

**SURFACE WATER REGISTRATION CHECKLIST**

(received after July 18, 1990)

CHECK BASIN MAP DWF NAME UMPOVA # 10 UNADJUDICATED AREA ? OK DWF  
RECEIPT # 95515 S W R NUMBER 225  
CHECK ENCLOSURES DWF PRELIMINARY DATA BASE ENTRY DWF  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTER DWF ENTER ON STREAM INDEX \_\_\_\_\_  
CHECK QUADRANGLE MAP \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK GLO PLATS \_\_\_\_\_  
WATERMASTER CHECKLIST \_\_\_\_\_ PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION SCSU

**FORM REVIEW**

\_\_\_\_\_ blanks filled in  
\_\_\_\_\_ signed  
\_\_\_\_\_ date received stamped

**MAP REVIEW**

source and trib  
 diversion point location  
 conveyances (pipes, ditch, etc.)  
 place of use  
 scale  
 township, range, section  
 north arrow  
 CWRE stamp  
 disclaimer  
\_\_\_\_\_ date survey was performed  
 P.O.B. of survey  
 dimensions and capacity of diversion system  
 "beneficial use" type title  
 "permanent-quality" paper

WATER RIGHT RECORD CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ FIELD INSPECTION \_\_\_\_\_  
FINAL FILE REVIEW \_\_\_\_\_ FINAL DATA BASE ENTRY \_\_\_\_\_  
ENTER ON PLAT CARDS \_\_\_\_\_

February 10, 1993

WINFRED ALBRO  
W.C. ALBRO LIVING TRUST  
25379 HIGHWAY 38  
ELKTON OR 97436

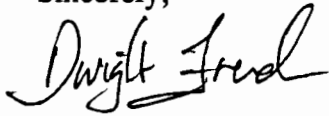
Dear MR ALBRO,

This will acknowledge that your Surface Water Registration Statement in the name of W.C. ALBRO LIVING TRUST has been received by our office. The fees in the amount of \$400.00 have been received and our receipt #95515 is enclosed. Your registration statement has been numbered SWR-225.

Our office will review your form and map in the near future. If necessary we will schedule a meeting with you that will include a site inspection. If there are problems with your form we are usually able to take care of them during our visit. We will be able to answer any questions you might have about the adjudication process at that time.

Please feel free to contact this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Dwight French  
Adjudication Section

Enclosure

C:\WP51\SWR\CLAIMANT\SWR-0225.001



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3850 Portland Rd NE  
Salem, OR 97310  
(503) 378-3739  
FAX (503) 378-8130

**STATE OF OREGON  
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

RECEIPT # **95515**

3850 PORTLAND ROAD NE  
SALEM, OR 97310  
378-8455/378-8130 (FAX)

RECEIVED FROM: Winifred Albro  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION	
PERMIT	
TRANSFER	

CASH:  CHECK: # 9422 OTHER: (IDENTIFY)

TOTAL REC'D \$ 725

**01-00-0 WRD MISC CASH ACCT**

842.010	ADJUDICATIONS	\$ <u>470</u>
831.087	PUBLICATIONS/MAPS	\$
830.650	PARKING FEES Name/month	\$
_____	OTHER: (IDENTIFY)	\$

**REDUCTION OF EXPENSE**

CASH ACCT. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

COST CENTER AND OBJECT CLASS VOUCHER #

**03-00-0 WRD OPERATING ACCT**

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

840.001	COPY FEES	\$
850.200	RESEARCH FEES	\$
880.109	MISC REVENUE: (IDENTIFY)	\$
520.000	OTHER (P-6): (IDENTIFY)	\$

**WATER RIGHTS:**

842.001	SURFACE WATER	EXAM FEE	842.002	RECORD FEE
842.003	GROUND WATER	\$	842.004	\$
842.005	TRANSFER	\$	842.006	\$

**WELL CONSTRUCTION**

842.022	WELL DRILL CONSTRUCTOR	EXAM FEE	842.023	LICENSE FEE
842.016	WELL DRILL OPERATOR	\$	842.019	\$
_____	LANDOWNER'S PERMIT	\$	842.024	\$

**06-00-0 WELL CONST START FEE**

842.013	WELL CONST START FEE	\$	CARD #	
_____	MONITORING WELLS	\$	CARD #	

**45-00-0 LOTTERY PROCEEDS**

864.000	LOTTERY PROCEEDS	\$
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**07-00-0 HYDRO ACTIVITY**

842.011	POWER LICENSE FEE(FW/WRD)	LIC NUMBER	\$
842.115	HYDRO LICENSE FEE(FW/WRD)		\$
_____	HYDRO APPLICATION		\$

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DATED: 12-28-92 BY: O. B. ...

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**HISTORICAL RECORD OF THE ANDREW SAWYERS HOME AND FARM,  
FOR THE PRE-1909 SURFACE WATER REGISTRATION CLAIM,  
SUBMITTED IN THE NAME OF W.C. ALBRO LIVING TRUST**

In October, 1850, Andrew Sawyers, his wife Fannie, and their two children, left San Francisco and arrived in Scottsburg, Umpqua County, Oregon. In a few weeks, Andrew Sawyers settled twelve miles east of Scottsburg, taking claim of 640 acres on the upper end of Long Prairie. By the end of 1850, the Sawyers family began living in the home that is now owned by the W.C. Albro Living Trust. On April 6, 1878, Andrew Sawyers received title to his Donation Land Claim from the United States government. He continued to live on his land until he died on December 20, 1906. His heirs retained ownership of the land until 1929, when it was sold to Marjorie Mobley. In 1942, the land was sold to William Clausen, and in 1943, the land was sold to the Albro family. Mrs. Winifred Albro still resides in the home, and her son, Frances, still runs the ranch.

According to Frances Albro, Andrew Sawyers began using the unnamed stream lying east of the home, as the source for stockwater and domestic use, near the end of 1850. There are still remnants of the 1 inch diameter steel pipe lying within the stream channel. It is badly corroded and is no longer in use. A rectangular storage structure measuring 4 feet (w) x 12 feet (l) x 5 feet (h), constructed with wood planking, was in use when the Albros first purchased the property. The old pipeline ran from a 3 feet diameter pool at the head of a 15 feet high waterfall, along the stream channel to a point where, a 1 inch diameter steel pipe ran east to a stock tank and where a 1 inch diameter steel pipe ran west to the home, to 2 hosebibs on the west side of the home, and to another stock tank. The present system uses the same diversion point and utilizes 1 1/2 inch diameter PVC pipe, a 3000 gallon storage reservoir, and an elliptical galvanized stock tank measuring, 6 feet (l) x 2 feet (w) x 2 feet (h). The new pipeline still serves the same uses although, the stock tank west of the home has not been used in over 5 years.

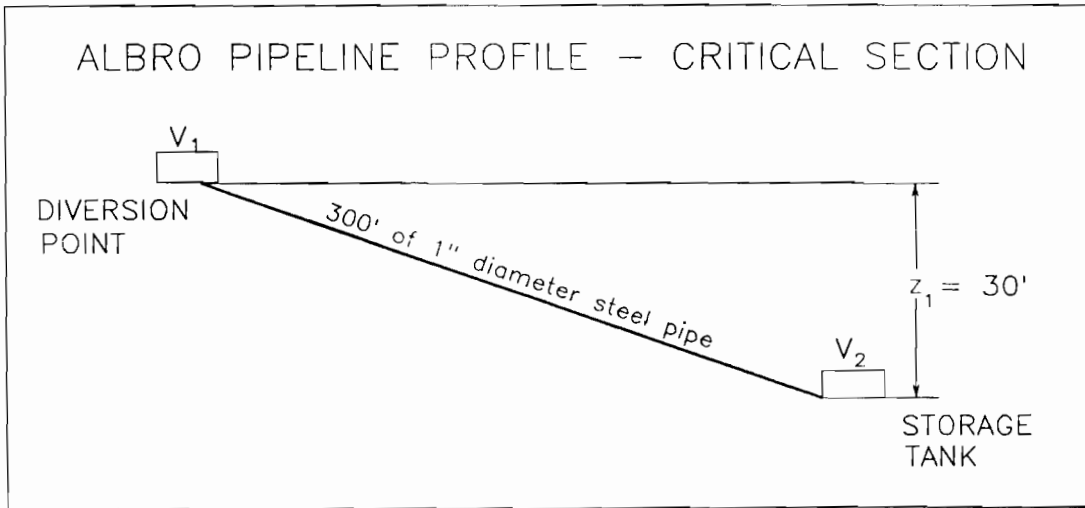
Enclosed are materials supporting the Albro claim of pre-1909 water use:

- 1) Land Title Certificate, dated April 6, 1878, passing title from the United States government to Andrew Sawyers, recorded in Volume 9, page 635, Douglas County Deed Records,
- 2) "History of Southern Oregon", A.G. Walling, 1884, showing pencil sketch of the Andrew Sawyers' home,
- 3) "Umpqua Valley, Oregon And Its Pioneers", Harold Avery Minter, 1967, describing the life of Andrew Sawyers,
- 4) State Historic Preservation Office, Oregon State Parks Department, dated May 2, 1976, describing the Sawyers House.

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CALCULATIONS



Using Bernoulli's Equation

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{V_1^2}{2g} = 0, & \quad \frac{P_1}{w} = 0, & \quad z_1 = 30', \\ H_f = ?, & \quad H_e = 0, & \quad H_p = 0, \\ \frac{V_2^2}{2g} = ?, & \quad \frac{P_2}{w} = 0, & \quad z_2 = 0, \\ f = .055, & \quad L = 300, & \quad d = 1'', \end{aligned}$$

$$IF: \frac{V_1^2}{2g} + \frac{P_1}{w} + z_1 - H_f - H_e + H_p = \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + \frac{P_2}{w} + z_2,$$

$$THEN: 0 + 0 + 30 - H_f = \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + 0 + 0, \quad THEN: 30 = H_f + \frac{V_2^2}{2g},$$

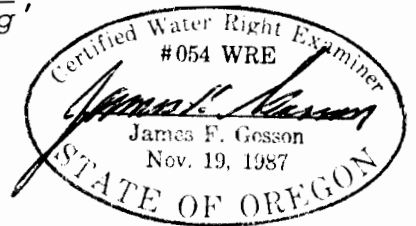
$$IF: H_f = f \frac{L}{d} \frac{V_2^2}{2g}, \quad THEN: H_f = (0.055) \left( \frac{300}{1.0/12} \right) \frac{V_2^2}{2g} = 198 \frac{V_2^2}{2g},$$

$$30 = 198 \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g}, \quad 30 = 199 \frac{V_2^2}{2g},$$

$$IF: g = 32.2 \frac{ft}{sec^2}, \quad THEN: V_2 = \sqrt{9.71} = 3.1 \frac{ft}{sec},$$

$$IF: Q = VA, \quad \& \quad A = \frac{1}{4} \pi d^2,$$

$$THEN: Q = \left( 3.1 \frac{ft}{sec} \right) \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) \pi \left( \frac{1.0}{12} \right)^2 = 0.017 \text{ cfs} > 0.015 \text{ cfs OK}$$



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The W.C. Albro Living Trust wishes to claim the use of 0.015 cfs of water from an unnamed stream, a tributary of the Umpqua River, with a priority date of January 1, 1851, with 0.01 cfs for domestic use, including irrigation of up to 1/2 acre lawn and non-commercial garden, and 0.005 cfs for stockwater use.

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ASRSB10 REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLL  
11/20/92

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SALEM, OREGON T25 R04 S02 TL 700  
M&B VOL 163 PG 5980  
LESS PT SD: LESS PT CO RD  
\*POTEN TAX 90 \$1,725.00 \*  
79-8717 83-13684  
90-4924 REF

ACCT NO 5486.01 DOUGLAS COUNTY  
CODE 130.07  
CLASS 997  
ACRES 3.34  
REF NO 92-05169

		CURRENT YEAR		PRIOR YEAR	
POTENTIAL	LAND	MARKET	ASSESSED	MARKET	ASSESSED
		10,544		9,376	9,376
ADDITIONAL	BLDG				
TAX LIABILITY	TOTAL VALUE	10,544		9,376	9,376
	TAXABLE VALUE				

SEE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS (PF11)

PRESS:

ENTER - SEL PF6 - PLANNING PF9 - SALES PF12 - LAND  
 PF1 - ADV PF7 - TAXROLL PF10 - INDEX PF13 - BUILDING  
 PF2 - RCD PF8 - MOBIL XREF PF11 - SP ASMT CLEAR - EXJT

PLNSB01 PLANNING DEPARTMENT FILE INQUIRY/UPDATE 11/20/92  
 ACCT: 0548601 PAC: L/R : N 5/91 EB  
 ACRES: 3.34 P/D #: ACRES: .00  
 TRS: 25 04 02 00700  
 PLAN(S) ZONE(S) OVLAY(S) W/S # B/P #  
 AGG FG

COMMENTS

DOUGLAS COUNTY  
 ACCT #S FOR 1(ONE) L/R: 5486.01, 5486.13 & 5486.14  
 IF ACCTS PROCESSED SEPARATELY - VIOLATION, SEE  
 RESEARCH FILE 25-4-2&11 (HUTCHINS).  
 SEE LETTER 08/20/91 RAB PROPERTY IN VIOLATION

ENT=SEL PF1=ADV PF2=RCD PF3=UPD PF4=ADD PF5=DEL PF6=MAST CLEAR=EXIT  
 ASRSB10 REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLL  
 11/20/92  
 ACCT NO 2547.04 ALBRO, WINIFRED C TRS T22 R08 S05 TL 400  
 CODE 34.04 W C ALBRO LIVING TRUST PT M&B V106 P91 LESS PT  
 CLASS 502 SD (INSIDE FIRE DIST)  
 ACRES 5.00 25379 STATE HWY 38 SEE 2547-05 FOR BAL TL  
 REF NO 91-17799 ELKTON, OR 97436

		CURRENT YEAR		PRIOR YEAR	
ZONED FARM LAND	LAND	MARKET	ASSESSED	MARKET	ASSESSED
POTENTIAL		5,526	5,526	5,539	5,539
ADDITIONAL	BLDG	66,918	66,918	66,375	66,375
TAX LIABILITY	TOTAL VALUE	72,444	72,444	71,914	71,914
	TAXABLE VALUE		72,444		

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PLNSB01 PLANNING DEPARTMENT FILE INQUIRY/UPDATE 11/20/92  
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 TRS: 22 08 05 00400  
 PLAN(S) ZONE(S) OVLAY(S) W/S # B/P #  
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to Patent, Roseburg, Oregon containing three  
 hundred and thirty acres - Now <sup>known</sup> that the  
 United States of America in consideration  
 of the premises and in conformity with the  
 provisions of the act aforesaid have given  
 granted and by these presents do give and  
 grant unto the said David Smith and  
 his heirs the South half and unto his wife  
 the said Abigail Smith and her heirs  
 the North half of the tract of land above  
 described. To have and to hold the said  
 tract with the appurtenances unto the  
 said David Smith and his wife Abigail  
 Smith and to their heirs and assigns  
 forever their respective portions as  
 aforesaid.

In Testimony whereof I Andrew Johnson  
 President of the United States have  
 caused these Letters to be made patent  
 and the Seal of the General Land Office  
 to be hereunto affixed.  
 Given under my hand at the City of  
 Washington this Twenty sixth day of  
 July in the year of our Lord One  
 thousand Eight hundred and Sixty  
 Six and of the Independence of the  
 United States the Ninety first.

By the President Andrew Johnson  
 Wm. Edgar Miller Secretary  
 J. N. Francis Recorder of the  
 General Land Office

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 Recorded April 6 1878. L. L. Williams Clerk

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United States  
 To  
 Andrew Johnson

The United States of America  
 To all to whom these presents  
 shall come Greeting Whereas  
 there has been deposited in  
 the General Land Office of the United States  
 a Certificate numbered Nine hundred  
 and thirty Six of the Register and Receiver  
 at Roseburg Oregon, whereby it appears



that under the provisions of the act of Congress  
 approved the 24 day of September 1850 enti-  
 tled "An act to create the Office of Surveyor  
 General of the public lands in Oregon, and  
 to provide for the survey and to make  
 donations to settlers of the said public  
 lands" and the legislation supplemental  
 thereto the claim of Andrew Snygers and  
 Janny Sangers of Wapque County  
 Oregon, No. 659 has been estab-  
 lished to a Donation of one Section  
 or Six hundred and forty acres of land  
 and that the same has been surveyed  
 and designated as follows: to-wit: five  
 more being parts of Sections Four, five,  
 Six, Seven, eight and nine and Township  
 Twenty Two South of Range Eight West,  
 according to the Official plat of the Survey  
 returned to the General Land Office by  
 the Surveyor General, being bounded and  
 described as follows: to-wit: Beginning at a  
 point Six chains North and Ten chains  
 Twenty five East from the South West Corner  
 of said section seven and running thence  
 North Thirty nine degrees and thirty minutes  
 East One hundred and twenty six chains and  
 twenty links, Thence South Forty one degrees  
 East Sixty three chains and fifty four links  
 to South or left bank of the Wapque River  
 Thence with the meanders of said River up  
 Stream North Eighty two degrees East, ten  
 chains and ten links - Thence South  
 Eighty four degrees and thirty minutes East  
 fifty one chains and eight links, Thence  
 South Sixty one degrees and thirty minutes  
 East eight chains, Thence South Twenty  
 Seven degrees East thirteen chains, Thence  
 South Thirteen degrees East, five chains  
 and forty five links, Thence bearing West  
 West Eighty nine chains and fourteen links  
 to the right bank of Wapque River, Thence  
 with the meanders of said River down  
 South Fifty eight degrees thirty minutes East

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forty two chains and eight links, Thence south  
 fifty acres west nine chains and five links  
 & thence South forty eight acres West Thirteen  
 chains - Thence South thirty eight acres west  
 thirteen chains and five links, and thence  
 (bearing Run) West sixteen chains and fifty  
 five links to the place of beginning in the District  
 of lands subject to sale at Roseburg Oregon  
 containing Six hundred and forty acres and  
 eight hundredths of an acre - Now know ye  
 that the United States of America in Consideration  
 of the premises have in Conformity  
 with the provisions of the act aforesaid  
 have given and granted and by these presents  
 do give and grant unto the said Andrew  
 Sanger, and his wife the East half, and  
 unto his wife the said Fanny Sanger and  
 to her heirs the West half of the tract  
 of land above described - To have and to  
 hold the said tract with the Appurtenant  
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 and assigns forever their respective  
 portions as aforesaid

In Testimony whereof I Andrew Johnson  
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Given under my hand at the  
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By the President Andrew Johnson  
 E. D. Wall Secretary  
 (Seal) J. N. Granger Recorder of the  
 General Land Office  
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Recorded April 6<sup>th</sup> 1878  
 G. L. Williams Collector

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# HISTORY

—OF—

# SOUTHERN OREGON,

COMPRISING

JACKSON, JOSEPHINE, DOUGLAS, CURRY AND COOS

COUNTIES,

COMPILED FROM THE MOST AUTHENTIC SOURCES.

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1884.

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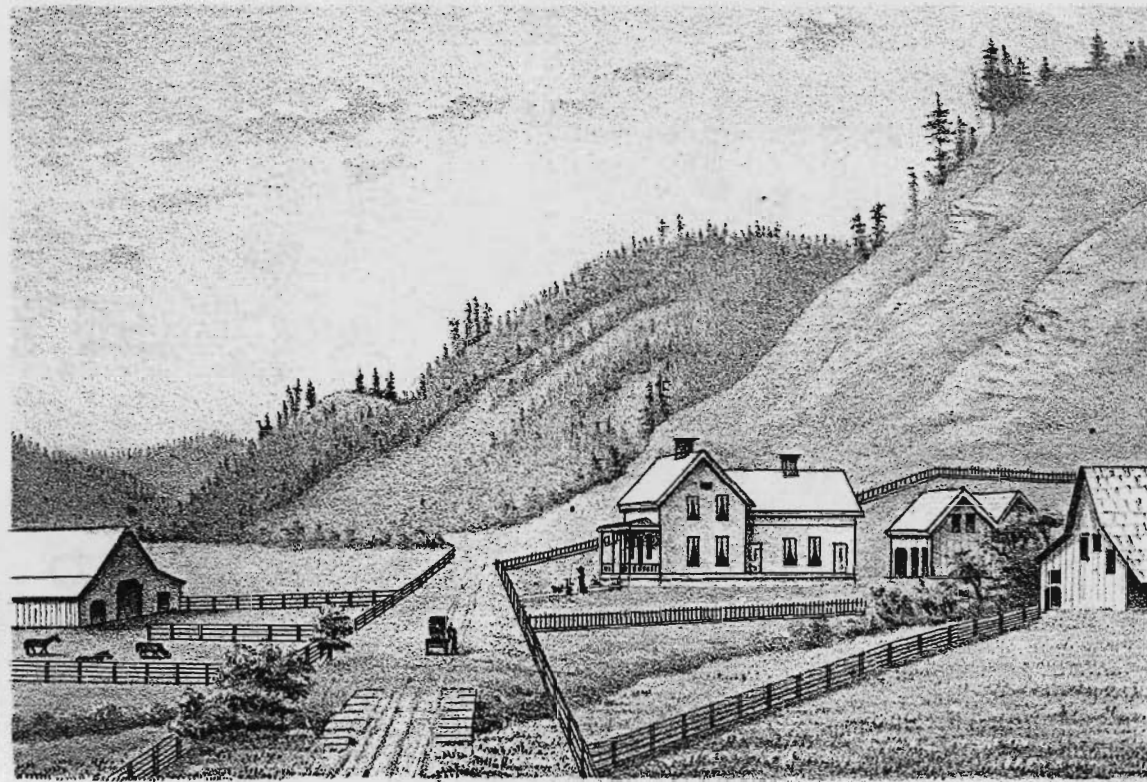
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Research Library

PORTLAND, OREGON:

PRINTING AND LITHOGRAPHING HOUSE OF A. G. WALLING, CORNER FIRST AND ASH STREETS.

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BOX 1550  
ROSEBURG, OREGON 97470



RESIDENCE OF ANDREW SAWYERS, 9 MILES EAST OF SCOTTSBURG,  
DOUGLAS CO.

county in the state senate, and was honored by being appointed chairman of the military committee. He was appointed one of the investigating committee to report upon the acts of the preceding administration. Gen. Ross' portrait, and a view of his residence will be found in this work.

**TOBIAS STILLEY RIDDLE** was born in Illinois, August 31, 1849, and when but a few years of age was brought by his parents across the plains to Oregon. Arriving in Douglas county early in 1852, Mr. Riddle's parents there located on the property they now own, near the town that bears his family name, "Riddle." Our subject remained under the paternal roof until the age of sixteen years. He then started out to do for himself. At that early age he began the stock business and laid the foundation for his present success. At the age of eighteen Mr. Riddle was united in marriage to Miss S. Smith, a daughter of George C. Smith, an old resident of Eugene, and later a resident of Myrtle Creek, Douglas county. [Mr. Smith and his son John met their death while engaged in the stock business in Happy valley, Stein mountain, at the hands of the Bannock Indians.] From small beginnings Mr. Riddle has built up a large and profitable stock business—his field of operations now extending all over Southern Oregon. He also owns a valuable farm in Cow creek canyon, consisting of 440 acres, and a beautiful residence in Canyonville where he now resides, a view of which will be found in this history. Mr. Riddle has a family of six children, whose names are: Carrie L., Walter C., Fred, Eva, Benjamin and Presley.

**ANDREW SAWYERS** was born near St. Johns, New Brunswick, April 19, 1822, of Scotch-Irish descent. When he was four years of age his parents moved to Philadelphia. Being left motherless at an early age he was placed by his father on a farm where he remained until his seventeenth year, then returned to Philadelphia and served an apprenticeship at the carpenter trade, which he followed in the Quaker City until 1843, when he went to New York. A few months later he moved to New Orleans, there working at his trade until October, 1849. He then, with his wife and two children, took passage on the *Mary Watterman* via Cape Horn, for San Francisco, arriving there in May, 1850. Mr. Sawyers immediately found employment at his trade, which he followed till the fall of 1850, when he came to Oregon, first locating at Scottsburg. A few weeks later he settled on his present property, nine miles east of Scottsburg, now consisting of a fine farm of 640 acres. A view of his farm residence will be found in this history. Mr. Sawyers was united in marriage in New Orleans, December 25, 1844, to Miss Fannie McDowell, a native of Philadelphia. They have had ten children, five of whom are living, viz: Catherine, now Mrs. Josiah Stevens; Annie, now Mrs. Joseph Reed; Margaret, now Mrs. Peter Nelson; Fannie and Wm. S.

**JAMES F. SHEFFIELD**, is a native of Huron county, Ohio; was born August 5, 1825, and there resided until the spring of 1850. On hearing of the wonderful wealth to be found on the Pacific coast he started in the spring of that year for California, and there followed mining until 1852, when he came to Oregon, and in 1853 to Douglas county, and purchased his present valuable farm, consisting of 470 acres two and a half miles south of Roseburg, on the banks of the Umpqua, on which he has erected a fine farm residence; a view of which appears in this work.

**THOMAS SHRUM.**—This well known citizen of Douglas county, and early pioneer of Oregon, is a native of Lincoln county, Missouri, and was born December 8, 1827; residing on his father's farm until the spring of 1846. In April of that year, accompanied by his father, mother, three sisters and five brothers, started with ox teams "across the plains" to the far west. After six months of traveling and many hardships they arrived in this state and made their first stopping place five miles east of Salem where they located on a farm. There Mr. Shrum remained until the Gold discovery in California, when he with one brother hastened to the now Eldorado and followed mining in different parts of the state until the spring of 1852. He then returned to his home near Salem and resided there until 1854. Having concluded to locate a farm for himself he selected Douglas county for his future home and at that time purchased 160 acres one mile north of where he now lives. In 1864 he purchased his present homestead consisting of 600 acres on the banks of the Umpqua river, on which he has made many and valuable improvements—a view of which will be found in this work. And now, after many years of hard toil Mr. Shrum is prepared to take the comforts that only attend those who lead an honest and well spent life. Mr. Shrum was married in Marion county, October 29, 1857, to Miss Casandra Karns, a native of Indiana. They have a family of seven children, viz: Delia J. born August 29, 1858, Stephen J. born January 24, 1860, Avriila W. born August 18, 1861, Sarah E. born May 21, 1863, Mary R. born May 17, 1865, Euphuma E. born April 30, 1867, and George W. born November 13, 1869.

**THOMAS J. SINGLETON.**—This old and well known resident of Roseburg, and Douglas county, was born in Lincoln county, Kentucky, April 30, 1835. When he was but four years of age his parents moved to Missouri, and first settled in Sheridan county, and a few years later located in Linn county, where they engaged in farming until the spring of 1853, when he with his parents and brothers started across the plains to Oregon. Arriving in this state in October, he first settled in Marion county, near Salem, for one year. In the spring of 1854 they came to Douglas county and located on a farm on Oak creek. Mr. Singleton lived with his parents on the farm until April 21, 1858, when he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Taylor, of Marion county, and began farming for himself, on the place he now owns on Deer creek, adjoining the old homestead, the latter which he now also possesses. Here he followed farming and stock raising until 1883, when on the death of his wife he moved his home into Roseburg where he now resides with his interesting family of seven children, viz: Mary V., now the wife of S. I. Thornton, Thomas E., Ada M., William L., Emma E., Walter and Minnie E.

**WILLIAM B. SINGLETON.**—This well and favorably known citizen of Douglas county, is a native of Lincoln county, Kentucky, born August 16, 1837. In the spring of 1852, Mr. Singleton's parents started to cross the plains to Oregon, arriving at Portland in the fall of that year. In 1854, they came to Douglas county, and first settled on Oak creek. Some years later Mr. S. was united in marriage to Miss Martha J. Cooper, and then located on his present beautiful ranch, in Deer creek valley; a view of which appears in this History. Mr. Singleton has made many improvements on a naturally beautiful place, until now he possesses one of the most desirable farms to be found in Douglas county. He is engaged in general farming and stock raising.

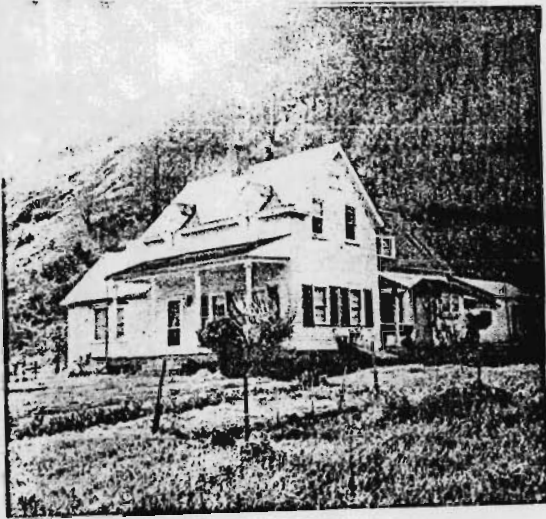
**CAPTAIN THOMAS SMITH** was born in Campbell county Kentucky, September 14, 1809. The father died when Thomas was but sixteen years of age. At the age of twenty-three, with his mother and sisters, he moved to Boone county, where he remained working at the carpenter trade until 1839, when he concluded to try his luck in Texas. He re-

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State Historic Preservation Office  
Oregon State Parks, Salem, 97310 <sup>23</sup>



APR 76



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County Douglas

Theme \_\_\_\_\_

Name  
(Common) Sawyers (Andrew) House

(Historic) (same)

Address Rt. #1, West  
Elkton, Ore. 97436

Present Owner Mrs. Winifred Albro

(Address) Rt. 1, West, Elkton, Ore. 97436

Original Use Residence

Date of Construction 1851

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Andrew Sawyers House stands near Highway 38 at Sawyers Rapids in the valley of the Umpqua River west of Elkton, Oregon. The Sawyers family states that this house was erected in 1851. The house is a one and one-half story, wood frame building in a "T-shape." The structure has clapboard siding, a gable roof, and a porch which extends along the south (front) elevation. Andrew Sawyers cut the stones for the foundation blocks for this house and also cut the stone hearths and mantelpieces. He did other stone masonry work for other houses built along the lower Umpqua River. The windows are eight-over-eight, double hung sash. Two dormers have been cut and added on the front elevation in the roof on the second floor. A new wing has been added on the west elevation, but is harmonious with the original building's style. The first floor has a parlor, kitchen, pantry, and bedroom. On the second floor are four bedrooms. The doors in this house were made of panels put together with dowel pins. The lumber for the house was whip-sawed, sized, and dressed by hand by Andrew Sawyers.

In 1884 A.G. Walling published a view of the south and east elevations of the house in his History of Southern Oregon. Although there have been some changes, the structure is basically as it was in 1884. The house is in excellent condition. Nearby, to the west, is the house of Ralph Sawyers. Ralph Sawyers owns 126 acres of the original 640 Sawyers Donation Land Claim. In his modern home is a hearth and mantelpiece also cut by Andrew Sawyers.

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Andrew Sawyers was born April 19, 1822, near St. Johns, New Brunswick. In 1826 his parents moved to Philadelphia. As a teen ager he was apprenticed to a carpenter. In 1843 he went to New York and later was a carpenter in New Orleans. In October, 1849, he sailed with his wife and two children on the Mary Watterman via Cape Horn for San Francisco, where he arrived in May, 1850. He worked as a carpenter in San Francisco until the fall of 1850 when he came to the Umpqua River. He settled at Sawyers Rapids within a few weeks of his arrival in Oregon. Sawyers married in New Orleans to Fannie McDowell on December 25, 1844. Their daughter, Anna, was born in December, 1850, and was the first white child born in western Douglas County.

Writing in 1967, Harold A. Minter said:

"Andrew took a claim on the upper end of what is now Long Prairie, twelve miles east of Scottsburg. From timber growing on his claim he whip-sawed, sized, and dressed by hand all of the lumber he used to build his house. All the doors were put together with dowel pins; the only nails used in the building were for siding, flooring, and finishing work."

Andrew Sawyers died December 20, 1906.

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## CHAPTER XVII

## Along the Military Road

in the lower valley contributed much to the economy of old Umpqua County. The founder, John Jacob Sawyers, who was born in Tyrone, New York, on September 25, 1798. At the age of seventeen he joined an army as a fifer under Major-General Pakenham in America as a British soldier in the War of 1812. He was a prisoner at the battle of New Orleans, January 8, 1815, and returned to Ireland in an exchange of pris-

oners to America in 1818 and settled in St. Johns, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia. His first wife died in 1822, shortly after their new son was born. He then married Elizabeth Ann, daughter of a settler, and moved to Ohio in 1824. Here their four children were born: Margaret, James Earl, and Jacob Anderson.

In 1854, Sawyers, with his family, came to Oregon on the Oregon Trail as far as The Dalles, Washington. The Barlow route over the Cascades to Oregon was first opened up here by the oldest son, Andrew, who had returned to America in 1850; he piloted the family from Oregon

to a donation claim five miles above that of his brother, John, on five miles above Scottsburg. The military road was built through his land from west to east.

The brothers turned the home place over to his son, Andrew, who, at seventeen, was given the full responsibility of the place. Later, Jacob bought 320 acres northwest and east of the home place. After his brother James E. was discharged from the Union Army in 1865, the brothers formed a

partnership and together purchased the Abe and John Fryer places; this gave them control over nearly 900 acres. When, in 1872, their father moved to Scottsburg, the boys divided the property.

The "fighting Irish" sobriquet easily applies to John Jacob Sawyers. He fought as a British soldier in the war of 1812; as an American in the war with Mexico during the years 1846-48; and, at the age of fifty-seven, he enlisted with his son Andrew in the Oregon Volunteer Regiment of Mounted Riflemen during the Rogue River Indian uprising in 1855. Sawyers died in 1878; Mrs. Sawyers survived him by fifteen years. John Jacob Sawyers deserves a memorial erected to his memory for the loyalty and patriotism he gave his adopted country.

*Andrew Sawyers*

Andrew Sawyers, the eldest son of John Jacob, was apprenticed to a Reuben Oliver to learn the carpentry trade. After finishing his service he went to New Orleans, where he met and married Fannie McDowell, December 25, 1844. He worked in New Orleans for five years. Then, in September 1849, he and his wife left for California by way of Cape Horn, aboard the bark *Mary Waterman*, which arrived in San Francisco in the summer of 1850. Carpentry work here was plentiful, at fourteen to sixteen dollars per day. In June of that year, Andrew purchased three shares in the Klamath Exploring Expedition, which later became the Umpqua Land Company. In October 1850, he and his wife came to Scottsburg on the *Kate Heath*, and in December of that year, their daughter, Anna Augusta, was the first white girl to be born in the lower valley.

Andrew took a claim on the upper end of what is now Long Prairie, twelve miles east of Scottsburg. From timber growing on his claim, he whip-sawed, sized, and dressed by hand all of the lumber he used to build his house. All the doors were put together with dowel pins; the only nails used in the building were for siding, flooring, and finishing work. (Mrs. Winifred Albro is

the current owner of this 116-year-old historic landmark. She is proud of its history and keeps it and the surrounding grounds in excellent condition.)

When the old military road was located in 1854, it passed within a few yards of Andrew's house. In the journal kept by Mrs. Elizabeth Burchard, Andrew's half-sister, she recorded that a blockhouse was erected on his premises in 1855 when the Rogue River Indians went on the warpath. "Sawyers Rapids," now a famous fishing spot, is another landmark; but it was a formidable barrier in the attempt to navigate upriver in 1870. . . . Andrew Sawyers died on December 20, 1906.

#### *James Earl Sawyers, Sr.*

James Earl Sawyers, Sr., the second son of John Jacob Sawyers, farmed the recently purchased Allensworth and Fryer claims. He married Susan Gardiner, daughter of Isaac Gardiner of the "Tin Pot" area, (now Sunnydale) three miles west of Drain. They had three boys: James Earl, Jr., who was for many years treasurer of Douglas County; Jacob R. Sawyers, or "Little Jake," who farmed his father's land until he began driving the stage for the Coos Bay Stage Company around 1905; and Gard, the youngest, who was a natural-born trapper and hunter. Gard's skill as a hunter of predatory animals was phenomenal. . . . Now, all these boys are deceased.

James E. Sawyers, Sr., died quite young from a rattlesnake bite that he received while hunting his milk cows. The accident happened near his farm buildings. Because his shoe, near his great toe, was worn and the leather cracked, the fangs of the snake penetrated the foot through this weak place in the leather. He suffered for nearly two years and endured much pain before his death from the poison.

Later, Susan Sawyers, his widow, married Dick Dickerson, who was more a trapper than a farmer. Dickerson and his wife moved to Loon Lake, where Dickerson is given credit for opening the old trail from the Sawyers farm to the lake. The Dicker-

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sons had two children, a boy, Rollins, and a girl, Mary. Rollins was a teacher. This writer attended class at Kellogg and at Hedden Bluff in 1910. Rollins is still living.

Two years after the brothers died, the ranches, Jacob moved to Scotts Bluff. He received education in navigation on inland waters.

In 1880 Jacob married Lucy Gardiner (wife of James E., Sr.). Jacob moved to the farm in 1881 and here their two daughters, Elizabeth, John J., Mary E., Alex, Isaac, Violet, and Jobie (who died while very young) were born.

In 1908, Jacob A. left the farm in Coos County and moved the rest of his family still at Allegany. He put a motor boat, the Coos River between Allegany and Allegany hotel at Allegany.

While the Sawyers lived there a very large party of three of their younger daughters were drowned in a wading party which included their father and not swim. While wading, the teacher and two of the Sawyers girls, Margaret and Jobie, were drowned and all three were drowned.

Sawyers moved his family back to Coos County and became an authority on the inland waters of the Coos River and its tributaries, holding a California license on any boat on the lower river, one of the best in that area. Jacob Anderson Sawyers and his wife Mrs. Sawyers are buried in the Scotts Bluff cemetery.

#### *Old Military Road Recalled*

Alex Sawyers was one of the ten children of James and Susan Sawyers, all were born on the old homestead at Loon Lake. Jacob grew up. On March 13, 1907, Alex was married to the same Myrtle who attended the Walk-