewley in Greene County, and George Bewley in Hawkins County. Greene County was created in 1783 from Washington County. Hawkins County was created in 1786 from Sullivan County. Hamblen County was created in 1870 from Grainger and Hawkins Counties.

A study of several newspaper sketches about Bewleys in Oregon indicates that John W. Bewley, Alden's great-grandfather, was one of a large family of children which included brothers Jacob, Anthony and Isaac. It is possible that their father was Anthony Bewley, Sr., but this is not known for certain.

JACOB BEWLEY became a congressman from Tennessee. When he went to congress, the tailor who made his suit was Andrew Johnson, who later became president of the United States. Jacob had at least five sons: Philip Milburn, who was born and died in Tennessee; William and Creed, who were captains in the confederate army; John a captain in the union army, and another brother who also served in the union army. Jacob was a Lincoln man and held with the Union. Creed was so strong for the South he named a son Rebel.

REVEREND ANTHONY BEWLEY was an abolitionist and was hanged by a mob in Texas at the outbreak of the Civil War because he denounced slavery and approved the course of Abraham Lincoln.

ISAAC W. BEWLEY, born in 1809 in Greene County, Tennessee, moved from Indiana to Missouri in 1837. His wife was Sophia Ellis and they had three children born in Missouri. The family came to Oregon on the wagon train captained by John W. Bewley. Sophia died while they were camped in the vicinity of the Sandy River in Oregon. Isaac took up a donation land claim south of Salem. He remarried in 1854 and had five more children. They moved to Tillamook County in 1872, staying three years, then moving to Sheridan. Isaac's second wife died in 1873. His third wife was Amanda Sutherland, a sister of his first wife.

JOHN W. BEWLEY was born in East Tennessee on April 5, 1799. He was married to Catherine B. Ellis, also of East Tennessee, who was born December 25, 1802. The family moved to Indiana in 1836, thence to Missouri before starting on the trail to Oregon in 1847. Mr. Bewley died December 15, 1847, while camped near the Sandy River, still on the trail. His family went on to Oregon City. Catherine Bewley operated a boarding house, and in 1849 she married Colonel James B. Graves, a widower with a large family of children. They moved to Salem in 1862, where Catherine died April 3, 1867.

Several sources state that John and Catherine Bewley had twelve children but the names of only ten are known:

Crockett A. -- b. 4/5/1825; d. 12/7/1847
Esther Lorinda -- b. 7/19/1826; d. 11/6/1899
James F. -- b. 4/9/1828; d. 9/22/1888
Daughter (name uncertain) -- b. Feb. 1830; d. 6/18/1857
Narcissus M. -- b. 2/25/1832
Theophilus Rollins -- b. 1/6/1834; d. 4/26/1920
Henry -- b. 8/16/1836; d. 2/21/1848
Marcellus A. -- 5/3/1840; d. 8/6/1841
Eusebia -- b. 7/20/1842; d. 10/13/1843
John Marsena -- b. 6/10/1845

CROCKETT A. BEWLEY was brutally murdered by Indians at the Whitman Mission several days after the first killings. His name is listed with those of the other victims of the massacre whose remains are buried in the great grave at the mission site.

ESTHER LORINDA BEWLEY was also at the mission at the time of the massacre and was taken captive by a Cayuse Indian Chief who wanted to marry her. She was ransomed along with other survivors. She married William Chapman in 1849 and they had ten children. Her story appears at greater length on the following pages and relates some of the family's trials in traveling by wagon train.

JAMES F. BEWLEY was married September 12, 1852, to Lucy E. Graves, daughter of his stepfather, Colonel Graves. Their first child, born July 31, 1853, was named Crockett A., but he died as a boy. Their only other child, Roswell L., was born December 24, 1864. James Bewley was shot by a deputy marshall at Sheridan in 1888. The marshall recognized him as being from McMinnville, which was quarantined due to a smallpox epidemic. When Mr. Bewley threw up his hands at the marshall's order, he was shot.

Family record copies in the Oregon State Library are difficult to read, and it is not possible to tell whether the second daughter of John Bewley was named LINURA, DIANNA, or LAURA. The 1850 census lists a Laura Bewley living with Lorinda and William Chapman. A newspaper article about Lorinda refers to her sisters Miranda and Melvina. Melvina was probably this daughter born in 1830.

NARCISSUS M. BEWLEY, or Miranda M. as the name is listed in various articles, was married on September 12, 1852, to Thomas N. Graves, son of her stepfather. They had eleven children.

JOHN MARSENA BEWLEY was born in Van Buren County, Missouri, on June 10, 1845. He graduated from Willamette University in 1866. Among his occupations were school teacher, dentist, grain seller, justice of the peace at Colville, Washington, and county surveyor of Stephens County, Washington. He married Maggie E. Dawson on May 26, 1870.

LORINDA BEWLEY AND THE WHITMAN MASSACRE

On May 10, 1847, John W. Bewley started across the plains to Oregon, accompanied by his wife and at least seven of their children---Crockett, John, James, Rollins, Lorinda, Miranda and Melvina. Mr. Bewley was captain of the wagon train in which they traveled. A young man by the name of William Chapman, born in New York in 1824, had joined the train and soon fell in love with blond, blue-eyed Lorinda.

It is recorded that there were many trials and tribulations on the journey. After they reached Indian country, they were frequently surrounded by braves demanding clothing and food. In spite of a nightly guard, the travelers frequently lost horses and other stock. John Bewley started out with five horses, but they were all gone before the family reached Dr. Whitman's Mission.

The wagon trains of that year were struck by disease. There was severe measles among the children, ague with its recurrent chills and fever, and a new disease called "mountain fever" that seemed to lurk about the campsites and water holes. Medical men now think it was typhoid. Crockett contracted it and Lorinda became ill with ague.

When the wagon train reached the Grande Ronde Valley, the emigrants were surprised at its beauty. Smoke curled up from many Indian camps within the valley and hundreds of spotted horses grazed there. A small band of Indians rode toward the train, one of whom announced himself as Five Crows, chief of the Cayuse. He said they had been sent out by Dr. Whitman to meet the emigrants with fresh vegetables, flour and medicine, having heard there were sick persons in the group.

Chief Five Crows was in the prime of his manhood and single. He had become a Christian, and had learned the ways of farming from the missions at Waiilatpu and Lapwai. His trading caravans always met the trains. He considered himself a highly eligible bachelor, and always looked in each wagon train for a white girl with golden hair and blue eyes, like Narcissa Whitman. Many white men married Indian girls, and he could not understand why he could not have a white wife. When he saw Lorinda Bewley, he fell in love with her. He sought her family and offered many horses if they would look favorably upon his suit, but was told that white men did not sell their women.

The Bewley wagon train reached the Whitman Mission at Waiilatpu in late October. The Captain reported to Dr. Whitman of the violent form of measles among the emigrants, and that many had died on the trail. Many, including Lorinda, were in need of medical care.

The family rested for about two weeks, then prepared to go on to the Willamette Valley. Lorinda, not being well enough to travel, was asked to stay at the mission during the winter to help with the children and teach. Her brother, Crockett, stayed also, planning to come to the valley with Lorinda in the spring.

Before a month had passed, the measles had spread among the Indians, and some of the most influential chiefs had died. Dr. Whitman's family was stricken, as were some of the others who were wintering at the mission.

About this time the Catholic priests had arrived at Fort Walla Walla. Young Chief, who was a half brother of Five Crows, was a Catholic, and he gave the priests a log cabin on the Umatilla River, about forty-five miles from the Whitman Mission, and a quarter mile from the lodge of Five Crows.

On November 29, 1847, a small group of Indians killed Doctor and Mrs. Whitman and a number of others, and the survivors were taken prisoner. Crockett Bewley was ill and escaped the first killings, but a few days later he and Amos Sales were brutally murdered by the Indians.

On Thursday following the massacre, Indian riders came and made it clear that they were to take Lorinda Bewley back to the Umatilla to be the wife of Chief Five Crows. She did not want to go, but was assured that she would be safer at the camp of the chief. After the long horseback ride, her fever returned, and she was nursed by the Chief and an old Indian woman. She slowly regained her strength, but remained sad and unhappy, and was finally allowed to go to the cabin of the priests. She was later taken back to the lodge of Five Crows by force.

When the news of the massacre reached Fort Vancouver, Peter Skene Ogden selected a large quantity of trading goods and started for Fort Walla Walla. Each of the three large bateaus was rowed by eight expert French Canadians. They arrived at Fort Walla Walla on December 19. Mr. Ogden sent word to the Chiefs to meet him in council.

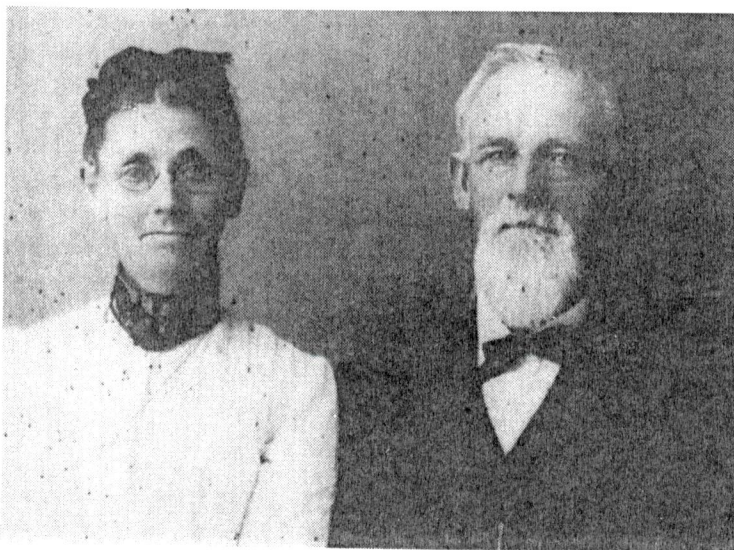
On December 26, an Indian brought a note to Lorinda from Mr. Ogden saying he had redeemed all the captives, and she was to accompany the messenger back to the fort. Five Crows pleaded with her to stay and marry him, even offering to go to live with her people. She rejected him and returned to Fort Walla Walla. She was later told that Mr. Ogden had to pay more for her than for all the others together.

On January 2, the survivors were loaded into the bateaus, and began the trip down the Columbia River to the Willamette Valley. The party was first taken to Fort Vancouver, then across the Columbia River to Portland, arriving there January 10.

Lorinda was met by William Chapman, who took her to her mother at Oregon City. She was saddened to learn that her father had died suddenly while the family was camped on the Sandy River after receiving news of the fate of his son and daughter at Waiilatpu. Lorinda found work as a teacher. Chapman had joined the Oregon Rifles, volunteers preparing to go punish the Indians responsible for the massacre. When he returned in late summer, the California gold rush was on and he joined those going south.

Lorinda taught for another year, and then she and William Chapman were married at Oregon City on October 3, 1849, by Reverend William Blaine. Their two older children, John and Catherine, were born at Oregon City. They moved to a 640 acre donation land claim at Sheridan. Chapman had parted with his government warrant for service in the Cayuse war and \$15 in cash to persuade the man who had filed to give up his claim. Euseba was the first of their children born in the comfortable log cabin. Other children were Lanora, Mary, Frank, Nettie, Isabella, Charles, and Fred.

The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on October 3, 1899. Lorinda passed away a month and three days later. William Chapman died July 23, 1911. Both are buried in the Masonic cemetery at Sheridan.



Elizabeth A. and Theophilus R. Bewley

THEOPHILUS ROLLINS BEWLEY, son of John W. and Catherine Bewley, was born in East Tennessee on January 6, 1834. His family moved to Indiana in 1836, then to Missouri before coming to Oregon in 1847. On September 8, 1859, he was married to Elizabeth Ann Patty, who was born September 8, 1841, in East Tennessee.

He lived at Sheridan for many years, farming and stock raising. He died in Salem on April 26, 1920. Elizabeth died April 28, 1908.

Alden Bewley had always thought his grandparents had ten children, but has learned the names of only nine. Their names are listed here, with what statistics are known, and the names of their children that he can recall:

Araminta Ann - b. 6/23/1860; d. 7/2/1884

Married 10/29/1882 to Jackson P. McKemy who died 1/10/1884

Son: Hundley Porter McKemy - b. 3/15/1884; d. 6/24/1890

Martha Jane - b. 2/11/1862; (never married)

William James - b. 6/13/1864

Two daughters

Mary Ethel - b. 8/7/1866

Three children: Bernal, Tennie, Georgia

Kathia (known as Kittie) - b. 9/18/1869

Married J. T. Sivear

Two children: Theophilus (died as a child), Cora

John Anthany - b. 12/17/1873; d. 9/4/1926

Sons: Floyd and Virgil

Edgar R. - b. 12/19/1877; d. 3/15/1933

Married: (1) Matilda _____

Sons: Rollins and Raymond

(2) Amanda Cheldelin, on April 20, 1913

Alden Edgar - b. 6/19/1914

Lorraine Dolores - b. 3/15/1916; d. 4/14/1938

(3) Augusta _____

Omer - b. 12/10/1879

Son: Carl - b. 1/13/1911; also two daughters

Hunley - b. 1/6/1882; d. 7/3/1883

It is believed there was another son who lived to be several years old.

EDGAR R. BEWLEY, son of Theophilus and Elizabeth Bewley, was born December 19, 1877, in or near Sheridan, Oregon. At least parts of his early schooling were at Bethel and McCoy. In early adulthood, he worked in a music store in Portland, and then worked as an electrician for Portland General Electric. He joined the Portland Police Force May 11, 1907.

He courted Amanda Cheldelin, a teacher, but when she refused his proposal of marriage, he married another woman. Two sons, Rollins and Raymond, were born to the couple before they were divorced.

Edgar courted Amanda again, and this time she accepted his proposal. They were married on April 20, 1913, in Portland, by Perry Jos. Green, with Percy and Amelia Coffman as witnesses. They had two children, Alden Edgar, born June 19, 1914, and Loraine Dolores, born March 15, 1916.

For a number of years, Officer Bewley played the french horn in the Portland Police Band. He purchased forty shares of stock at one dollar each when the band was incorporated in May, 1911. The band made numerous appearances in other cities, and was highly commended for its performances at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco in 1915.

After he had been on the police force for about twelve years,



Edgar R. Bewley

during part of which his beat was Chinatown, he was transferred to Rose City. He served for many years at the Rose City Park school crossing. His badge number was "25" and he was affectionately known as "Daddy Two-Bits". He was much loved by the students whom he guarded at the crossing and by their parents.

One motorist he reprimanded, threatened to report him. Mr. Bewley said the man apparently did, because the officer was given a special commendation.

Amanda died October 15, 1928. Edgar married a third time in 1930, but was divorced in 1933, the same year that he retired from the force. He died on March 15, 1934.

At left: Edgar and Amanda Bewley

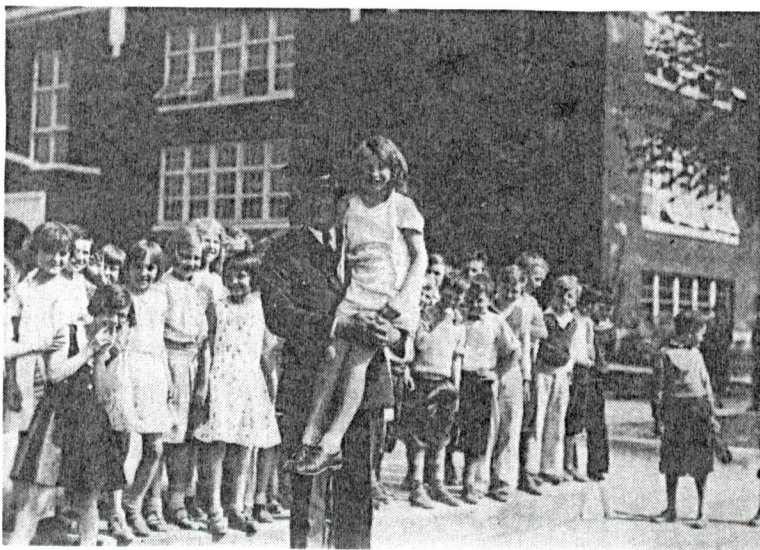
"DADDY TWO-BITS IS WHAT THEY CALL HIM" and "THE BEST COP IN THE UNITED STATES" are the headlines of articles about patrolman Edgar Bewley that appeared in The Portland News and in Success Magazine in the year 1924.

W. R. Hibbard wrote, on the front page of The Portland News: " 'Daddy Two-Bits' the children called him, 960 of them, because out Rose City way at 57th and Sandy he stands at the intersection. His ruddy smiling face and kindly eyes flashing 'safety' at the right moment for the little ones to run from the corner curb to his arms. For an instant he lifts them high and holds them close to his heart, where rests his police star, number 25 -- 'two-bits' to the children--then at the safe moment they run to the other side."

Success Magazine reported that Officer Bewley, the children's policeman in Portland, Oregon, was a remarkable character. He was loved by the children on his beat, and had shiny places on both sides of his uniform where the children which he guarded had slid up and down. Rose City Park School was near the intersection of three streets with very heavy traffic and the corner was known as one of the most dangerous in the city.

Four times a day he would stand at the intersection of East Fifty-Seventh Street and Sandy Boulevard, halting traffic while the pupils crossed the street. On three occasions he was transferred to other districts, but each time there were so many petitions from parents, teachers, and organizations of the Rose City community that he was placed back on his ole "beat". The last time this happened, the chief was so besieged with petitions that he promised to let the officer stay in the district. On Sundays he would shift his usual stand to the corner of 72nd and Sandy, protecting the boys and girls on their way to the United Presbyterian Church Sunday School.

Officer Bewley guarded the safety of a thousand children, and taught them respect for law and obedience to authority. He won their love, confidence and respect. Boys seldom played hookey out Rose City way.



The people of Rose City would bring the officer flowers, vegetables and candy. Boys brought him marbles, fish hooks, and other things boys are interested in. Girls brought pincushions, dolls, cakes and pies.

He received hundreds of seasonal greetings from his little friends, but the things he liked best was the call of a childish voice from the corner waiting to catch his eye---

"Oh, Daddy, Daddy Two-Bits"

ALDEN EDGAR BEWLEY, son of Edgar and Amanda Bewley, was born June 19, 1914, in the family home at S. E. 81st Street, one block north of Foster Road. The site is now occupied by a Fred Meyer store.

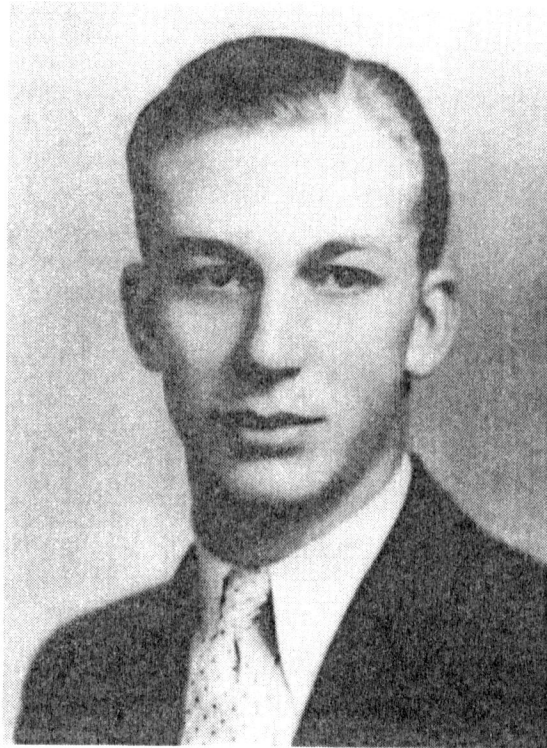
He received his grade school education at Lents Grammar School and Marysville School. His first year of high school was at Franklin High. In 1929 the family moved to Rose City Park district near where his father was stationed as a policeman. Alden attended Grant High as a sophomore. When his father remarried in 1930, the family moved to his stepmother's house near northeast 32nd and Killingsworth. He attended Jefferson High School and was graduated from there in June 1932.

After graduation, Alden went to work for his uncle and aunt, Lewis and Lillie Throop, at Dayville, to earn money to go to college and study forestry. He joined the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1933 in the hope of learning more about forestry. He was stationed first near Granite, Oregon, then the camp was moved to Southern Oregon, near Myrtle Point, where the crew worked on a forest service road building project.

When his father suffered a stroke in March, 1934, Alden returned to Portland, and received a hardship discharge from the CCC after his father's death. His father and his sister Loraine had been living in a house near Laurelhurst Park, so the two young people continued to live there. Alden worked at odd jobs until the first of June when his sister went to board with some long time family friends, and he went back to Dayville.

Alden enrolled in the school of forestry at Oregon State College in September 1934. During the next summer he worked as a lookout in the Suislaw National Forest near Waldport and returned to Oregon State when fall term began. His sister Loraine entered the college as a freshman, and it was through her that he met Bertrude Edwards. In the summer of 1936, he worked for the Northwest Oregon Protective Association as a fire lookout on Green Mountain. He went back to college in the fall, but withdrew winter term to work in Portland for Montgomery Ward & Co. When the 1937 summer fire season arrived, he again worked for the protective association, this time as a dispatcher at the Pittsburg fire station.

On November 21, 1937, Alden and Bertrude were married at Independence and went to Tygh Valley to begin their married life, which has been chronicled elsewhere in this family record.



Alden Edgar Bewley

LORAIN BERNICE BEWLEY was born September 12, 1938, at The Dalles, Oregon. She entered elementary school at Kinzua in September 1944, then transferred to Condon Grade School in October. She graduated from Gilliam County High School at Condon in 1956, as valedictorian of her class.

During her school years, she was active in 4H club work and in Rainbow Girls. Being a talented pianist, she was often asked to provide music at various school and other activities, accompanied a choral group, and learned to play the organ at church.

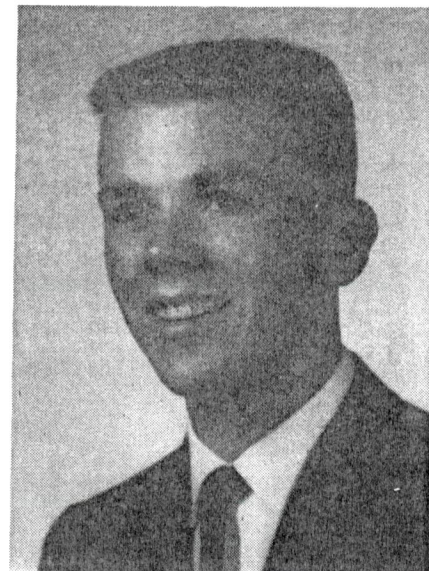


CARL ALDEN BEWLEY was born May 5, 1945, at The Dalles, Oregon. He attended the Condon, Rowena, and Chenoweth grade schools, then The Dalles Junior High School. He graduated from The Dalles High School in 1963.

He was a boy scout and an active member of the Order of DeMolay. He played some baseball and football, and his principal hobby was golf. He attended Oregon State University and Eastern Oregon College before serving two years in the army, going to West Berlin. He later returned to Oregon State, graduating in 1973.

KEITH ROBERT BEWLEY was born August 23, 1946, at The Dalles, Oregon. He attended grade school in Condon and Rowena, then went to The Dalles Junior High School. He graduated from The Dalles High School in 1964.

He was an active boy scout, a member of the Civil Air Patrol Cadets, and his hobbies were photography and golf. He attended Western Business University, then served four years in the U. S. Air Force, including a three-year tour of duty in Germany.





The Goss family
Mark, T. L., Debra, Loraine, Brenda. Front row: Lona Goss and Tom Goss.



Carl and Ellen Bewley



Keith and Linda Bewley

THE PATTY FAMILY

WILLIAM ROOCKER PATTY was born in Blount County, Tennessee, October 18, 1817, the son of Josiah and Betsey Patty. His grandfather had come from London and settled in East Tennessee, where Josiah was born. William was married on September 10, 1839, in Roane County, Tennessee, to Martha Ann Jane Green. She was born in Tennessee, December 28, 1821, the daughter of Dan Fitsue (probably Fitzhugh) and Nancy Ann Green. Three children were born to William R. and Martha A. Patty before they moved to Arkansas and settled on a farm twelve miles from Van Buren, where three other children were born.

1. Son, born dead 5/4/1840 (believed named William)
2. Elizabeth Ann - b. 9/8/1841; d. 4/28/1908
3. Josiah James Henry - b. 1/5/1843; d. 9/8/1852
4. George McDrummon - b. 4/9/1845;
married 1/19/1868 to Lucy Jane Ruble
5. Nancy Emily - b. 12/10/1846; d. 10/29/1848
6. William Franklin - b. 11/6/1848; d. 1/26/1849

The family crossed the plains to Oregon in 1852. The son James died of cholera and was buried by the roadside. Two children had died in Arkansas. On the journey all the stock had died but one yoke of oxen, and when they arrived at Milwaukee the father was very sick with mountain fever, and with only \$10 remaining. They used the money to buy shorts for bread, which along with the plentiful salmon, made up their diet.

They stayed at Milwaukee from October to April, when they went to Polk County. In October 1853, they went to Yamhill County and occupied a donation land claim northwest of Willamina. In 1860, they sold the place and went to Salem, where Mr. Patty worked at the trade of carpenter and later had a sawmill. In 1879, they went back to Yamhill County and purchased a donation land claim of 552 acres. They returned to Salem when Mr. Patty had to take back the mill. Mrs. Patty died June 12, 1880, and Mr. Patty died May 12, 1890. W. R. Patty married a second time on March 29, 1881. Carolyn M. Patty, whose maiden name was White, died December 24, 1888.

The "History of Oregon" published in 1893, by the Lewis Publishing Company relates the following about W. R. Patty: "He had been a most devout Christian man, a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and had taken every opportunity to do his fellows good. He worked hard on the farm or at his trade, and often traveled many miles and preached zealously and faithfully, without ever asking a remuneration, or even receiving any. He was a strong temperance man, and Republican from the organization of that party."

The 1830 Census of East Tennessee lists in McMinn County: Obed Patty, Benj. W. Patty, George O. Patty. It is interesting to note that David Crockett was listed just below the Pattys. McMinn County was created in 1819 from Indian lands. The French Broad-Holston Country published in 1946 by the Tennessee Historical Society states that among prominent laymen in the early churches in Knox County, was Obed Patty.

THE CHELDELIN STORY

OLOF PETER CHELDELIN and his wife MARIA, maternal grandparents of Alden Bewley, were born in Sweden, married there, and some of their children were born in that country. When the family left Sweden, they came first to Canada, having heard that it was easier to get into the United States by that route. Their Swedish name was a difficult one, so they changed it to Cheldelin. Olof, born in 1840, died in 1905. Maria, known as Mary, was born in 1839 and died in 1914. Her maiden name was Matson.

Alden had always understood that his mother, Amanda, was the first of the children born in this country, her birthplace being in Gopher County, Minnesota. However, the death certificate of her sister Mamie states Mamie was born in Elizabeth, Minnesota, eight years earlier. Alden believes the family came to Oregon in the mid 1880's when his mother was about two years old. They settled near Keasey in Columbia County. Alden believes there were ten children in the family. Nine are listed here, not necessarily in the order of birth.

1. Emma - married a Mr. Johnson.
children: Eugene, Edna, Jessie, Lillian Williams, Inga Barker, Edith Van Ausdeln, Amelia Daugher.
2. John F. - b. 7/18/1870; d. 10/20/1924; married May Spencer.
son: Vernon, who became a prominent Oregon biochemist.
3. Oscar - married Fannie Throop.
children: Orland, Earl, George, Lida Bowdish, Lillie Bock.
4. Peter - never married; he was a prospector and all trace of him was eventually lost.
5. Mamie - b. 2/7/1874; d. 2/11/1952; married Emanuel Karlen, who was born 12/7/1867 in Switzerland, died 7/3/1950; no children.
6. Mathias - b. 1878; d. 1888.
7. Amanda - b. 11/4/1882; d. 10/15/1928; married Edgar R. Bewley.
children: Alden Edgar and Loraine Dolores.
8. Lillie Claire - b. 3/3/1886 in Oregon; d. 8/28/1938.
married Lewis Throop; no children.
9. Matilda - married a Mr. Driver; son: Yukon.

Alden knows very little of his mother's early life. He has her small diary for the year 1908, which indicates she spent much of that summer studying and going to school. She was apparently living with her brother John and sister Lillie at Natal. Her mother was apparently living in Vernonia. The diary indicates Amanda attended church fairly regularly, went to singing classes, and was a member of the grange. There was always much housework to be done, cleaning, cooking, washing, ironing, mending, sewing. For enjoyment there was skating, fishing, much visiting with friends, and games of flinch.

Amanda went to Clatskanie on September 14, 1908, spent the next two days taking examinations, and received her certificate on the sixteenth. The next day she went "out on the burn" and found a school. She began teaching on Monday, September 28, 1908, having seven pupils the first day and eleven on the fifth day. Nothing further is known of her years of teaching or where she was living when she met Edgar Bewley.



Olof Peter and Maria Cheldelin and four of their children
at their home near Keasey, Oregon.



Olof P. Cheldelin



Maria Cheldelin

IN APPRECIATION

"Compilation of a family record is challenging and interesting, and could not be accomplished without the help of numerous other persons and the availability of reference material. We are especially indebted to Aileen Townsend for providing the incentive to begin a search for more information about Alden's ancestors.

Alden's cousin Cora Strong made available her mother's hand written notes for copying, thus giving us names and dates for beginning our search. On the basis of this information, Carolyn Taylor was able to find for us a great deal of material in the Oregon State Library. Work on the stories has jogged Alden's memory, often bringing back or clarifying near-forgotten information.

We have often been amazed over the years at the interesting facts or bits of knowledge that turn up because of a name association. Many years ago, Bertrude's mother saved an article about Lorinda Bewley that appeared in The Sunday Oregonian. A former Portland schoolteacher, upon meeting Alden, sent him a copy of the book "Lorinda Bewley and the Whitman Massacre" by Myra Sager Helm, which was one of the books used for outside reading in her classes.

The story of Alden's great-aunt Lorinda Bewley which appears in this record is based on the Oregonian article, the book by Mrs. Helm, family record copies in the Oregon State Library, and various articles about members of the Bewley family that appeared in the Oregon Journal. A visit to the Whitman Mission site and great grave a few years ago provided an opportunity to talk with the park attendant who related some information about Crockett Bewley.

An interesting family sidelight turned up in 1973 when our son Carl married Ellen Weger--two of Ellen's nieces are direct descendents of Lorinda Bewley.

We express our gratitude to all who have been so interested in the story and helped provide knowledge and information."

Alden and Bertrude Bewley



CHARLES

WELTON

EDWARDS

Charles was born September 12, 1921, at the ranch on Thirtymile Creek, near Mayville, Oregon. He was named after a cousin of Bert and Gertie's, Charles Welton Evans.

He recieved his elementary education as follows: his first three years were at the country school on Thirtymile Creek, 4th and 5th grades at Corvallis, 6th and 7th grades at Fossil, and the 8th grade at Mayville. His freshman year in high school was at Wheeler County High School in Fossil, he went a year and a half to high school in Independence and a year and a half at Condon High School, where he graduated in 1940.

Charles joined the navy on December 17, 1941, shortly after Pearl Harbor and the start of World War II. He was stationed on a patrol craft in the Pacific all during the war and received his discharge December 7, 1945.

He was married March 21, 1946, to Ila Rickles and they made their home at Tule Lake, California, on a farm that he had won in a lottery drawing for service men. He later sold the ranch and went to live and farm the home place on Thirtymile Creek. After several years of ranching there, he entered into the machine shop business with his parents and sister and brother-in-law, Bertrude and Alden Bewley. When the business was sold, he moved his family to DeLake, Oregon, where they stayed for a year, then going to Hawthorne, California, where he was employed by Northrop Corporation, a company that manufactured airplanes.

In 1966, Charles went to Longview, Washington, where he was employed by Weyerhauser Lumber Company. He was married June 21, 1971, to Earline Hallmark, who had also been an employee of Northrop Aircraft Corp.

Children and grandchildren:

1. Kathleen Ellen - b. 2/9/1947, The Dalles, Ore.; m. (?) Dixon.

Joe - b. 1967

Christina - b. 1970

2. Nicola Rena - b. 7/6/1949, The Dalles, Ore.

3. Charla Lee - 7/10/1952, The Dalles, Ore.



Kathy and Nicky



Charles and Kathy



Charles with father and mother.



Bruce and Velma Hull

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 Salem, Ore. 97303
 April 16, 1987

4 Hagen, Emil

Born

Marrried Sept. 1892
 Portland, Oregon

Died

2 Hagen, Henry Emile

born 6 Nov 1892
 Portland, Ore.

married
 31 Dec. 1927
 Vancouver, Wash

Died
 23 July 1954
 Portland, Ore.

Buried: Yamhill-Carlton Cem.

5 Stassart, Henriette Marguerite

Born 28 April 1873 - P
 Liege, Belgium

Died 14 Dec. 1943
 Garden Home, Wash Co., Ore.

Buried: Yamhill-Carlton Cem.

10 Stassart, Henry D

Born 22 Sept 1843, Belg

Marrried

Died 31 Oct 1916
 Portland, Ore.

Buried: Yacolt, Clark Co., Wash

1 Hagen, Aileen Lucille

born 23 Dec. 1926
 Portland, Ore.

married.

Died Vancouver, Wash.

11 Hardy, Lambertine

Born 3 Mar. 1845, Belgium

Died 26 Nov 1916
 Yacolt, Clark Co., Wash

Buried: Yacolt Cem.

Name of Husband

Charley Chin

b.
 Canton, China
 d. April 1986
 Tillamook, Ore.

6 "Bert"
 Edwards, Stephen Hubert

Born 1 April 1884
 near Springfield, Ore.

married 1 June 1903
 Portland, Ore.

Died 18 Jan 1952
 East of The Dalles, Ore.

Buried Mayville I.O.O.F. Cem.
 Mayville, Ore.

12 Edward, Webley James

Born 27 Sept 1853
 Oskaloosa, Mahaska Co., Ia

married 6 Dec 1874
 Lane Co., Ore.

Died 2 Feb 1937
 * Portland, Ore.

13 "Jane"
 Gross, Sarah Jane

Born 11 Nov 1855
 Adel, Dallas Co., Iowa

Died 28 Nov 1922
 * Mayville, Ore.
 * Buried Mayville I.O.O.F.

3 Edwards, Vera Beth

Born 8 Sept 1904
 Wheeler Co., Ore.
 (South of Mayville)

Died
 11 Nov. 1981

Buried
 Portland, Ore.
 Willamette Nat. Cem
 Portland, Ore.

7 "Gertie"
 Putnam, Gertrude Nancy

Born 21 Jan 1846
 near Jefferson, Linn Co., Ore.
 died 7 Oct. 1950
 Salem, Ore.

Buried Mayville I.O.O.F. Cem
 Mayville, Ore.

14 "Willie"
 Putnam, Winfrey Newton

Born 14 Aug. 1859
 Lawrence Co., Mo
 died 22 April 1883
 Bethel, Polk Co., Ore.

Died 13 Feb 1933
 * Independence, Ore.

15 "Belle"
 Harris, Eunice Belle

Born 21 April 1859
 Eola, Polk Co., Ore.

Died 19 Sept 1950
 The Waller, Ore.
 Buried Calvary, Salem