

SPIRIT OF THE PIONEER

A newsletter for the families and friends of
the Eugene Pioneer Cemetery
(Across from McArthur Court)

SPRING 2011

PHOTOGRAPHING ALL MARKERS & MONUMENTS

by Quentin A. Holmes

Debbie Camden of Veneta is in the process of photographing all the markers and monuments in Eugene Pioneer Cemetery!

An e-mail from Debbie Camden came to us in early 2010 via our website. Debbie questioned the spelling of her ancestor's last name in our online Burials Database. She also wrote, "Are you planning on documenting the headstones with the names in the cemetery and placing them online and possible with the obituaries, if so let me know as I would be willing to help photograph the headstones and look up obits." To underscore her point Debbie added, "When the site is online like that it is amazing... see the example of one in the area that my family comes from..."

Frankly, Yours Truly was terrified by the magnitude of such a project for Eugene Pioneer Cemetery with its more than 760 Cemetery Blocks. At that time, after 14 months of effort, we were still wrestling mightily with getting our Burials Database online. However, documenting the markers and memorials is listed as a possible future project in our *Preservation Guidelines and Policies*. My polite reply to Debbie was, "For archival purposes, we may someday set about taking photographs of each marker in our Cemetery. When that occurs we will take you up on your offer."

Surprisingly, by February of 2011 the time was right. Dorothy Brandner & I met with Debbie Camden and the project began!

Potential uses for the photographs include:

- o Document the appearance, circa 2011, of each Cemetery Block;
- o The photographs could be used to augment our Burials Database;
- o Make it possible for someone who can not physically come to our

Cemetery to "see" the grave sites of interest to them.

The approach being taken is easy to describe.

- (a) Debbie is taking digital photographs of each Cemetery Block, and the markers & monuments on it:
 - Two overview photographs of each Cemetery Block;
 - With additional photos of each marker or monument;
- (b) As photos are taken they are stored in folders (i.e., a separate folder for each Cemetery Block) and named according to the Block they show.



As an example, consider the set of photographs Debbie took of Cemetery Block No. 43 – the Kendall/Yockey lot (see page 2). Our records show that several people were buried in this Block, but the only markers/monuments are for Ray C. Kendall (age 19) and Clyde E. Yockey (age 11). These two boys were cousins who both drowned while swimming in the Willamette river near Springfield on August 8, 1905. Photo 43-1 is the view looking North. Photo 43-2 is the view looking South. Four more photographs (43-a, 43-b, 43-c, and 43-d) show the markers/monuments.

. Debbie Camden uses a portable computer to hyperlink the digital photographs she takes to Dorothy Brandner's Burials Database. Debbie hopes to have all the photos taken before Summer.

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(43-1) LOOKING NORTH



(43-2) LOOKING SOUTH



Kendall Memorial



Ray C. Kendall



Clyde E. Yockey



"Ray"

PHOTOS OF CEMETERY BLOCK NO. 43 - (The Kendall / Yockey Lot)

2011 WORK PARTIES SCHEDULED

by George C. Beebe, EPCA Director

We have two work parties scheduled this year. These have to be set up months in advance with the Lane County Sheriff. We get crews of ten people - men and women - from the Lane County jail. These folks do an excellent job for us. They regard it as a privilege to be outdoors and helping the Cemetery. A week or so before, several of us "walk-thru" and agree upon what needs to get tackled by the work party.

One work party will be just before Memorial Day:
Walk-Thru: Thursday, May 19, 2010 at 11:30am
Work Party: Friday, May 27, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The second work party will be in September:
Walk-Thru: Thursday, August 25, at 11:30am
Work Party: Friday, Sept. 2, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Come join us if you can, we can always use help!

A VISITOR'S IMPRESSION



The Miller Lot (Lot No. 42)

Kristin G, a young student at the U. of O., occasionally comes to the cemetery to relax and sketch. This is one of her lovely sketches.

JUDGE J. J. WALTON, Jr. (1838 - 1909)

by Ruth Lake Holmes, EPCA Secretary-Treasurer

Judge Joshua Jones (“J. J.”) Walton, Jr. (1838-1909), was a noted Lane County Judge for many years. During his term of office the first road was put through to the coast, so they named the town of Walton after him. Judge J. J. Walton was also president of the Union University Association, which got the University of Oregon located in Eugene rather than in competing towns.

When the construction of the University of Oregon’s first building, Deady Hall, was stopped for lack of money, Judge J. J. Walton left his chambers. The records say, *“Day after day he knocked on doors to beg for donations – a pig, a calf, chickens, a bushel of wheat which he sold to local stores for cash – and the roof was completed before the rains began!”* Later he was secretary to the Board of Regents of the University of Oregon for 33 years.

Joshua Jones Walton, Jr. was born in Indiana in 1838. In 1842, his father and mother moved to Iowa, and in 1849 they crossed the plains via the Humboldt Trail to Fremont, California, having been on the way for a period of six months. J. J. Walton was a boy of 11 at this time.

In 1851 the family moved to Yreka, California. The following year J. J. Walton, Sr., took up a donation land claim on Wagner Creek near Ashland, Oregon. Here he built a log house and in 1853 assisted in building a Block House at Fort Wayne. Here father and son were on guard duty for six months during the Rogue River Indian uprisings.

In 1853 J. J. Walton, Sr., sold his property, mainly because of his wife’s intense fear of the warring Rogue Indians. He moved his family to a farm in Green Valley a few miles west of Oakland, Oregon. In 1858 the Walton family decided to come to Eugene City, so that the nine children could avail themselves of the educational advantages offered there. Here a home was built on Pearl Street between 6th and 7th, and the house at 626 Pearl is still a part of the original residence.

J.J. Walton, Jr. was married to Miss Elizabeth Gale, a teacher at the Select School located in the building of the original Presbyterian Church on 8th and Lincoln Streets, on April 12 1866. To this couple were born three daughters: Ada Osie, Clara Dell and Harriet (Mrs. S. B. Waite), now all deceased. In 1873 Elizabeth Gale Walton passed away. Three years later, Mr. Walton married Miss Emma Fisher of Eugene, a teacher in the Annex to the District School which was located where the former Osburn Hotel stood. A daughter, Pauline was born to this couple in January 1879.

In 1867 Mr. Walton bought four acres of land on what is now East Broadway and 8th Streets. An old brickyard was formerly located there, surrounded by large oak trees, and the Millrace just to the west flowed peacefully nearby. In 1868 the Walton house was built and located on about the middle of the tract. In 1909 the house was moved farther to the west from its former location on the center of the property, and at this time a basement was placed underneath it and the house itself rebuilt. (This historic house was Morino’s restaurant for years.)

His daughter, Miss Pauline Walton, was a teacher in the Eugene school system for many years and later librarian in charge of the Oregon Collection at the University of Oregon Library until her retirement in 1947. She was a member of the First Methodist Church and long active in religious, educational and historical circles, being a vice-president of the Lane County Pioneer Historical Society. Pauline Walton continued to reside in the Walton family home until she passed away at age 87 in 1966. Miss Pauline was the last surviving member of the J. J. Walton family.

HISTORIC WALTON MEMORIAL NEEDS REPLACING

Judge J. J. Walton’s Monument was made of sandstone. 100 years have taken a heavy toll on it. Eugene Pioneer Cemetery is currently soliciting funds to replace it.



**J. J. Walton Memorial
(Circa September
2010)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Combined Annual Meetings of Eugene Pioneer Cemetery Association and Eugene Pioneer Cemetery Endowment Fund, Inc.

May 7th, 2011 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Will be held Saturday,

LOCATION: The First Congregational Church
1050 E. 23rd Street

Eugene, Oregon.

Memorial Day Services at The Eugene Pioneer Cemetery

A Memorial Day Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 30th, 2011 at the Civil War Veteran's Plot. This formal service will feature members of the Sons of Union Veterans dressed in full Civil War military uniforms, and a musket salute in honor of the heroes who are at rest in the G.A.R. Plot. The inspiring Shasta Middle School Band and Choir will perform music from the Civil War era. Please Come!

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