

**HISTORY OF THE TILLAMOOK COUNTY**  
**SURVEYOR DEPARTMENT**



**William E. Anderson, age 26. Taken in the summer of 1919 on  
3<sup>rd</sup> street near where the Armory was built.**

## And so we begin our surveying journey in 1860...

1. The first County Surveyor of record was **Charles H. Davidson**. He was born about 1828 and was the surveyor around 1860 to about 1869. His record can be found in Mortgage Book A-1, Page 331 in the Tillamook County Clerks' office. (no images)

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2. Second we have **John Howard**. Mr. Howard served from 1869 to about 1870. (no images)

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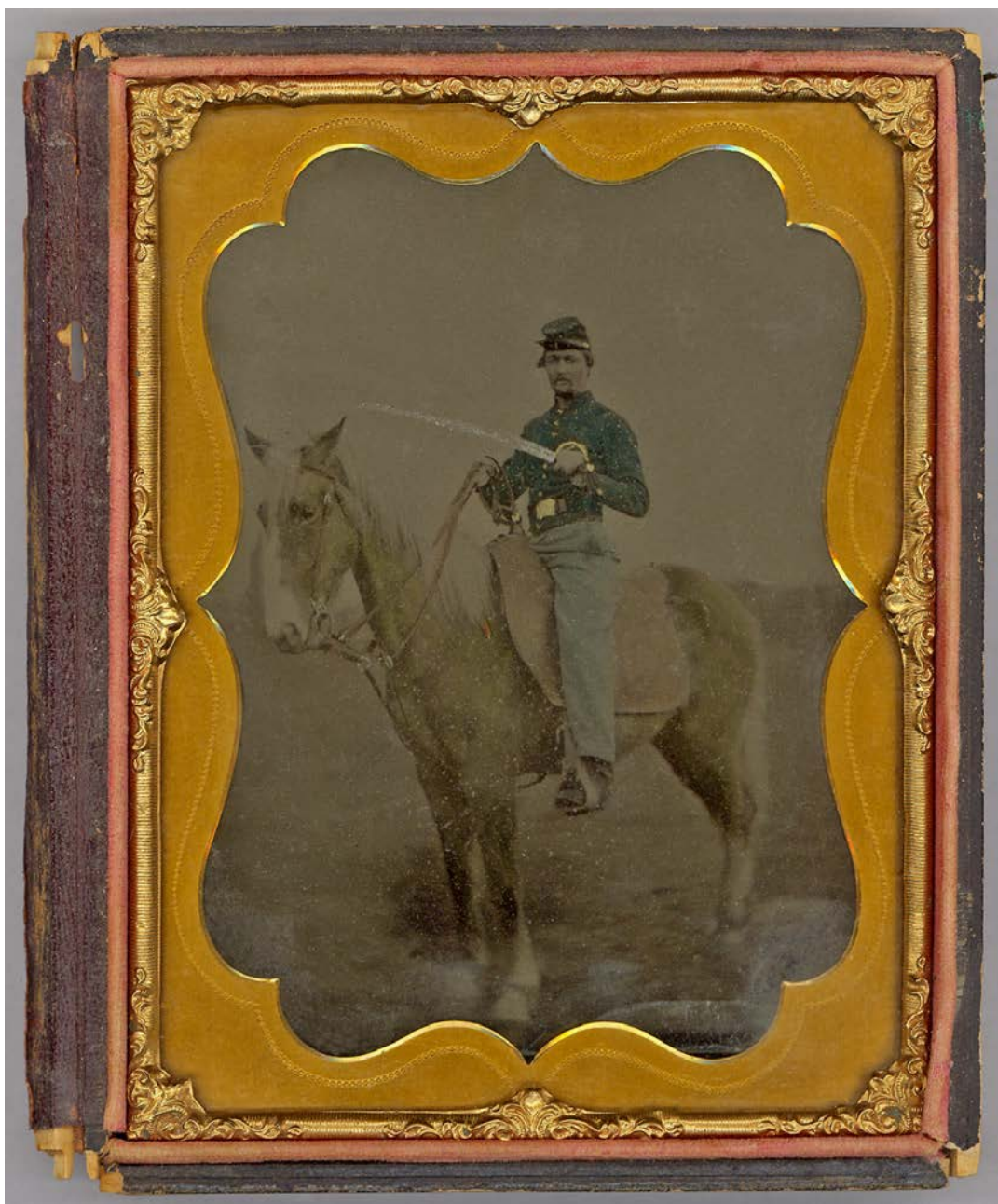
3. **William Abijah St. John** is the third and served in 1870, however he was disqualified as the County Surveyor. Unsure of the reason. William was born in 1841 and died in 1909 and served in the Civil War prior to moving to Tillamook. He was married to Cynthia Ann Goodell.



William St. John



Cynthia Ann Goodell, his wife



William St. John, taken while he served in the U.S. Cavalry from January 21, 1862 to January 21, 1865. According to Union Regimental Histories of the Oregon 1st Regiment Cavalry Company "B" moved from Salem, Ore., to Fort Vancouver; thence to Fort Walla Walla via Fort Dalles May 14-June 2, 1862. Left Fort Walla Walla July 25, 1862, for Salmon Falls on Snake River. Expedition against Snake Indians in Idaho August 19-October 11, 1862, and protect emigrant roads until November 1, 1862. At Fort Walla Walla until April, 1863. Moved to Fort Lapwai June 13, 1863; thence to Canyon City July 10. Ordered to Fort Vancouver September 29, 1863, and duty there until April, 1864. Expedition to Southeastern Oregon and skirmishes April 20-October 6, 1864. Duty at Forts Vancouver, Walla Walla, Boise and other points in District of Oregon until he mustered out. *(courtesy of a descendant of William St. John)*

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4. **Truman C. Randall** is the fourth but only served for 1871. He was born in 1819 and died in 1891. He was also a Postmaster in Lane County Oregon. June 2, 1868 Truman C. Randall was sworn into office as the Tillamook County Superintendent of Common School for Tillamook County. Recorded July 13<sup>th</sup> 1868 by J.C. Champion, County Clerk. Sworn before G.W. Elmer, County Clerk on June 30, 1868. (no images)

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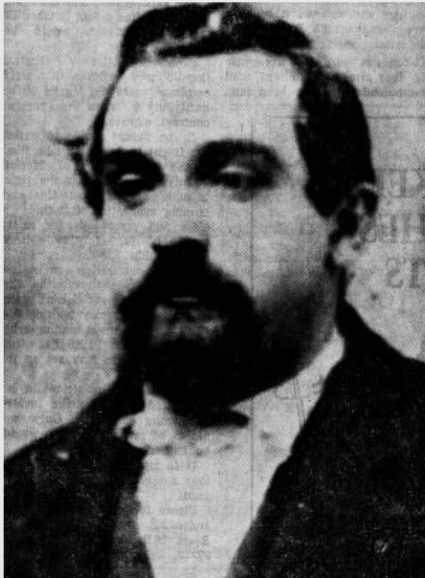
5. **Captain Sebastian Marion Hardman** served for the year 1872. He was born 1850 and died 1915. He was also a Postmaster in Netarts in 1888. Sebastian is listed on the Early Oregonians Index, 1800-1860 (secretary of state website) He is buried in Multnomah County.



Sebastian Hardman Headstone

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6. **Courtney Meade Walker** was County Surveyor number 6 and served from 1872 to 1875. Mr. Walker was born in 1812 and died in 1887. His father was a US Senator and Mr. Walker was also Dayton's first citizen. Our County Museum has a plaque in memory of Courtney Meade Walker, Early Homesteader. Placed by the Oregon State Society Daughters of the American Colonists 1975.



**Courtney M. Walker**  
**Dayton's First Citizen**  
Credit is given  
the Oregon Historical Society.

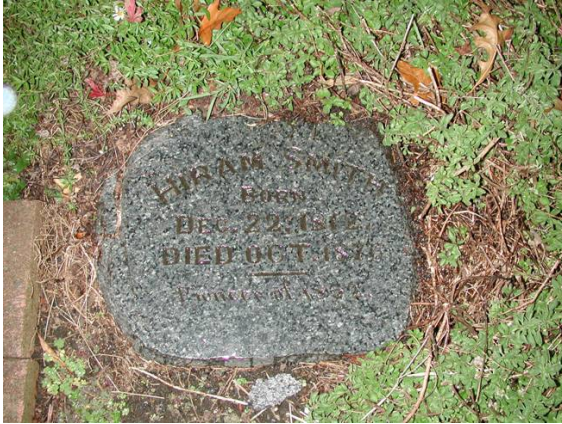
"... Since my last [letter] I have continued at home pretty lonely and with all my care and watchfulness have suffered losses. I have quit the cattle business, having returned all I had upon and come out without a loaf or half cent of my own. Two weeks since I went to the Settlement with the intention of returning in a day or two; but was caught there by a heavy storm which continued 15 days. I had approached within two miles of my home the 12th day and still unable to go on, from the high stage of the waters. Then on yesterday morning my only and very valuable mare got away and anxious to reach home attempted to swim the Nestucca River and was drowned. And now I find myself without a domestic animal of any kind except for a cat. My children write occasionally, but none come to see me, or speak of doing so..."

- Courtney Meade Walker, November 27, 1877

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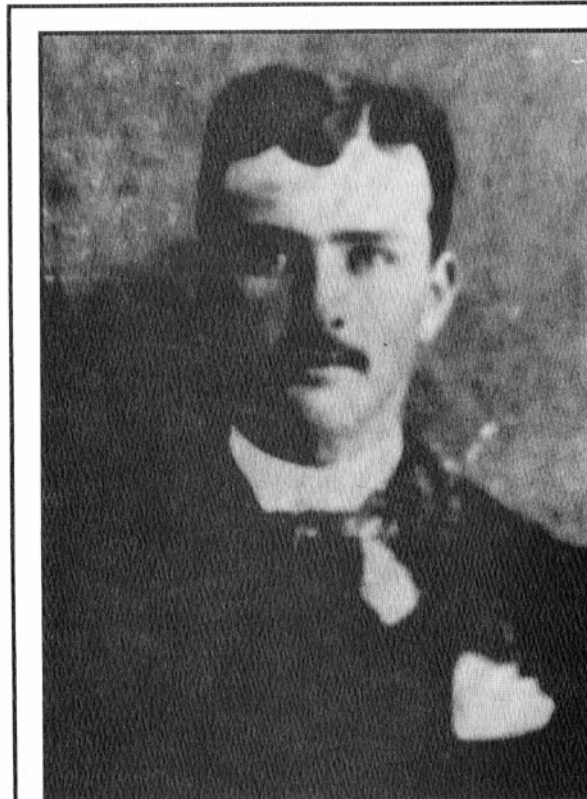
7. **Hiram Wesley Smith** served as County surveyor for the year 1876. He was born 1812 and died in 1876. Hiram was the first County Clerk for Tillamook.



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Hiram and Minnie Turney Smith



### HIRAM WESLEY SMITH

1812 - 1876

HIRAM WESLEY SMITH was born on December 19, 1812 in Gallia County Ohio. He married Mary Bevins in 1834 and they had three children. After she died, he married Sarah Jane Marshall on August 10, 1843 in Knox County, Illinois where five more children were born. The family crossed the plains and arrived in Oregon on August 12, 1852. Smith and Truman Harris improved the trail over Mt. Hebo and the family came that way and settled their claim on September 19, 1854. He was the first County Clerk. Eight more children were born in Tillamook. He died on November 28, 1876 and is buried in an unknown spot on the Alderbrook Golf Course which was part of his original Donation Land Claim.

8. **J. D. Edwards** served as the Surveyor in 1877 to 1883. Filed in Journal C Page 259 Court Records. (no images)

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9. **William T. Newcomb** was in office from about 1883 to 1884. He was born in 1828. On the 1900 Census, William states he is an Engineer in United States Dredger. (no images)

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10. **Andrew Mellison Austin** was elected to office in 1884-1885. He was born 1865 and died in 1937. He married Lillie Augusta Wells December 9, 1900. I also find that he was married to Ida Morgan. On the 1910 Census record, it states that his occupation is Engineer, in the industry of Surveying. Andrew and Ida are both buried in the IOOF Cemetery & Mausoleum in Tillamook.



Andrew M. Austin

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11. **John McPherson** was County Surveyor in 1885 to 1887. His service is recorded in CCJ D. Page 6 (no images)

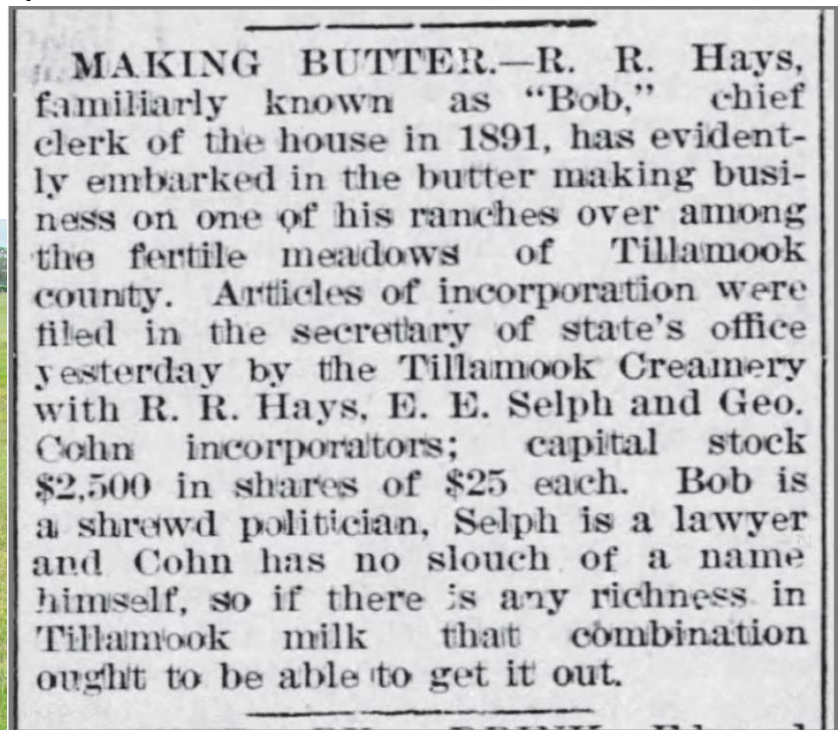
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12. **Robert Ross Hays** was in office from 1887 to 1888. Robert was born in 1856 and died in 1897. Prior to being County Surveyor, he was a GLO Surveyor. He is buried in the IOOF Cemetery & Mausoleum in Tillamook Or.



R.R. Hays Headstone



R.R. Hays article from the Statesman Journal 1895

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13. **A. Peter Wilson** was born in Bolstad, Sweden in 1833 and died in Tillamook in 1912 and is buried in the IOOF Cemetery & Mausoleum in Tillamook Or. He was the County Surveyor from 1888 to 1890 and is listed on the Early Oregonians Index, 1800-1860 (Secretary of State) (no images)

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14. **J.D. Edwards** was elected to office in 1890 to 1894 (yes the same as number 8 prior) recorded in CCJ C. Page 239 (no images)

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15. **Andrew Mellison Austin** was appointed in 1894 on July 6 as the Surveyor of Roads in CCJ D. Page 145 and then left office in 1901. (photo above)
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16. **Fred Laughlin Sappington** was surveyor from 1902 to about 1907. Recorded in Book I Page 335. He was born in 1866 and died 5-25-1924. He is buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery and Mausoleum in Tillamook. Fred was also appointed the US Postmaster for North Yamhill in 1889 and a graduate of University of Oregon in 1885. On the 1910 Census record it states that he was a Civil Engineer and working on Own Account at that time which would be after his time as County Surveyor.



ALBERT S. ROBERTS,	-	-	-	The Dalles.
THOMAS L. RUTLEGE,	-	-	-	Pleasant Hill.
FRED L. SAPPINGTON,	-	-	-	North Yamhill.
DORA SCOTT,	-	-	-	Eugene City.

1885 U of O School Catalog for Fred L. Sappington

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17. **Otto H. Schrader** was surveyor in 1909-1910. Otto was born in 1887 and died in 1944. He married Alice Elinor Gibb. The 1910 US Census Record shows Otto's occupation as Surveyor.



photo taken at Twin Rocks. Otto is the older man in the center.



18. **U.G. Jackson (Unno)** was Surveyor in 1910 to 1915. It appears he may have shared office with A.M. Austin may as deputy County Surveyor. U.G. was born in 1883. (Unno and his wife Ethel appear in the City Directory for Tillamook year 1917)

**Tillamook County leads every county in the West in the amount  
and quality of cheese products.**

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I O O F Building, E S 2nd Ave E bet 2nd and 3rd	Jones Roy C (Clara) county agriculturist, h 2nd N W cor 4th Ave W
Illingsworth Wm, chief fire warden Blodgett Co Ltd, P O Tillamook	Jones-Knudson Furniture Co, J L Jones pres-mngr, 2nd Ave E bet 3rd and 4th
<b>INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS AGEN- CY, J S Stephens Agt</b>	K
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Jackson Uuno G (Ethel), civil eng, h N S 4th bet 6th Ave E and Miller	Keene Louis S (Nancy L). quarryman, h 3rd N E cor 5th Ave W
Jacobs B, dairy	Keene M C, helper A F Coats Lumber Co
Jenkins Eugene T (Madeline), jeweler 2nd Ave bet 2nd and 3rd, h S S 5th bet 4th and 5th Ave E	Keene P S, yardman A F Coats Lumber Co
	Keldson Irvie E, asst cashr First National Bank, r F R Cardiff
	Kellenberger Alfred, dairy, h 1¼ m S W
	Kel'y Mary Mrs, waiter Royal Chop House, r Clarence Vittoes
	Kempster Erma Mrs r H W Nelson

1917

19. **Ross L. Shreve** was elected Surveyor from 1915 to 1918 (clipping is from 1914) Prior to this Ross was appointed in 1913 as the Deputy Assessor.



**To the Voters of Tillamook County**

I hereby announce myself as Candidate for nomination for the office of County Surveyor, on the Republican ticket.

If nominated and elected, I shall at all times endeavor to administer the office with efficiency, accuracy, and economy.

Respectfully,  
Ross L. Shreve,

**To The Voters of Tillamook County**

Having been urged by so many of my friends, I hereby announce myself as a candidate on the Republican ticket for County Sheriff at the coming primaries.

If nominated and elected I will attend to my duties as required by law to the best of my ability without fear or favor to none.

Signed  
Emmett M. Bales.

**To the Republican Voters of Tillamook County**

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination to the office of County Surveyor, on the Republican ticket, at the coming Republican Primaries.

If nominated and elected, I will conduct the affairs of my office to the best of my ability. With my engineering training and experience I feel capable of handling the work connected with the office; especially the road work, which is becoming more important than ever before.

Signed,  
U. G. Jackson.

**LATE ELECTION RETURNS**

With 14 precincts heard from, the vote stands as follows on contested county offices:

For surveyor, Shreve 271, Jackson 177, Wilson 118, Austin 77. For Commissioner, north end, Sappington 279, Thompson 319. Commissioner, south end, Owens 313, Imlah 254. For Sheriff, Crenshaw 446, Bales 202. For Coroner, Wendt 324, Hawk 246.

In the matter of the appointment of deputies for the various officers the following persons were named: Deputy County Clerk, K. Mills; Deputy County Clerk, Vida Rogers; Deputy Sheriff, Oscar Swenson; Deputy Assessor, R. L. Shreve.



20. **William Stanley Coats** was elected Surveyor from 1918 to 1928. On the 1920 Census it shows that Stanley Coats was born in Australia in 1886 and his occupation was Surveyor. 1910 shows Mr. Coats as a Civil Engineer living in Garibaldi.



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21. **William Ernest Anderson** was elected Surveyor from 1928 to 1936. Born in Oregon March 31, 1893, he was the son of Swedish Immigrants. The 1930 US Census shows him living on Bayocean Road and occupation as County Surveyor.



22. **William Stanley Coats** was re-elected Surveyor from 1936 to 1940 (phot above)

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23. **William Ernest Anderson** was then re-elected to office in 1940 to 1945(photo above)

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24. **William Stanley Coats** again was re-elected to office in 1945 and died in 1946 (photo above)

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25. **William Ernest Anderson** was back in office from 1946 until he left office in 1965 (photo above)

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26. **John Lewis Carlich** was elected to office in 1966 and served until 1980. John was born November 5, 1913 and died July 23, 1986. He is buried at the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.



27. **Allen E. Duncan** was elected to office in 1981 and served until 2005.





28. **Danny R. McNutt** was elected to office in 2006 and served until 2015 when he retired.



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29. **Michael R. Rice** was appointed to the position of County Surveyor in 2016 to current.

