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Skamania County Historical Society  
Stevenson, WA

RE: CAPE HORN, WA "*ACROSS RUSHING WATERS*"  
PAGE 20 SUBJECT: JAMES WALKER

James Walker was my great grandfather. My grandmother (Anna Eugenia Walker-Powell) was born at Cape Horn, as were her younger brothers and sisters. Her older brother (Clarence Delos Walker) was born at Salem, O.T. in 1857 but also is listed at home in the in the 1870 Clark County Census records. Anna Eugenia was born at Cape Horn in 1874 and is listed in the 1880 Skamania County Census along with father James, mother Leona, Austin Walker, Hiram A., Albert S. along with step-siblings Elvira and Ottis C. Johns. (Frank Johns was no longer at home)

The 1885 Skamania County census shows two additions (Orvis W. and Elmer J. Walker). At this time the two Johns children had left the home.

James Walker came west in 1844 on the Cornelius Gilliam wagon train with his parents, Samuel and Jemima Walker. James was born in Jackson Co., MO in 1832. They left Independence with the party led by Col. Nathaniel Ford with intent to join the General Gilliam party on the Nimshaw river in about two weeks. They were listed as: Walker, Samuel, wife and 5 children, Jackson Co. MO.

The family settled in the Willamette Valley. Samuel is listed in the Oregon Donation Land Claims as receiving 640 acres of land, along with his wife Jemima. They were married in Independence MO in 1827.

James Walker is listed in the 1860 Marion Co. OT Census (#2513) with a wife, son, Clarence D. Walker, a girl (Isabel Larell?) and a 1-year old girl (Initial L.)

Samuel Walker is listed in the 1860 Marion Co. Census (#3107) with wife Jemima.

They should also be in the 1845 and 1850 records but I have not had the opportunity yet of finding them.

There was a portage at The Dalles but it was Samuel and the family along with the Gilliam train as they made their way to the Willamette Valley.

According to the official Census Maps there was no change in the boundaries between Clark and Skamania Counties during those years, therefore James must have come to Cape Horn after 1870. He was in Clark County in 1870.

The POWELL family came from Pennsylvania. ANNA EUGENIA WALKER married AMBROSE POWELL who was born in Shermans Valley, PA and came to Washington

Territory in December 1883 with his father, Valentine, who had a land grant at Mount Pleasant.

Valentine was accompanied by his wife, Elizabeth Miller Powell, and three sons, Ambrose, Daniel and David. The other children apparently stayed behind in Missouri or Illinois (where they were born).

Valentine is buried at the old Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in a grave marked by a crude heart-shaped rock between two large trees which were planted there when he was buried.

My father was George Raymond Powell, daughter of Ambrose Powell and Anna Eugenia Walker.

If you would like copies of documentation I can give you those, although most of them are probably available at the museum.

Clarence D. Walker (my grandmother's older brother) was coroner and sheriff in Skamania County, and died in 1924.

I am interested in a copy of the other Mark Parsons book if you have it available at the museum. Please let me know and I will send check for cost and shipping.

Thank you,

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I am enclosing my check in amount of \$14.00 for 2-year's membership in the Historical Society.

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Samuel Walker  
b. 1794  
South Carolina  
m.  
d.  
Buried:

James Walker  
b. 1832  
Missouri  
m.  
d.  
Buried: *Wintery?*

Leona Walker (Johns) nee:  
b. 1842  
Iowa  
d. 1907 Wa. State  
Buried: Cascade Pioneer

Anna Eugenia Walker  
b. 30/11/1874  
Cape Horn, WA Terr.  
M.  
d. 31/03/1945  
Vancouver, WA  
Buried: Camas, WA

George Raymond Powell  
b. 02/01/1895  
Skamania Co. WA St.  
m. 15/06/1919 -Yakima  
d. 03/01/1948 -Seattle  
Buried: IOOF-Washougal

Helen Beatrice Millard  
b. 20/09/1901  
Lamont, OK  
d.  
Buried:

Valentine Powell  
b. 06/11/1814  
Shermans Valley, PA  
Perry Co. (Cumberland)  
m. 06/04/1851  
d. 15/07/1889 Buried: Mt. Pleasant 18/07/1889  
Elizabeth Miller  
b. 19/02/1833  
Pary Co. Penn  
d. 06/11/1917  
Buried: