

Aug 29.

Dear sister -

I am sorry to be so slow but it seems harder for me to get at my writing than at anything else.

Ernie and I do not believe that Harvey Clark ever had 2 claims at Forest Grove. Had just the one he bought from Orus Brown - paying 500 bu. of wheat for it. Hardly likely that the name of Orus B. appears on the records in connection with that. Some held their claims several years before filing papers on them. Orus must have held his claim just long enough to grow a crop on it to "try the land" which we know that he did in 1844 then sold out to Clark. If he <sup>Orus</sup> had final papers to this claim he could not have taken another claim north of town as he did when he returned in 1846.

Bell's niece Mildred James works in Court House - Hillsboro. She said that old names mentioned by Ernie and me were familiar to her as she had often seen them on the records.

Maybe she could tell you about the cost of looking up records. It costs

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plenty. We have to give an abstract with all the property we sell - goes back to government ownership.

Edsworth Wilkes was long in the abstract business at Hillsboro but has passed away.

Seems like your historic papers should be left with Pacific U, but if not there, then with the Oregon Historical Society, 235 S.W. Market St. Portland 1, Oregon.

The library staff answers questions and gives assistance in research.

Lewis A. McArthur is vice-president and is expert in historic facts. You could write to him.

I don't know whether you ever visited the Society headquarters and museum here in Portland.

Herron and I went by bus to visit Eorn a month or less ago. He worries a lot about little things, just now it was about their big maple tree out front - roots are bulging both the walk and pavement. Impossible now to find a man to do any work - bad as in the war time, so Herron promised him that Claytons and Dee would make a day of it and take the tree out soon as they finished their budding which would take all of August. So I am hoping they will go soon.

Alpha has Belts up-stair apartment. Philip is there with Alph this summer. He is very thin, afraid he will never be strong, a doctor should have better health. Is returning to Ann Arbor Mich in Sept. to go on with his medical course.

Alta ~~Alpha~~ Porter - Philip's sister married a Boston man. Has a nice apartment but doesn't like Boston. Wants her husband to come west.

Lewis family picnicked at Blue Lake park on Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>. That day Bess and husband were in town with Blancher tried to get us by phone. Had to go on to Tacoma that eve. so we failed to see them. Same day Dorothy Leabo was here from Calif. with her niece who lives at Beaverton. They left a note at the door. I dropped them a card but have not heard from them since.

Think you know about Clayton and Clara going to Calif. for Mildred's wedding.

Will mail you Seattle paper. You will get a laugh about Helen's parents coming over the Oregon trail. People would

have the impression she was about  
83 yrs. old, and her parents well over  
100. Beulah says she feels like she  
might be 100 but didn't know  
that anyone else knew it.

Margie and husband are living in  
very small apartment. When he returned  
from the war he thought vets could  
get material for houses at once.  
started his house. Now there are  
no nails and no roofing. His house  
will be damaged by weather. Fall rains  
will soon come.

authority for saying Harry Clark organized  
church in 1844 Oregon City and 1845 at  
Forest Grove is "Father Eells" book  
by his son Myron Eells.

I cannot see that the  
enclosed stamp is canceled.  
Dulcinea and husband accompanied  
about 40 young people to Lake Tahoe, Nevada  
Calif. line for religious meeting.  
Hope you and Alfred are well  
and happy. Hope you will write soon  
Tabitha's letter tells of the Plains and grows at Forest Grove  
With love  
Mary Lewis