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* NOTE: THERE WAS NEITHER A JUNE NOR A SEPTEMBER ISSUE IN 2014.

Editor's Note:

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society is pleased to present in this issue the first in a series of research success stories from our membership. Dave Hodson's success story was shared, along with several others, as a presentation at the September 2014 general meeting. More success stories will be included in future issues. This issue also includes the genealogical history of a family who donated a wedding quilt to our society, underscoring, as have our quilt talks this year, that quilts are not only practical and lovely objects, but also important parts of our family histories.

HODSON MOTOR COMPANY OF MEDFORD

by Dave Hodson

Hi, my name is Dave Hodson. I've been a member and volunteer at the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society for about four years. I have been doing genealogy since the early 1980s. This is about just one of the roads I have followed. Our family was headed on a trip to Washington. We stopped at Canyonville, Oregon, at the Burger King for lunch. Just inside the door, on the wall, I saw a picture of two men, William Hodson and Van Gilbert in a two-cylinder Buick, which had just finished a trip from Medford to Rose-

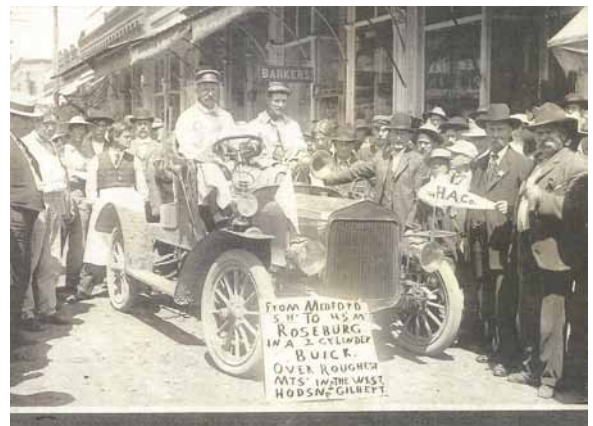


William Hodson in 1908, North of Glendale, Oregon, on present-day route of Interstate 5

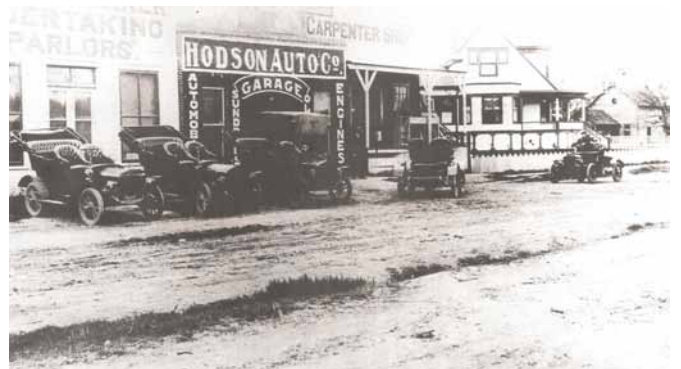
burg, in 1908, over the "Roughest Mountains in the West." They made it in 5 hours and 45 minutes. That sparked my interest as my Grandfather was also named William Hodson, who was also from Roseburg, Oregon.

I did a search on Ancestry and found several pictures of William Hodson and the Hodson Automobile Company in Medford Oregon. I contacted Sara, who had posted the pictures, who now lives in Florida but is from Central Washington. I now have found another new cousin. I continued digging on Ancestry and found another person who had a lot of pictures with the same description of the photos, but hers were listed as private. I contacted Christina in Spokane, Washington, and found another new cousin. She is related to William Hodson through marriage. We talked back and forth for about a month, and one day she said she was going to send all the pictures and info she had to me. I returned home one evening around 9:00, and on my porch was a box from Spokane. I started through the box and got to bed at 2:00 am. I contacted Christina later and asked if she wanted me to credit her for the pictures. She said, "Oh, no. I got the pictures from a relative in Corning, California." So, I contacted Rochelle in Corning, CA. She is the great-granddaughter of William Hodson. Rochelle said she was not interested in any of the family pictures or info; that's why she sent them to the cousin in Spokane. So after a program here at the library, I met Ben Truwe, a local historian. He came to my house and scanned all the info and pictures for his files and for the Southern Oregon Historical Society.

Ben told me that the Southern Oregon Historical Society had other pictures, so I went to the Historical Society and found new pictures and info about Hodson Motor Company of Medford. They had the original of the picture that I had found on the wall at the restaurant in Canyonville. Hodson Auto Company was at 21 North Fir Street, just south between where the Medford Mail Tribune building now



The photo at Burger King



Hodson Motor Company exterior



Narrow interior of the Hodson Motor Company

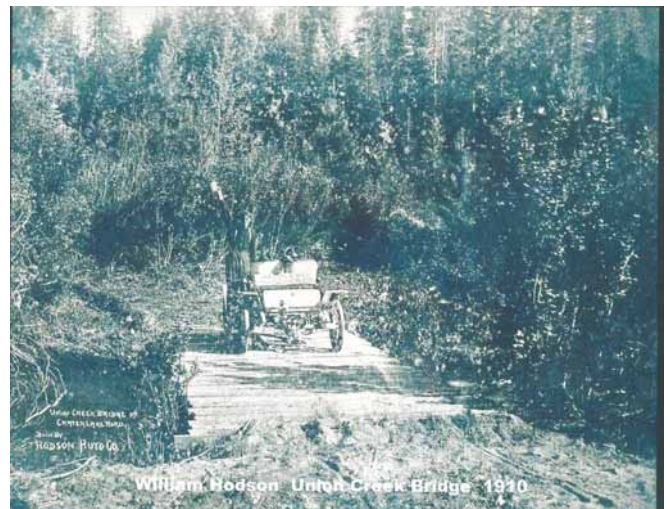
sits, and Main street. In the late 1890s, William Hodson worked for the railroad, and had a bicycle shop in Roseburg before moving to Medford in early 1906 to sell bicycles. That soon changed to selling cars.

William Hodson held several patents, in the USA, Canada, Belgium, and England; one was for the plate that held the railroad ties to the rails, dated Jan. 1900. Another was for a machine that would take a sugar beet, cut off the top, peel it, and dispose of the peeling and drop the sugar beet into a bin, without human help.

I have William's Hodson's deed to his property in Jacksonville, near the corner of California and 8th Street. Also his house in Medford was on Oakdale Street, though it was removed for the Justice Center and Jackson County Courthouse.

William was one of the first to sell cars in Medford; he held Chauffers' License number # 1 in the state of Oregon.

William built the first bridge over Union Creek, at his own expense, so cars could go on to Crater Lake, as reported in the *Mail Tribune* July 30, 1909. William was one of the first people to drive a car to the rim of Crater Lake. Williams's son Roy was the first to drive a car over the Siskiyou on March 21, 1912. William was only in business for about four years in Medford, losing his dealership to bankruptcy in about 1910. William left Medford and moved to Lakeview, then on to Klamath Falls, repairing cars and chauffeuring people to Crater Lake, returning to Medford about 1935, then to Ashland in 1939, and to Jacksonville in 1940 as a welder.



William Hodson, Union Creek Bridge, 1910



*William and Eliza Hodson, wedding photo
December 16, 1896*

William Hodson died on May 9, 1944 in Jacksonville after a long illness. He is buried at Central Point Pioneer Cemetery; his wife and a son are buried at Evergreen Memorial Terrace Cemetery, in Spokane, Washington; a son is buried at Eagle Point National Cemetery; and his other son is buried at Log Town Cemetery in Ruch, Oregon. I have all the family listed on Find-a-Grave.

William M. Hodson is my 5th Cousin once removed. Our common ancestor, George Hodgson was born in 1701 and died in 1774. So, you never know where you are going to find family information. I have searched at the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, Southern Oregon Historical Society, Family Search, Ancestry, Google, and many more. The Gilbert family donated all of the pictures of Hodson Auto to the Southern Oregon Historical Society, for further family research. As soon as I have copied the pictures and deeds, and patents, I'm going to donate the items to the Southern Oregon Historical Society, to share with others doing their research. **So now it is on to another discovery!!**



PIONEER FAMILIES: THE SUTTON-TURNER DOUBLE WEDDING RING QUILT

by Anne Billeter

The Sutton Turner double wedding ring quilt was donated to the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society by Glenna Johnston, a granddaughter of the quiltmaker, Louesa Alpharetta (Sutton) Turner. Grandchildren remember the quilt in regular use on Grandmother Sutton's bed. It is no longer in very good condition.

The double Wedding Ring pattern, with the motif of two interlocking rings, goes as far back as the fourth century, when it was used to decorate Roman cups made of glass decorated with connecting metal rings. The pattern of interlocking rings was seen on coverlets, ceramics, and other decorative objects in early America. Throughout the 1930s and 1940s the double wedding ring quilt was a common quilt design. The Sutton Turner quilt was most likely made during the 1930s. One very attractive feature of the quilt, seen less often, is the scalloped edge, carrying the ring motif to the edge of the quilt.

Who was quiltmaker Louesa Alpharetta Sutton Turner? Her grandparents' stories are the stories of pioneers.

SUTTONS

Louesa's grandfather was JOHN PIERCE SUTTON, born 1805 Roane Co, Tennessee

He married NANCY MCALL 2 Mar 1829 in Roane Co, Tennessee¹

By June of 1830 they were in Morgan Co, Illinois, where the first of their 6 children was born. All of the children were born in Illinois.

James McCall Sutton 1830²
Solomon Henry Sutton 1832
Asahel Sutton 1834
Margaret Jane Sutton 1838
Melinda A. Sutton 1840
Mary Emily Sutton 1843

John's wife, Nancy McCall Sutton, died 8 Aug 1846, leaving him with 16, 14, and 12 year-old sons and 8, 6, and 3 year-old daughters.

Grandmother SARAH THURSTON, born 12 Jan 1806 Newbury, Essex, Massachusetts

She married JOEL STEWART 30 Dec 1824 French Grant, Hamilton, Ohio

STEWART children:

4 who died young
9, all born Illinois

Living at the time of her husband's death in 1847:

Benjamin Thurston Stewart 1827
Laura Ann Stewart 1829, m. 1846 Joseph Carter³
Ann Elizabeth Stewart 1832



*Louesa Sutton
as remembered by her grandchildren*

Amos Kendall Stewart "Doc" 1836
 Harriet Augusta Stewart 1838
 [Mary] Melissa Stewart 1840
 Hannah Jane Stewart 1841
 Alexander Franklin Stewart 1843
 Susan Ann Stewart 1845

1848 Nov 16 SARAH (THURSTON) STEWART married JOHN PIERCE SUTTON in Cass County, Illinois. She brought to their marriage three sons, age 20, 12, and 6, and 5 daughters, age 16, 10, 8, 7, and 3. (Her oldest daughter Laura was already married.)

On 20 Dec 1849 Sarah and John had a son, WALTER FREEMAN SUTTON, born in Beardstown, Cass Co, IL. He became the quiltmaker's father.

In 1850 the combined Sutton and Stewart families were living in one household of 13 people, ranging in age from 44 to 1. However, the 3 Sutton girls are not there (and were not found in the 1850 census, although it is believed they lived in a nearby household.)

"John Pierce Sutton ... and his three oldest sons, James McCall [20], Solomon Henry [19], and Asahel (Asa) [17], traveled west over the Oregon Trail in 1851. They settled on a land claim near Holmes Hill, some 10 miles as the crow flies west and a little north of Salem in Polk County [Oregon.]"⁴

While they were gone, the oldest Stewart son, Benjamin Thurston Stewart, 22, died 27 Dec 1851.

"John and James McCall Sutton, father and son, returned to Illinois, arriving September 26, 1853, and they all began to get ready for the overland journey the next year described in Sarah's journal. Solomon Henry Sutton and Asahel Sutton stayed on in Oregon. What the Illinois folks did not know until the end of their journey in October [1854] was that Asa died in July while they were on their way west."⁵



Walter Sutton as a young man. SOHS VF Sutton

Sarah (Thurston) Stewart Sutton kept a journal of the trip west. The journal is in the collection of the Oregon Historical Society Research Library. The journal was published in a multi-volume set entitled *Covered Wagon Women: Diaries & Letters from the Western Trails, 1840-1890*, edited and compiled by Kenneth L. Holmes. The diary is in volume VII, preceded by transcriptions of several letters, including one written by Sarah on Dec. 20th [1853] to "Dear Brothers Sisters Nephews & Nieces," reporting her husband's return from Oregon:

"I got up to the window saw two men. The moon shone bright. The man wanted to know if Mrs Sutton lived here...said he had come to tell me that he had heard from Mr Sutton lately & he was well and doing well...said I your George Mac, and Ive heard that myself. I guess you have got him along; I could see Mr. S. sitting on his horse saying nothing. I says George you had better put up your horses and stay all night. He looked at Mr. S says sponing we do, at that both jumped of and came in I lit a candle He took it and ran to the bed to look at Walter first and then into the other room to the rest. They were all right up and slept no more that night. He rode home a mule and James came next day about noon with four more three of them packed coming before them without bridles."⁶

The journal begins: "From Beardstown Cass County Illinois crossing the [Illinois] river at Meredosia, and from thence to Quincy there crossing the Mississippi river on a steam ferrey boat and landing in the slave state, Missouri. Leaving our old residence the 21st day of March 1854, bound for Oregon on the western shores of America. We much regret leaving behind us, our good neighbours and kind friends to see their faces no more on earth. But we were bound to search for a healthier and milder clime, than Illinois to spend the remainder of our days, let them be many or few, for our own satisfaction, and the benefit of our many children. I do not in the least regret leaving the sickness and cold, sand piles and lakes of that region behind, and are looking forward for the time to arrive when we may all get settled safe at our place of destination."⁷

"Sarah died sometime in September in the Tygh Valley, just east of Mount Hood in eastern Oregon."⁸

John Sutton settled his Donation Land Claim in Polk County. The land claim paperwork states that he arrived in Oregon 2 Oct 1854 and settled his claim 3 Jan 1855. The paperwork includes the following 1855 statement by him: “wife d in the act of immigrating to Oregon.”⁹

1860 Oregon census Polk Co, Dallas Pct:

John Sutton 55 farmer \$1000 \$600 TN
W. F. “ 11 IL

“W. F. Sutton” is Walter Freeman Sutton, father of the quiltmaker. Later he wrote: “In 1860 my father, sister, Mary Sutton and myself moved to Sam’s Valley a beautiful and fertile little valley lying along the north side of the two Table Rocks, and forming a part of the great Rogue River Valley in Jackson county.

“In 1862 I entered the office of the Oregon Sentinel, published in Jacksonville, as an apprentice. [age 13]

“During the summer of 1864, I migrated to Portland and worked for six months in Carter’s job printing office...

“During the winter of 1864 I attended five months’ term of school at the Dallas Academy, being the only school I ever attended for more than three months in any year.

“In the spring of 1865 I returned to Jacksonville and entered the employ of my brother, James M. Sutton, who was then proprietor of the only drug store in Jackson county, and was also postmaster...

“In the fall of 1866 I again entered the office of the Oregon Sentinel, this time as foreman, which position I held until March, 1869, when I returned to Portland, where I was a compositor in the Oregonian office until September, 1870, when ... I departed for a short visit with my two brothers, A.K. and Frank A. Stewart at Ellensburg (now Gold Beach), Curry county. The result was that I fell in love with the country, the climate and the people, and forgot to return to my post, but am pleased to know that the Oregonian has survived notwithstanding my protracted absence.

“From 1870 to 1876 I was engaged in various occupations, clerking in a store, splitting, salting and packing salmon, making salmon barrel staves, cowboying for two summers, assisting in driving a band of sheep to Eastern Oregon from Ellensburg, holding down a ranch; also made several trips to San Francisco and back by sail boat, and spent one summer driving a three-horse header wagon in California; was elected county Clerk of Curry county in June, 1876, and held the office for three terms.”¹⁰

SCHMITTS

Louesa’s grandfather John Adam Schmitt, born 1833 Germany, came to America in 1849.¹¹

1856 resided Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa, resided 2 years in state, occupation cooper¹²

[Note: Also in 1856 in Burlington, the Christian Ulrich family, including Amelia, age 8.]

1858 August 9, Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa marriage of John Adam Schmidt and Anna Margarete Rosen.¹³ [from Ancestry public family tree, which cites the Des Moines City Marriage Book Index, 1853-1862.]

1859 Jul 18 their daughter Louisa Anna Schmitt, mother of quiltmaker, born Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa [no documentation found for this]



*Walter Freeman Sutton family
Louesa Ann (Schmitt), Walter Frank,
Louesa, Walter, baby (probably James
Henry), John Adam, Bertha Frances,
SOHS 85150*



*Walter Freeman Sutton Family and Mule
“Skookum” (22 yrs old), John Adam 6,
James Henry 3, Bertha Francis 5, Walter
39, Louesa Anne (Schmitt) 30, Luly Alpha
“Lou” 12, Mary Gertrude 10 months,
Walter Frank 10. SOHS VF Sutton*

1861 Sep 16 sister Ann Josephine Schmidt born; baptised Sep 29 at Jacksonville Catholic Church, Jacksonville, Oregon¹⁴; recorded in *Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest: Jacksonville, Oregon, 1854-1885*.

1863 Mar 22 sister Ann Josephine, known as "Bertha" died, Jacksonville and buried in Jacksonville Cemetery.

1863 Apr 18 mother Anna Margarette Rosen Schmitt died, Jacksonville:

"April 19, 1863, we the undersigned parish priest of St. Joseph's, Jacksonville, have interred in the common grave yard of the town the body of Anna Margaret Rosen, wife of Adam Smith, cooper in town, deceased on the 18th of April in this parish, aged 21 years, and left two small children. G. F. Fierens, parish priest"

NOTE: Cemetery has her dying March 19, which would make her death prior to Bertha's, which agrees with the statement that she left two small children.

1863 Jul 13 father John Adam Schmitt's 30th birthday

1863 Jul 18 Louesa's 4th birthday

1863 Aug father and 17 year old Amelia J. Ulrich eloped from Jacksonville to marry in Crescent City, Del Norte, California

NEWSPAPER STORY –18 August 1913, *Ashland Tidings*, Ashland, Oregon¹⁵

"Fifty years and two days last night Adam Schmidt of the thriving mining town of Jacksonville stood in the shadow of a tree before the Ulrich residence and whistled a beguiling tune. Thirty years old he was a successful miner, the best musician in Southern Oregon and had won the heart of Emelia Ulrich, the belle of the mining camp.

But Emelia was only 17 and Papa and Mama Ulrich were loath to have their favorite daughter take the solemn vows of marriage at that tender age. So Adam whistled and very soon a door opened softly and a girlish figure tripped out. She had a flour sack over her shoulder and inside was everything that Emelia Ulrich held most dear, --nowadays it would be called a wedding trousseau. Without a word the two young people were snugly packed in the old stage coach bound for Sailor Diggings and Crescent City.

The sheriff had been considerably tipped off that the pair were about to leave for the north and two horsemen were on the north road ready for the eloping pair. But the stage coach went south and west and at Sailor Diggings a change was made to a mule freight team and on August 15 the happy pair were married in Crescent City by Judge Mason of the coast city."

"... "The only crime I ever committed," declared Mr. Schmidt, "was stealing Emelia Ulrich 50 years ago and it is the one act of my life I shall never regret."

"Fifty years is a long time," said Mrs. Schmidt, "but I only wish we could live on together another fifty."

NOTE: Familysearch.org indexes of Del Norte County, California Marriage Records report the marriage took place on 31 August 1863.

Descendant Jackie Wobbe reports that the wagon in which the Schmitts eloped is now displayed at the Pottsville Museum in Merlin, Josephine Co, Oregon.¹⁶

1865 Feb 14 half-brother Julius Adam "Jack" Schmitt born California (guess Crescent City, Del Norte County)

1867 Jul 3 half-brother George W. Schmitt born California (guess Crescent City, Del Norte County)

1868 Jul 11 *Oregon Sentinel* (Jacksonville Oregon newspaper) reports "Brass Band organized... Adam Smith, E flat horn..."¹⁷
"Cotillion Band... Adam Smith... have organized themselves



Jacksonville Silver Cornet Band
Pappy Schmidt (with cigar, center, bearded)
SOHS 1632

into a string band...¹⁸

The Jacksonville Silver Cornet Band was a great success. Adam Schmidt was the “organizer, manager, and leader...”¹⁹ He played an E-flat cornet, son George, E-flat cornet, and son Julius, alto or tenor, along with many other Jacksonville men of varying ages.²⁰ In 1892 “We understand the Silver Cornet band is no more.”²¹ Descendant Bill Knorr owns a cornet that belonged to Adam.²²



*Jacksonville Silver Cornet Band
Pappy Schmidt (with cigar, center, bearded)
SOHS 1632 (cropped)*

1870 Jun 1 residing with family as “Anne L. Smith” in Jacksonville, Jackson, Oregon “at school”

1872 Dec 29 half-sister Bertha Rose “Birdie” Schmitt born, Jacksonville, Jackson, Oregon²³



*Louesa (Sutton), Charlotte (Paskins),
wives of brothers Jesse and Ezra Turner.
SOHS VF Sutton*

1877 Feb 13 marriage license issued:

“Upon the application of Walter Sutton to marry Louisa Smith, and upon the written consent of Adam Schmidt, her Father, and upon the affidavit of Amelia Schmidt, and there appearing no legal objection, license was issued this 13th day of February A. D. 1877. Walter Sutton, Co Clerk By F. A. Stewart, Depy” (consent signed by Adam Schmitt on the 13 Feb 1877 at Ellensburg)”

1877 Feb 14 married Walter Sutton as “Louisa Smith” “at the house of M. Riley... in Curry Co, OR, both of Curry County..., by Eld John Mansfield, in presence of James G. Walker and Charles Dewey. Recorded 24th Feb 1877, Walter Sutton, Co Clerk”

1877 Feb 17 marriage reported in *Ashland Tidings*: “Married at the mouth of Rogue River, Oregon, Mr. Walter Sutton to Miss Louisa Smith. Both parties were formerly residents of this place.”

1877 Oct 19 daughter Louesa Alpharetta Sutton born Curry County, Oregon **QUILTMAKER** [findagrave says born Gold Beach; family says Port Orford]

Daughter Louesa, our quiltmaker-to-be, was the oldest of 13 children, all born in Curry County, in Gold Beach or Port Orford.

Father, Walter Freeman Sutton: When we left him, in 1876, he had just begun his 3 terms as Curry County Clerk. [Gold Beach is the County Seat]

“In 1882, [when daughter Louisa was 5] I established the Gold Beach Gazette, and in 1884 was elected Joint Representative for Coos and Curry and served at the regular and extra session of the Legislature of 1885.

“In 1886 was elected County Treasurer, which office I held until 1892, when, in February, 1892, I sold the Gazette...and established the Port Orford Tribune, the first issue appearing May 19th, 1892.”²⁴

So during Louesa’s growing up years, her father (Walter Freeman Sutton) was a County official, state legislator, and newspaper publisher. Her mother (Louisa Anna Schmitt Sutton) was being a mother:

Walter Franklin Sutton 1879
Hattie Sutton 1881 (lived 17 days)



Sarah Sutton 1882 (lived 30 days)
 John A. Sutton 1883
 Bertha Frances Sutton 1884
 James Henry Sutton 1887
 Mary Gertrude Sutton 1888
 Linda Sutton 1891
 George William Sutton 1894
 Jesse Thurston Sutton 1897
 Anna Laura Sutton 1899
 Alta Catherine Sutton 1902

On December 9, 1894 Louesa Alpharetta Sutton (quiltmaker-to-be) married Jesse Turner in Curry County, Oregon.

TURNERS

Jesse Turner was born 5 Mar 1865 in Sonoma County, California
 He was the son of Mary Jane Ross and Noah Hatton Turner
 He was born 5 Mar 1865 in Sonoma Co, California, 3rd child of 10, and the oldest son
 His youngest siblings, born 17 Apr 1882, were twins Lenora and Leona Turner

Descendant Jackie Wobbe says Jesse Turner came to the Gold Beach area as a sheepherder.

On 9 Dec 1894 Jesse Turner married Louesa Alpharetta Sutton [quiltmaker-to-be] in Curry County, Oregon. She was 16; he was 28.²⁵

The Turners lived in the Gold Beach [Election] Precinct, Curry County, Oregon.

In the 1900 census they had 3 children:

Ezra Sutton, known as "Asa" and also as "Bush;"
 Walter Jesse, known as "Pat"
 Jasper Hatton, known as "Jap"

Louesa's brother, John A. Sutton, 17, was living with them, and there was 1 boarder.
 Jesse is the County Sheriff.

By 1910, they have 6 children, ranging in age from 15 to 1. In the next household is Jesse's 40 year old brother, Ezra Turner, with his wife and 3 children. The youngest is 1 month old.

By 1920 Jesse and Louesa Turner have added their last children, bringing the total to 9, with twins Lenora and Leona Turner born 2 May 1913.

Descendant Jackie Wobbe says the Turners had a ranch at the mouth of Hunter Creek: cattle, sheep, mules, and horses. Jesse donated part of the land for the Gold Beach Cemetery. Twice their ranch burned and they lost everything.²⁶

Jesse Turner died 8 Nov 1937 in Gold Beach, Curry County, Oregon

Louesa Alpharetta (Sutton) Turner, quiltmaker, died 4 Jan 1949, also in Gold Beach. They are both buried in the Rogue River Cemetery, Gold Beach, Curry County, Oregon.



Louesa Alpharetta (Sutton) Turner & Jesse Turner, circa 1935 SOHS 85149

ASHLAND TIDINGS

ROMANCE IS RECALLED
Elopement of Fifty Years Ago Commemorated at Golden Wedding at Jacksonville.

Medford, Aug. 15.—Fifty years and two days ago last night Adam Schmidt of the thriving mining town of Jacksonville stood in the shadow of a tree before the Ulrich residence and whistled a beguiling tune. Thirty years old, he was a successful miner, the best musician in southern Oregon and had won the heart of Emelia Ulrich, the belle of the mining camp.


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OREGON NEWS IN BRIEF
Items of Interest Regarding Matters in Various Parts of the State.

Portland, Aug. 12.—Buyers' Week in Portland, September 1 to 6, will be the occasion for entertaining merchants from all parts of the Pacific northwest. An elaborate program has been arranged, providing for daily opportunities for merchants to meet each other as well as their Portland hosts. The jobbers and manufacturers of Portland are behind the movement. Special entertainment is to be provided for the members of families of the visiting merchants. Reduced railroad rates for the week will go into effect on August 23 and will be good, going, until September 2. Return tickets will be honored until Tuesday, September 9.

That the number 13 does not always stand for bad luck is indicated by a recent statement from the Northwest Fruit Exchange that an order for 13 carloads of Oregon Jonathans has just been received from dealers in Johannesburg, South Africa, at a price almost three times that of the average received last year. This order completes a chain-



10 Cents
• Sutton.

The Double Wedding Ring quilt symbolizes the interlocking rings of strong marriages. There were many such marriages among the Suttons and Turners:

Years	COUPLES	Children
4	Anna (Rosen) & John Adam Schmitt	2
50	Emilia (Ulrich) & John Adam Schmitt	3
17	Nancy (McCall) & John Pierce Sutton	6
22	Sarah (Thurston) & Joel Stewart	13
5	Sarah (Thurston) Stewart & John Pierce Sutton	1
51	Louesa (Schmitt) & Walter Sutton	13
51	Louesa (Sutton) & Jesse Turner	9

In the audience at the 23 September 2014 program about the Sutton Turner Double Wedding Ring quilt we had three children of the twins Lenora and

Leona Turner, grandchildren of the quiltmaker, Louesa Alpharetta Sutton Turner:

- Glenna Knorr Johnston, who gave the Sutton Turner Double Wedding Ring Quilt to RVGS for the quilt collection
- Glenna's brother, Bill Knorr. Glenna and Bill are the children of Leona Turner
- Jackie Wobbe, daughter of Lenora Turner



Footnotes:

¹TN State Marriages

²James McCall Sutton was one of the early (ca. 1864?) editors of the *Oregon Sentinel*, a Jacksonville newspaper. He was the first editor, publisher, and owner of the first Ashland newspaper, the *Ashland Tidings*, first issued June 17, 1876. [Turnbull, George S. *History of Oregon Newspapers*, Portland, OR: Binford & Mort, 1939.]

³IL Marriages, 1815-1935, index, familysearch.org; cites FHL film 1,314,553

⁴Holmes, Kenneth L., editor and compiler, *Covered Wagon Women: Diaries & Letters from the Western Trails, 1840-1890, vol. VII, 1854-1860*, Glendale, CA: Arthur H. Clark Co, 1988; Introduction to "A Travel Diary in 1854, Sarah Sutton", p. 15.

⁵Holmes, p. 16.

⁶Ibid., p. 26.

⁷Ibid., p. 31.

⁸Ibid., p. 15.

⁹*Genealogical Material in Oregon Donation Land Claims*, volume II, abstracted from applications by Genealogical Forum of Portland, Oregon, 1959, p. 85, claim No. 4216. (JCL 979.5 L142 Oregon v. II)

¹⁰"Reminiscences of Passing Events in My Life" by Walter Sutton, Curry County's First Newspaper Publisher", *Progress Number Curry County Reporter*, 1926." (photocopy, SOHS VF Sutton)

¹¹*Ashland Tidings*, Thursday, May 7, 1914 (JCGL 979.527/N298/Ash/v.25) says “came to America when 16”

¹²1856 Iowa State census, image 155 of 251, Ancestry.com

¹³from Ancestry public family tree, which cites the *Des Moines City Marriage Book Index, 1853-1862*

¹⁴*Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest: Oregon City Register (1842-1890), Salem Register (1864-1885), and Jacksonville, Oregon, 1854-1885*, compiled by Harriet D. Munnick, Portland, OR: Binford & Mort, 1984. (JCGL 979.5 C721 Catholic)

¹⁵similar story appeared in the *Medford Mail Tribune*, 16 Aug with no headline

¹⁶conversation in September, 2014

¹⁷*Oregon Sentinel*, Jacksonville, Oregon, 11 July 1868, page 3. (<http://oregonnews.uoregon.edu>)

¹⁸Ibid.

¹⁹“Fletcher Linn Memories, Book 4” (SOHS “Schmidt” Vertical File Biography)

²⁰“1885, the Golden Heyday,” *Table Rock Sentinel*, March, 1983, v. 3, #3, p. 16.

²¹*Southern Oregon Mail*, May 6, 1982, p. 3 (SOHS “Schmidt” Vertical File Biography)

²²Bill Knorr brought the cornet to a program about the Sutton Turner Double Wedding Ring Quilt, 23 Sep. 2014, at the Jackson County Genealogy Library, Medford, Oregon.

²³“Born. In Jacksonville, Sunday, Dec. 29, 1872, to the Wife of – Schmidt, a Daughter.” *Oregon Sentinel*, Jan. 4, 1873, image 2.

²⁴“Reminiscences of Passing Events in My Life” op. cit.

²⁵1930 census, Ancestry.com

²⁶conversation September, 2014

