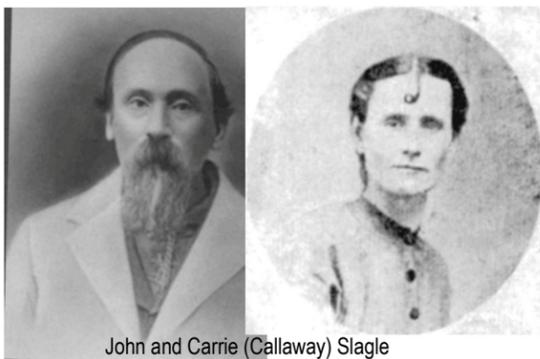


1862, and in Jacksonville since 1894. John Lee Ragsdale, facing twenty years in prison for criminal assault, struck down Basye with a clothes iron, stole the deputy's .38 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver and jumped into an auto and started down the road to Medford. Ragsdale committed suicide in the brush just south of Jacksonville with the stolen gun while surrounded by a posse. Basye's name was added to the Salem Police Memorial during the ceremony honoring fallen law enforcement officers on May 6, 2014, at the Oregon Public Safety Academy.



John and Carrie (Callaway) Slagle

JOHN SLAGLE (1838-1920)

John Slagle, a Confederate veteran of the Civil War, came to Oregon about 1869 from Missouri with his wife, Carrie, and daughter, Hannah. John Slagle and his brothers served in General Shelby's Iron Brigade. He settled a mining claim on Miller Creek. In 1876, his wife died of tuberculosis and daughter, Hannah took it on herself to raise

Charles and Minnie. In 1920, John took sick and died at the home of his granddaughter, Myrtle York Lewman. He was buried next to his wife, Carrie.



Forrest and Helen (Seger) Drake

FORREST ELMER DRAKE (1911-1993)

Forrest Drake was born in Portland, Oregon in 1911 to Bertha and Elmer Drake. In 1930, when Forrest was 19, his parents moved to a farm on the Applegate River from Bend, Oregon. When he was older he bought the farm adjacent to his parents and next to the Missouri Flat Cemetery. Drake married Helen Seger in Minneapolis,

Minnesota in 1947, and brought her back to Oregon to his farm on the Applegate. He was in the Marine Corps during WWII and served in the Pacific and China. Forrest Drake was a timber cutter most of his life and had a grade B dairy for a while and raised hay on his farm. The Drakes were instrumental in formalizing the support for and maintenance of the Mis-

souri Flat Cemetery and sold a portion of their farm to expand the cemetery.

BERT CLUTE (1874-1968)

Bert Clute was born in Iowa in 1874. By the mid 1880's the family was in Kansas and by 1900, the family was in Oregon. In 1905, Bert married Lydia Pernoll, whose family owned a store and post office in the Applegate. Bert bought a farm on North Applegate Road where for forty years he grew hops. When harvest time came, neighbors worked the hopyards for hard cash to buy necessities like equipment and school clothes. Clute advertised regularly in the Mail Tribune for seasonal labor, his advertisements noting benefits like transportation from Medford to the Applegate, housing, and meals.



Bert and William Clute with Oregon Centennial Beards, 1959



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This pioneer cemetery is located at Missouri Flat in the heart of the Applegate wine country, 4 1/2 miles west of Applegate, Oregon on North Applegate Road. There's history here: pioneer settlers, gold rush, and the war between the states. There's also lots of well known names including Slagle, Wooldridge, Davison, Meek, York, Kubli, and Lewman.

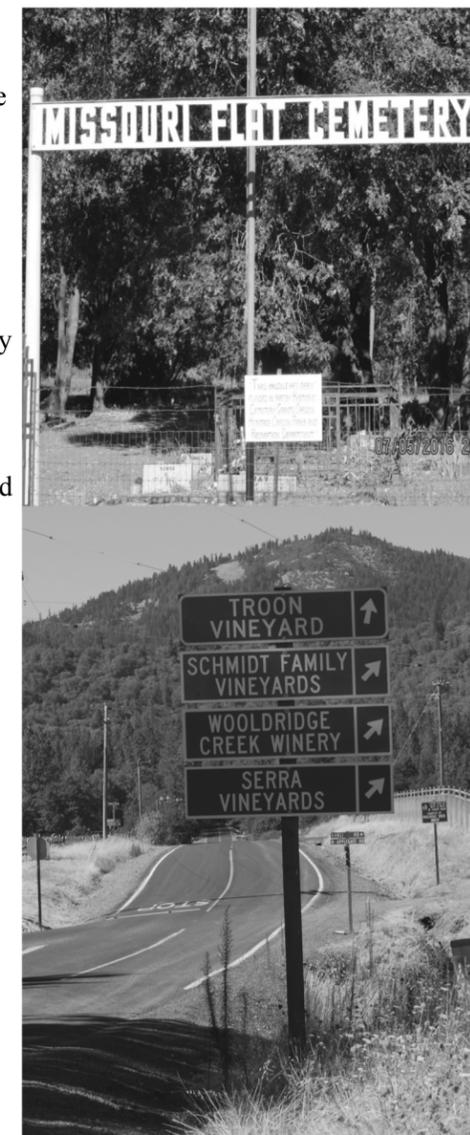
It was William Miller who donated the land for the cemetery in 1876, land that had long been in use as a burial ground. In 1972 the Missouri Flat Cemetery Association was re-energized. Forrest Drake owned property adjacent to the Missouri Flat Cemetery and was a member of this new board; his wife Helen served as Secretary-Treasurer. Helen served as Secretary-Treasurer until shortly before her death in 1984, when daughter Judy stepped in to help.

As the cemetery was filling up, the board knew that there would be need for expansion. In 1986, the Board took steps to purchase a small parcel of land from Forrest Drake, who

owned land adjacent to the cemetery. This was a tedious process as the land was zoned EFU. Finally the Jackson County Commissioners granted their request and the new back section of Missouri Flat Cemetery was established.

The Missouri Flat Cemetery has had to defend its borders in contemporary times, as newer technologies challenged but did not change historic surveys. Some gravesites are unmarked, though most are mapped and well maintained thanks to a core group of dedicated volunteers.

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North Applegate Road
and Kubli Road
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Jasper and Laura Darneille

JASPER DARNEILLE
(1853-1918)

Jasper Darneille was born in Harney County on September 1, 1853, while his parents, Anderson and Mary (Lane) Darneille, were on the journey to Jackson County. They started from Missouri across the plains early in that year with ox teams, joining a train of four hundred wagons. The father secured a donation land claim of six hundred and forty acres in Lane County.

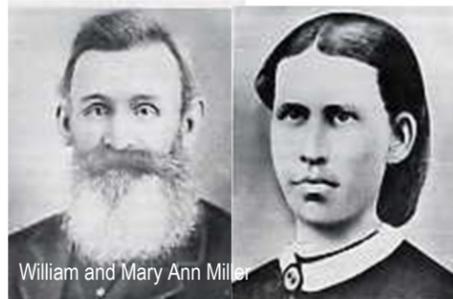
In 1861, Anderson moved his family to the Missouri Flat area, then to Thompson Creek, where he homesteaded. Jasper grew up on the farm and at age 21, homesteaded a farm next to his father. The same year, 1874, he married Laura Ellen Custer and eventually had ten children. In 1888, they moved to a farm near Murphy where they lived until their deaths, Jasper in 1918 and Laura in 1919. Tragedy struck the family in 1902, when son Kenneth drowned in an irrigation ditch. Descendants of the Darneilles still live in the area.



Jacob Kubli

JACOB KUBLI (1826-1898)

Jacob Kubli was born 1826 in Switzerland. He married Verena Lightsinger in 1854. Jacob Kubli came from Switzerland in 1868 with his wife and four girls. A son was born in the Applegate Valley. With the family was Jacob's brother, Kaspar, who had success in Jacksonville as a merchant. Jacob settled on what was to become Kubli Road. The land purchased by Jacob was formerly the James Barnes donation land claim. Jacob and Varena's daughter, Kate, married Dr. Joseph Simpson McFadden who was a neighbor who purchased land and created a farm so he could marry Kate.



William and Mary Ann Miller



The Wooldridge Family at their Missouri Flat home

WILLIAM MILLER
(1829-1911)

William M. Miller came west with his father, Daniel P. and mother, Cynthia. The family settled in Douglas County, Or. William and his wife Mary Ann were married in Douglas County, Oregon January 15, 1854. By 1870, William was living on a farm in Missouri Flat with the Kublis as neighbors. In 1876, he donated that part of his land that was already being used as a cemetery.

ALPHEUS F.W. WOOLDRIDGE (1819-1890)

Born in Kentucky in 1819, Alpheus was a minister, a circuit rider, whose name is on a lot of early marriage records. He arrived in Oregon in 1853 with his wife



John Lewman circa 1880

JOHN AMON LEWMAN
(1834-1919)

In the spring of 1852, at the age of 18, John crossed the plains by ox team, arriving in Portland Oct. 22, 1852. Moving to Jacksonville, he became interested in mining ventures around Jackson County. He was engaged in the saloon business in Jacksonville and the Williams area until the late 1860's. He married Cecelia Smith in 1863, and his wife figured that running a saloon was not a fitting occupation for a married man, so he got his first farm in the Provolt area. They were divorced and he married Isabel Meek in 1876. Between 1878 and 1896, John Lewman fathered eight more children. In 1919, just short of his 86th birthday, he died at his farm at Provolt, Oregon.

HENRY M. YORK
(1833-1902)

Emily "Emma" Jane. He and his first wife, Marynetta Connor, had a daughter, Drusilla, who married Thomas Mee. Almira later married Robert Cook, who came west with them. After a while in the Willamette, Alpheus and Robert Cook came to the Applegate in 1859. The family was neighbors with Conrad Slagle, for whom Slagle Creek is named.

A pioneer of Oregon, Henry York was well-known throughout the community as an industrious and enterprising farmer. He was born March 15, 1833, in Clay County, Kentucky, and died on the home farm, about thirteen miles south of Grants Pass, November 21, 1902. York crossed the plains with ox teams in 1852, and after spending a

short time in Linn County he located in Josephine county, and for about nine years thereafter was engaged in prospecting and mining. He was an active participant in the Rogue River Indian Wars. Mr. York settled on the Applegate River and bought one hundred and sixty acres of land. In 1861, he married Sarah Slagle and raised a family of twelve children.

CHARLES H. BASYE
(1857-1917)

Charles Basye was beaten to death by an escaping prisoner at the county jail in Jacksonville on June 12, 1917. Basye, who was a blacksmith by trade, had resided in Jackson County since



Deputy Basye in 1912 in front of the jail where he will die in 1917