

COPY OF A LETTER WRITTEN BY GEORGE LUTHER BOONE, LINCOLN COUNTY PIONEER, WHO CAME TO THE YAQUINA BAY COUNTRY IN 1852. HE WAS THE GREAT GRANDSON OF DANIEL BOONE.

Yaquina, Lincoln Co. Oregon  
Mar. 18, 1904

Mrs. Eva Emily (Emery ) Dye, Oregon City.

Dear Madam. Your favor of the 14th inst received asking me to give you a sketch of our family, as I am a poor hand to write I will try and do the best I can. In order to make things as plain as possible I will begin as far back as I can recollect. My father's name was Alphonso Boone. Born in Kentucky he being the son of Jessie Boone. Jessie Boone being the son of Daniel Boone. Making Daniel Boone my great grandfather. I never saw my Grand Father only an oil painting life size he left with his sister Harriet Baber in Jefferson City Mo.

Hiram Baber was the Secretary of State there was but one of Daniel Boone's sons that I ever saw, that was Col. Nanthan Boone belonging to the army he being Daniel Boone's youngest son, was stationed at Fort Leavenworth when I left the states in 1848. Albert Gallatin Boone was a brother of my father he lived at Westport, Jackson co. Mo. 4 miles from Kansas City, was in the Mercantile Business there for several years, he moved to Colorado he died in Denver City. My father had four sisters Harriet Baber of Jefferson City Mo., Minerva Warner of Weston Mo., Emily Henderson, of Fulton Mo. and Panthea Boggs ex Gov. of Mo.

My father moved from Kentucky in 1818 settled in Montgomery Co. Mo. where I was born on the 6th day of June 1826. In 1839 we moved to Jefferson City, Mo. My mother died whilst I was quite young. In 1846 my father and uncle Lilburn W. Boggs, started for Oregon. On Bear River Lilburn W. Boggs took the trail to California and our folks the Oregon Trail. The emigrants that took the California road with the exception of a few was snowed in with the Donner Party which you will remember. Our folks came in the Southern route by the way of Klamath Lake coming to the canyon in Southern (Oregon) they had to leave their wagons and cache their goods and wade about twelve miles through the water and over big boulders.

My father had with his things cached at the far end of the canyon Daniel Boone's compass and surveying instruments. The emigrants went back the next spring, the Indians had found the things cached, they got nothing our folks packed one ox with clothing.

They got into Willamette Valley at the crossing of Mary's River on Christmas day went down to Lacreole where there was a few settlers. My sister Chloe taught school that winter. I guess it was the first one taught outside of Missions they then took claims down on the river below Buteville. George L. Curry and Chloe Boone was married in March 1848 they lived in Oregon City where he edited a paper. My father went to the mines in the spring of 49.

My brother in law Thomas Norris and Jessie Boone my eldest brother stopped on the claims. After my father went to the mines Mr. Curry moved up on my fathers claim my sister Mrs. Norris is living at Myrtle Point Coos Bay. You ask about the winter of 52-53. The winter of 52-53 was pretty hard on stock, there was about one foot of snow.

People had not raised much feed then the pack trains was running to Yreka and Jacksonville. Some trains was loaded with flour they tried to feed the Mules flour it balled up in their mouths it was no go they bought all the straw out of the bed ticks to feed them.

You asked about the Capitol. (It) was located at Corvallis and was then moved to Salem. Now I will explain why I did not come with the Emmigration in '46. I went to the Rocky Mountains in the spring of 1845 in the employ of a Fur company, was stationed at Fort Pueblo on the head (of) the Arcansas River a traders post there is now a large city the Pueblo. Our business was to trade for Buffaloe robes and Beaver after trading in the Shenne (Cheyenne) village all winter in a village of one thousand lodges of Sheinne and Sioux I went across the mountains to Taos New Mixico was there but a couple of days when they got the news that war was declared the Mixicans wanted what traders and trappers to take the oath of allegiance we left and went back to the fort on the Arcansas river the trains was getting ready to start down to the states with the Furs. The company wanted me to go down with the train.

After getting down ~~Left~~ Missouri River at Kansas City had been there a couple of days a company came from Jefferson City on their way to Fort Leavenworth to be mustered into service knowing most all of the co they put at me to go with them I went to Fort Leavenworth and was mustered in the service and started for Mexico.

After getting down I found that my folks and Uncle Lilburn Boggs had started for Oregon after taking Santa Fee went down the Del Norte River then across the mountains in to the Navajo Indians on the head waters of helia (Gila) that puts into the Gulf of California after making a treaty with the Navajo Indians went back to the Del Norte and down to Alpasos where we had our first scrap from there to Chihuahua where we had the Battle of Sacramento.

From the Chihuahua went to the lower country and joined General Taylor and Wool at Monterey where they had just fought the battle of Buena Vista as our (time) was out having enlisted for one year Gen. Taylor ordered us to Matamoras and the gulf of Brasos Lleana where to shipping on an old Merchantman across the Mississippi to St. Louis then up the Missouri. Col. Doniphans first Reg. Mo. came all back traveling four thousand five hundred miles in 13 mos. After selling goods all winter in Albert G. Boones store I started to Oregon on the first of April 1848 going to St. Joseph 17 wagons came on their way to Oregon, crossed the Missouri River Organized a company they stuck it onto me to take charge of the co. and started on our journey. We over took a small company that was just ahead of us they were in camp having trouble there was a young man and his wife, he undertook to drive a team for a man they had fallen out the man that owned the team had turned him and his wife out on the plains and no way for them to get back or ahead. The other teams being all full they could not take them in. I give him my team as I had plenty of provissions. If ever there was a man glad he was.

On North Platt we were moving Joseph Meek came up with a small escort he to dinner with me he was on his way to Washington with dispatches he said the Indians had broke out and killed the missionrys at Whitmans station said there was a small company of volunteers at Whitmans station we came on to Fort Hall. It was in charge of Capt Grant of the Hudson Bay, he told us it would not be safe for less than one hundred wagons to come in together we went into camp that night held a consel and there was five of us agreed to come ahead to see if we could get through by traveling by night we started with one pack horse. I had Fremonts Guide it told where the trail turned off on the Umatilla to go to Whitman station as we intended to go there on reaching the Umatilla we intended to start that night. We camped in the willows we saw a party coming down the trail, we saw they were whites and hailed them, they were just down from the station, were on their way to the Emmigrant Road to see if it was clear of Indians.

They said there was a small company of Volunteers stationed at the Dalles and as they had just made a treaty they thought we could get there safely after getting to the Dalles we were entirely out of provissions we found a man there by the name of Olney was ready to start to the valley with a bunch of horses. He had a Klickatat wife. He had about a doz Indians to drive the horses we lived from the Dalles to Oregon City on Commas. It had been steamed and dried, that was in the fall of 1848/. There was one store owned by the Hudson Bay all their goods came from England and the only grist mill in the country was there I will tell you what kind of tobacco they had, it was sold by the fathom or yard and as strong as acqua fortis, it was put up in coils just like rope and about the size of one inch rope/

Mr. Curry was publishing a paper there then. I will (tell) you a few names that were living there then. Dr. McLoughlin, W. G. T'Vault, Mr. Hood, Sidney Moss, Gov. Abernathey, William McKay, and Mr. McKinley. In the spring of '49 W. G. T'Vault and myself started to California mines, went into Umpqua and waited for company in a couple of days a company came from Clackamas County amongst them Mr. Officer, Mr. Dickey and others had to fight our way all through the Rogue River country got one of our men shot, Mr. Calahan.

Whilst living on the border and in the mountains I got to know all the old traders and trappers, the Bents, Carson Fremont, Fitzpatric, Bill Williams Beckwith. I see Beckwith's name mentioned in the papers as guide &c. he was a negro. I forgot to state that I first heard of the discovery of the mines I was a trader on Bear River in a Snake Indian Village he said a party had just passed there and told him they had discovered gold in California, the first news they got in Oregon of the mines a vessel came into the Columbia that brought the News the mines was discovered I think in Feb. 1848,

Now I will stop for I have about wore you. Hoping you can find something that will be of interest if you should come the Y aquina any time we would be pleased to have you come and see us.

Yours truly,

Geor. L. Boone



## THE YAQUINA BAY BOONES: NEWPORT

### JESSIE VAN BIBBER BOONE-ELIZABETH FUDGE

- 1852 Sonora "Nora"-Vital Cimino
- 1853 Mary A.-Henry C. Merwin
- 1854 Alma
- 1855 George L.-Mary E. Feaster
- 1857 Montgomery
- 1859 Alphonso
- 1862 Minerva "Minnie B"
- 1863 VAN DANIEL BOONE-EMMA JANE FERR
- See below*
- 1867 John

### VAN DANIEL BOONE-EMMA JANE FERR

- 1894 Clarence Vernon-Audrey
- 1896 Alma J.-Wilmer Kyle
- 1899 Cara Rose-Thomas Christensen
- 1900 Daniel Van Jr.-wife
- 1903 Elvin "Ed"-wife
- 1905 James Henry-wife
- 1908 Richard Thomas
- 1910 George Arthur
- 1912 Nellie Catherine
- 1916 Robert Franklin-Elaine

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## THE YAQUINA BAY BOONES: TOLEDO

### GEORGE LUTHER BOONE-MOURNING ANN YOUNG

- 1854 Theodore George
- 1855 Nancy Ellen-Burke
- 1858 WILLIAM CLAY-MARIE L. BALDWIN (DIV 1905)
- JESSIE ROSEMAN McCLAUGHRY
- See below*

- 1859 Thomas Norris-Carrie Ellen Dyer
- 1862 Chloe Jane
- 1864 Mary Florence
- 1866 Emma Enisita-Bergin
- 1868 John May
- 1870 George Alphonse-Ella Roxanne True
- 1872 ALBERT POPE-GRACE L. WILLIAMS
- See next page*
- 1874 Ethel-Graves
- 1878 Olive-Stillwell
- 1879 Daniel Armstrong-Beatrice "Tossie" Grazier

### WILLIAM CLAY-MARIE L. BALDWIN

- 1884 William Francis
- 1890 Dillus U.
- 1893 Marion
- 1894 Hallie
- 1898 Louise
- 1901 Alice

### WILLIAM CLAY-JESSIE ROSEMAN McCLAUGHRY

- 1909 Jessie Isabell-Thomas Franklin Van Brunt
- 1917 Walter Clay-Sarah L. Sexton
- 1919 Florence Gladys-Philip C. Biddle



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## THE YAQUINA BAY BOONES: TOLEDO. CON'T.

### ALBERT POPE-GRACE L. WILLIAMS

- 1903 Olive-Walter Churchill (div.)
- 1904 Edna May-Ralph H. Davis
- 1908 Mary E.-Earl D. Cooper
- 1911 George Harvey-Winona Blalock
- 1913 Stanley Hugh-Lydia
- 1914 Dale-
- 1921 Alberta-Archie Elmer Fawver

### ALBERTA BOONE-ARCHIE ELMER FAWVER

- 1937 Edward Gerald-Karen Ione Gardner
- 1940 Mary Ellen-James Leo Evans
- 1943 Sue Louise-Calvin Eugene Little  
-Grishaber?
- 1945 Donald Laverne-Kay Ann Lorenz
- 1954 James Wayne-Sandi Lute (Schroeder)
- 1960 Dennis Ray-Tonya Denette Brown



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