

# Leonard Merry Condit & Family

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History of Cassia County  
Chapter V

(Told by Mrs. Condit, Malta) Gathered by Lucille Jackson, Former Albion Student

"We started to Washington in the early spring of '81 from our home in Iowa in Harrison County. My two brothers, two sisters, Mr. Condit, five children and myself made up the party. We had four wagons, two horses hitched to each wagon. We were only on the road three weeks when we lost our youngest child, 8 months old.

At about the same time we met another family who joined us on our way to Washington. After we had been out on the road about seven weeks we came to Granger. The Oregon Short Line was just being built at this time.

In traveling our object was to go until we came to feed and water each day. Grain was  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 cents per pound. It often cost us 25 cents to water our horses per team. We brought most of our provisions with us but we could buy bread, six loaves for a quarter.

During our journey a great part of the time it rained and was very disagreeable. On one occasion a terrible storm came up and we stopped and placed our wagon in a circle and stationed the horses and tried to protect ourselves as much as possible. The lightening was terrible and it struck a dugout not far from where we camped, entered the door and killed one or two of the family.

On the Fourth of July, 1881, it was very cold. A cold north wind blew. Our first long stop was at Bear Lake Valley, here Mr. Condit stopped to haul lumber for the new railroad and buildings. Then we came on to Malta and saw this country, deciding to take up a piece of land. We kept the stage station for a long time. At first I charged 75 cents per meal, but later I reduced it to 50 cents.



## Granddad's Death

Owing to the lack of time and information we were unable to give a full account of the life and death of our beloved citizen. Leonard M. Condit who was highly respected by all who know him; he was a pillar of light and strength to his friends and neighbor and a great factor in the growth and advancement of Cassia County. As was stated last week, Mr Condit was not physically strong enough to recover from an incision to remove gallstones, which he underwent in the hospital at Salt Lake City--he passed away at 8 o'clock Monday. The remains were laid to rest in the Malta cemetery a week later. Monday, October 14, 1912. The funeral attendance was the largest we had the opportunity to observe. At the grave there were over 200 people besides many who did not go to the cemetery. The services were conducted by A M Chase an old schoolmate of Mr. Condit's, an elder of the M. C. of the J. C. of the L. D. S. In referring to Mr. Condit's early life, Elder Chase said that he was born at Little Sioux, Iowa, on January 2, 1850 and was the first male child born in that county. He was married to Mary C. Hawley Dec 31, 1869. He followed the milling business up to the time of leaving for the west, which was in May 1881, and arrived in Cassia county in the fall of 1882, where he has since made his home. He was in the mercantile business at Malta for a good many years. At the time of his death he was serving his second term as commissioner of Cassia county, and we know that the other members of the board will greatly miss him. Mr Condit leaves a wife, five sons, Leon, Herbert, James, Arthur and Fred, and two daughters, Mrs Pearl Handy of Heyburn and Miss Rena Condit, besides a large number of grandchildren, nephews and nieces to mourn his loss.

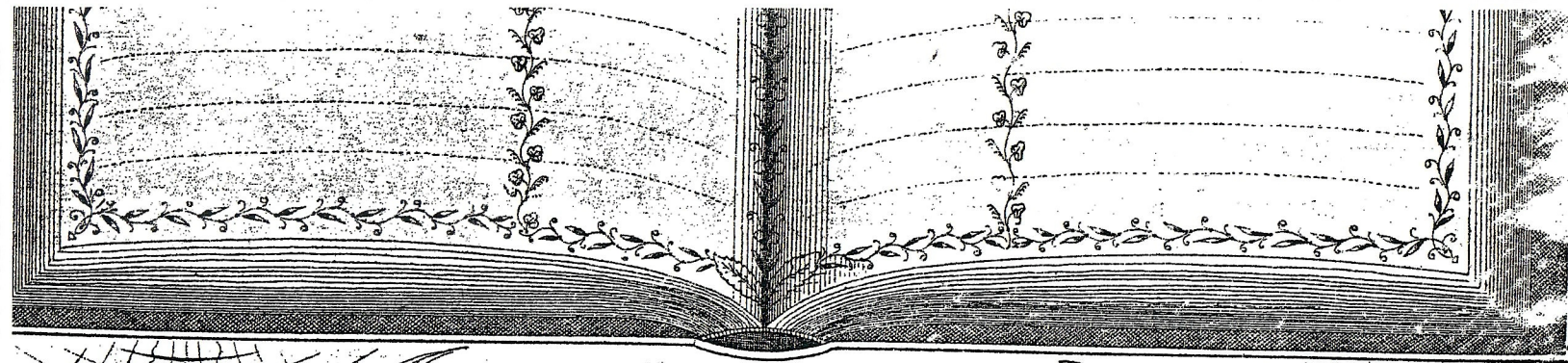
The greatest monument, as truly said be Elder Chase, was a well spent life with all the respect of all his friends and neighbors. His funeral is a epoch in the lives of many that will always be remembered.

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Condit---

Brother Leonard Condit, said to be the first white child born in Harrison County, Iowa, died at Salt Lake City, Oct. 8, 1912. He was married in 1869 to Mary C. Hawley. In 1882, moved to Idaho where he remained until 1910, where on account of his health, he went to the coast. He served as county commissioner of Cassia county, Idaho. He was elected the last time without making a campaign, and was elected by a large majority. A large funeral was held at Malta. He leaves wife and seven children, Leon, Herbert, James, Arthur, and Pearl. all married, and Irene and Fred at home. Sermon by Elder Am. Chase.





Whom God hath joined together, Let no man put asunder

# MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

This is to Certify That

Leonard M Condit of Little Sioux  
 is Mary A Hawley of  
 united in HOLY MATRIMONY according to the  
 and the Laws of the State of Iowa at Little Sioux on the 31<sup>st</sup>  
 day in the year of Our Lord One Thousand eight Hundred and sixty-nine  
 A.D.

Witnesses:

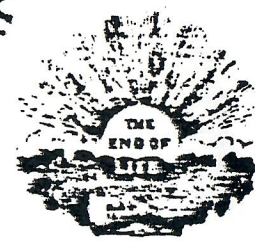
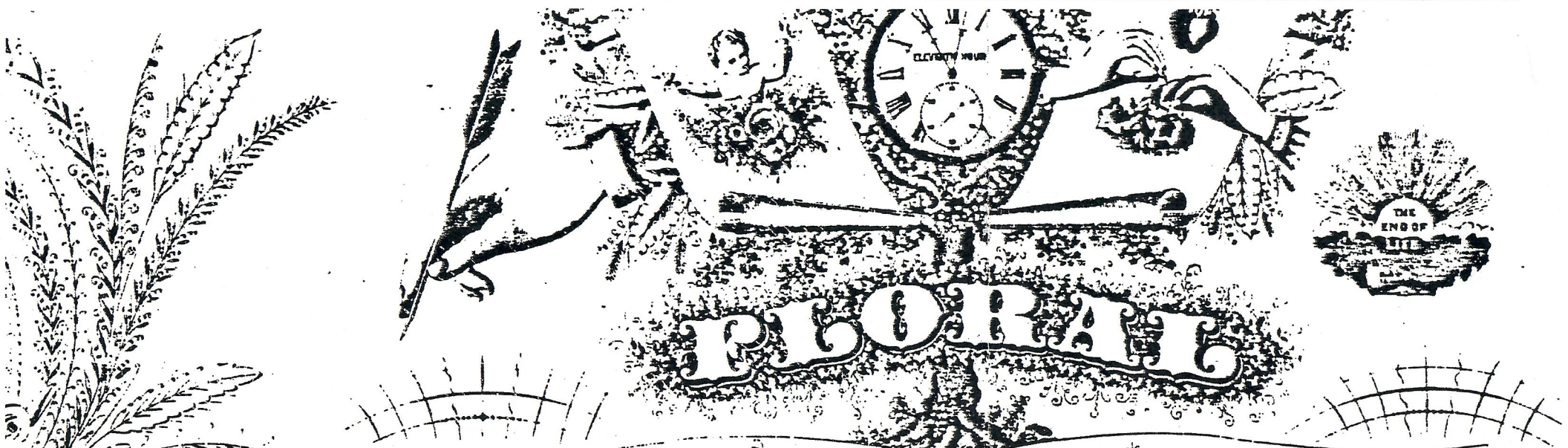
Married by Elias M. Condit

PRESENTED TO  
 Mrs L. M. Condit  
 BY  
 Addison Condit

A. S. M.

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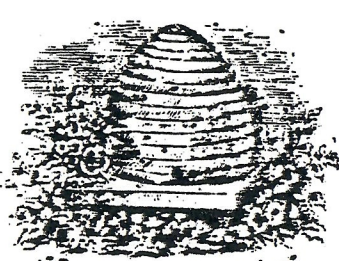


# FLORAL

*James. Born. Married. Date before.*

Leonard McCondit Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1851  
 Mary M. Hawley Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1854  
 Leon McCondit Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1871  
 Herbert McCondit June 14<sup>th</sup> 1874  
 James S. McCondit Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 1875  
 Arthur A. McCondit July 25<sup>th</sup> 1876  
 Grace Anna McCondit Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 1878  
 Ella Pearl McCondit Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1878  
 Rena A. McCondit June 14<sup>th</sup> 1881  
 Frederick S. McCondit Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 1883  
 Cecil McCondit Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> 1884

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 Aug. 28 1901 Oct 22 1951  
 Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1900 Oct 14 1935  
 June 16<sup>th</sup> 1881  
 Dec. 16 1903 Feb. 24 1944  
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By Industry we thrive.

I not forget me  
 me and shall go  
 and devotion



L.P. July 14, 1976

# Truth & folklore by Ruth & Eleanor

One of many exciting adventures for Leonard and Carmelia Condit in 1884 was tending the State Coach Station North of where Strevell now stands at Round

## Early pioneers

Leon  
Herbert  
James  
Arthur

# Condits settle

Mountain (Clear Creek).

Stories connected with the State Station were numerous. One day the "up stage" carried a young married couple who ate dinner, and said they would spend the night in Albion. Two or three hours later, an elderly man on

horseback stopped for a fresh horse and a meal, and inquired if the stage had carried any lady passengers. He explained that his daughter had eloped, and thought they might come that way. Two days later the "down stage" carried the bodies of both men who had "shot it out" at the livery barn in Albion, and both were killed. The young bride returned home to be with her mother — now a widow.

Leonard and Carmelia Condit had bid farewell to friends and relatives just a few short years earlier and came west by wagon train with their four sons and eight-month-old baby daughter. The Dunlap, Neb., hometown newspaper printed their "Best Regards" to the esteemed family as they had set their faces toward the west with other fellow travelers "when the Washington fever struck," and agreed to print the weekly letters Mrs. Condit would send as a journal of their journey.

Homesick for loved ones left behind, and dreading the unknown dangers ahead, Mary Carmelia's first letter (May 29, 1881) at Clark's Creek, Neb. said "We changed our minds about the route ... heard roads were very bad by the Bluffs, so we concluded to come by Tekama. Today is Sunday and I find myself away out here in the rain, (our second storm), but our tent does not leak, so we are quite comfortable ... Everybody tries to be cheerful. I told you that I would write every Sunday, but don't know whether I can or not."

The letters were more than a week apart. In a later letter: "This little band of 20 wagons stopped at Plum Creek to lay to rest our little baby Grace Irene in the Evergreen Cemetery." (Now Lexington Neb.) from the heartsick Carmelia. Later, "We have no green vegetables, and milk and butter are out of the question! Bread, meat, and syrup are getting very tiresome!" "Be sure to direct your letters to Leonard and not Mrs. Leonard Condit, as we have to pay 25 cents a month for every member of the family receiving mail!"

The little family had spent the winter of 1881 in Bear Lake Co. and arrived at Raft River in August of 1882. Mr. Condit took up land on Connor Creek, and their first home a three-



Pictured inside the Condit home in 1900 are Leonard, Pearl (by the organ), Fred, Mary Carmelia and Rena.



Mary Carmelia and Leonard Condit—early pioneers at Malta.



James A. Handy—proposed to Pearl.



floor, and a dirt roof. They hauled the logs down from the hills east of Malta, and it was here on Dec. 7, 1883 that Pearl Condit was born.

As the country became settled, Leonard entered into the mercantile business, and operated a general store in Malta for 20 years. The merchandise was brought from Ogden and Kelton by wagons (often pulled by four horses), and the store grew into one of the leading commercial emporiums in this part of the country.

In 1892 Leonard was appointed Justice Of the Peace, and was active in the education system, serving as trustee most of his years in the area. Jessie C. Hubbard bought the business in 1910, and the Condit family moved to Albion. Mr. Condit's family recalls his telling about the "Moonlight Lodge" in Albion ... that is, they held their meetings on a moonlit night so the cowboys could ride home in the moonlight!

Mary Carmelia was born in Bandera, Texas, and while she was very small they moved to Iowa where her mother died when Carmelia was 3 years old and was taken to be raised by her grandmother. Carmelia was a product of pioneering people, for her grandfather Hawley had pioneered in the Great Lakes area, and at one time owned much of the land on which Chicago now stands.

It was at the Condit store that their daughter Pearl met and was courted by James A. Handy, an employee of the Flack Sheep Co. who wintered their flocks in Malta.

The wedding dress and suit of this couple are still in the family, and her son Ernest and his wife Edith wore them last year to a function.

James moved his bride into a sheep wagon in December of 1903, and a year later they took the real honeymoon trip — back to St. Louis, Mo. to see the World's Fair! Pearl rode the train coach, and James cared for some of the sheep in the cattle cars which had to go as far as Omaha. While in that area, Pearl was introduced to James' relatives which made it a grand experience for everyone.

In 1905 Pearl and James moved to Burley and built a lovely home west of Overland. James filed on land, and a

homestead in the Big Bend District south of Rupert. This homestead was near the River, and a happy place for the family until in 1917 they sold it and moved to Heyburn, and built the large "handy Home" still in the family.

Pearl was a very loving and social person, and she made that home a gathering place for family and friends. There were never too many too cook for, or to fix beds, and much of the time the gatherings would be around 40 or more.

Pearl was a fine singer and served in that capacity for civic and her church functions. She and her son Leo Handy sang duets together for many years. She was also a poet, and often put many of her verses to music. She was an influential teacher in the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints, and did much work in organizing classes and in the Ladies Aid Society.

Pearl was a charter member of the Hopewell Grange, and served as lecturer for 11 years. She was a member of the "79ers Club" in Albion (still in effect), and the Hopewell Helping Hand Club.

"Mother was bent on learning to play the pump organ, and rode sidesaddle 17 miles to Albion to take lessons." In her younger years she had gone to Detroit by train to attend a school for improving speech. She had learned to sing the times tables in rhythm and her sons still recall how she taught them the same method. She enjoyed debate and spelling bees at the Literary Society at the Big Bend schoolhouse. "They used to hold many social functions there including box suppers, and Shadow Socials."

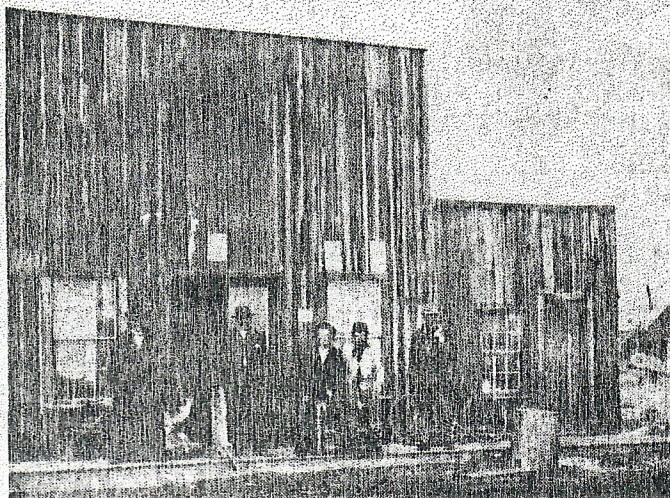
The explanation of the Shadow Social was that a sheet was held up with a light behind it, and the lady with her fancy lunch box would parade behind the sheet while the men bid for the lunch. There were 13 bachelors in the surrounding area, and they bid high for a good meal, which made for "very spirited" bidding! After the suppers, the desks (which were on two runners) were stacked against the walls, and they held a fine dance until one or two in the morning ... often to mandolin and banjo music.

Some of the familiar names in the group to be recalled were Frank Parée and his brother, Jim Gooland, Bill Farrel, Charles Wilson, Glen and Ray Dawson, Walter Dunlap, Cunningham, Calvert, Heely, Brinton (who owned a car) Smith, Saxton, Hackrin, Bernard, Wilkinson, Holmes, Swanson, Wilfreth, Mertz, and others.

Many timely topics were aired and civic services performed by the group, but



The Condit home in Malta in 1900.



The Condit store in Malta in 1901.



PEARL CONDIT and her sister Rena Condit.



## To Washington Territory

Harrison County loses one of her best citizens, Leonard Condit, who left Garrison County (Dunlap) Wednesday, for little Sioux, from which place they in company with others leave next week overland for the far away Washington Territory, leaving behind the land and the county of his nativity. Mr. Condit, was born in Harrison County, Iowa, January 2, 1850. In the year 1847 his father came to Council Bluffs, then called Cainsville; was a member of the Latter Day Saints Church. In the year 1849 he located near Little Sioux, Harrison County, at which place Mr L. Condit made his advent into this world., and during all these past years he has not wandered more than 50 miles from his birthplace. In the year 1870 he married Miss Mary C. Hawley, a most estimable lady, a kind and agreeable companion. They are now the happy parents of five children, the four oldest, boys and the youngest a girl, the pride of the fond parents. Mr Condit commenced in August 1873 to learn the milling trade in the Dunlap mills, and continued in our employ until the first of April of the present year. He proved himself a faithful, honest and capable business man, always pleasant in business and social relations, with all whom he came in contact, and consequently made hosts of warm friends, who will regret his going away from their midst. We hope the land toward which he has set his face will be all that he expects, and that success will attend his efforts in the business of life. Arrangements have been made with Mr Condit to send communications each week, giving an account and incidents of their journey which will be published in the Reporter.

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The many relations and friends of Mr and Mrs Leonard Condit who left this county some time ago for Washington Territory, will be sorry to hear of their sad bereavement in the loss of their youngest child, an only girl, aged about nine months. We received the following note giving a brief account of her sickness and death.

North Platte, June 20th, 1881

Dear Mrs S----;

The baby was taken sick Monday and Tuesday we took her to the doctor, in Kearney Junction. Riding did not seem to hurt her, so we did not stop, but kept on doctoring her on the road. She was so much worse on Wednesday that we stopped on Plum Creek. We were up with her all night. Thursday night she went into spasms, she died about noon. We all miss her so much,--yet feel that God knows best. We buried her in the cemetery at Plum Creek, where the grave will be well cared for. We would be glad to hear from you at Cheyenne.

With much love to you all. Condit



When my grandmother, Mary Carmelia Hawley Condit, was four years old and her brother Albert Hawley was two years of age, their mother Elizabeth Ann Andrews Hawley died. After their mother's death their maternal grandmother Nancy Richardson Andrews took them into her home and raised them as her own.

At fifteen, grandmother married Leonard Merry Condit in 1869. My father Herbert Marion Condit was born in 1874, the second of nine children.

In the spring of 1881, when my father was six, his parents, their five children and other members of their family left Little Sioux, Iowa, in four covered wagons for the territory that is now Idaho State.

The following letter was written by my father's great grandmother Andrews, who placed the little letter-booklet and one of my father's crocheted baby sleeves in a small purse-like portfolio and gave it to him as he was leaving for that far-off land.

April 6, 1881

My dear Bertie,

I am so sorry you are going away. I will write a little book for you to look at when you are gone wherever you can not see me anymore. When we go to town we can hear the sound of the mill, but Bertie will not be there. I used to think it was fun to go to the cob pile with you and James to pick up cobs. How odd it will seem to go when you are all gone. When you go, be careful to stay close to your Papa and Mama for fear of getting lost. Sometimes children are easily lost when they are in strange places. Take care of your sweet little sister. If she cries, sing her some of the pretty hymns that you and Leon sing so pretty. They will long be remembered by me. Be a good boy, Bertie, and the Lord will bless you when you grow to be a man. Bertie, write me a long letter telling me all about that far off land.

From your great grandmother Nancy Andrews to Bertie M. Condit. (The "sweet little sister" Grace Irene Condit mentioned in the letter died June 14, 1881, on Bertie's birthday. She was 8 1/2 months old and became ill while they were traveling westward. She was buried at Plum Creek, Nebraska -- now known as Lexington).





By AL DAWSON

FRED Condit

# Around Town

His family can be credited as founding the town of Malta, an aunt was the individual who gave the community its name, and his father is believed to have been one of the schoolteachers instructing in the little log cabin now located on the museum grounds.

Fred Condit, from Hamiston, Iowa, the past week has been visiting his boyhood sites and renewing acquaintanceships of his pioneer family, who were among the early settlers of Cassia County. While here, Mr. Condit was a guest of his nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Handy of Heyburn.

The Condits in the 1800s lived in Little Sioux, Iowa and like some other early emigrants, decided to move to California. Fred was the youngest of seven children (four brothers and two sisters). He was born in Cassia County, Nov. 29, 1895. His father, Leonard Merry Condit, and his wife, Mary Carmelia, left Iowa with their family by wagon train in the spring of 1881. They spent the first winter in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, where Leonard Condit got a job "tailing up cattle." This included feeding, along with every morning getting the critters on their feet up from the deep snow. In the spring of 1882 the Condits moved on again, this time to the area around Bridge, on the border of Idaho and Utah. Father Condit got a job as a stage driver, and the mother took charge of the stage station.

Although the present Mr. Condit did not explain this point it must have been at this time that his family decided to give up the intended trip to California, and settle in Idaho. In any event, they arrived in what is now the Malta area in 1883. Leonard Condit hewed timber and with his own hands built a simple log cabin. Fred Condit reminisced, "It had a dirt roof and dirt floor, and finally dad put flooring in two of the rooms." The youngest son of this old pioneer also told how a small stock of merchandise was added for sale to the surrounding settlers. Leonard Condit in time became discouraged with merchandising and decided to see if he could dispose of his stock to a storekeeper in Albion. Fred Condit laughed when he recounted this episode. "When dad got to the merchant

in Albion to see if he could unload, he found that man to be a better salesman than he was, because instead of selling his own merchandise, dad ended up buying the Albion merchant's entire inventory." It was then with an expanded selection of goods that the Condit Mercantile store opened in a new building built at the crossroads of what was developing into a town. The next step was the need for a post office, and it was because of this request that the community received its name. The government said they would grant the establishment of a post office providing a name for the community be given. Adeline Condit, a schoolteacher, and Fred's aunt, suggested the name Malta. This educated young woman, who was to become the town's first postmistress, had read of the beauty of this country located on a group of islands in the Mediterranean and liking the name, suggested it. Thus Malta became one of Cassia County's historic communities.

Then there is the link of a Condit teaching in the log cabin that once was located in the community of Conant; later acquired by the Kelsey family, and last year donated to the Cassia County museum. Fred Condit and Leo Handy both recalled that Leonard Condit for a time taught school at Conant and they believe it was in the same log cabin that now stands at the museum.

There were many other interesting anecdotes related concerning those early days. Fred Condit remembers the area excitement on the heavyweight championship fight around 1900. He was not sure who the antagonist was but one was James J. Corbett. The World Almanac records that, "on May 11, 1900, James J. Johnson knocked out James J. Corbett in the 23rd round at Coney, Island, N. J." (Strange both with same first names.)

Fred remembers that the newspaper, three or four days after the bout arrived, was brought out to the hay field where a large crew were working. "All operations stopped," said Mr. Condit, "while my brother read to the assembled group the round by round account of the fight."

Other reminiscence stories were related by both Mr. Condit and Mr. Handy on the founding of Burley. Fred told

about how the community of Burley looked on the day the first lots were placed on sale. "As I remember, said Mr. Condit, the town consisted of two stores and a large tent that served as a saloon. Those who wished to purchase property registered and if their name was drawn they were allowed to buy any of the remaining lots."

Amazing as it sounds, Condit recalled that residential lots went for a \$1 and business lots for \$2.

There was one other incident associated with that first day in the "birth" of Burley on May 1, 1905. Fred Condit was ten years old at the time and he recalled how his father, mother, brothers and sisters all came in from Malta in a large wagon to purchase land for his son-in-law. Newspaper accounts at the time stated that several hundred people attended the land sale. The Condits camped out on some barren acreage a distance from the tract office, that today would be in the heart of the city.

During the interview, Leo Handy also added an item that in this writer's knowledge at least is new information on the city. In most accounts the Opera House has been referred to as being located on the corner of Oakley and Main St. That is correct, except that it was not the first Opera House. The first such type of structure used for early day entertainment was built by James Handy, Leo's father. It was constructed on one of the lots Mr. Handy purchased on that first day of the town sale. This first Opera House was erected where the present fire station now stands at the corner of Oakley and 13th. This number one entertainment center had a short life. After furnishing considerable recreation for the fledgling community, including traveling shows, and dances, it burned to the ground on Labor Day, in 1905. After a few months of operation, the first, and then many years later, the second Opera House became victims of fire.

There were many more incidents of early area history told by Mr. Condit and Mr. Handy which space does not allow recounting here. Feeling that these stories have considerable reader interest, we hope to print some of these accounts in future columns.



they spent that winter in Bear River



# Condit Services Conducted T

## Mrs. Ida Condit

Ida Condit, 85, died at a local hospital Wednesday, following an illness of several years.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Vernonia EUB church. Officiating will be Pastor Charles Mundorff of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ-LDS. Soloist will be Mary Sanders with Shirley Berg as organist. Concluding rites and vault interment will be in the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

Ida D. Condit was born the daughter of Henry and Isabelle Powers at Sublet, Idaho on Oct. 20, 1881. She grew up there and on Oct. 20, 1900, she married Herbert M. Condit.

In 1920 they moved to Vernonia. After the death of her husband in 1945, Mrs. Condit lived with her children, spending the last six years at Hillsboro. She was a member of the RLDS church of Forest Grove and Vernonia Grange.

Surviving are her children: Earl L. of Portland, E. H. of Westport, Isabel Wallace of Nestor, Calif., Lillian C. Buchanan of Portland, Grace Matthews of Mist, Ralph Condit and Ruby Clark of Hillsboro; two brothers, Harrison Powers of Burley, Idaho, and John Powers of Salt Lake City, Utah, two sisters, Dewie Roberts and Maud Condit both of Burley, Idaho, 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.



Mrs. Elizabeth Parker

## Mrs. E. Parker Services Read

Mrs. Elizabeth Parker, 90-year-old native Oregon and life long resident here, died Saturday evening, December 5, at a Portland hospital following an illness of the past year and a half.

Funeral services for Mrs. Parker were held at the Fuiten Mortuary Chapel, Vernonia Wednesday, December 9 at 11 a.m., with the Rev. M. L. Russell, retired minister of the Nazarene church officiating.

Mrs. Parker was born at Athena, Oregon July 5, 1880, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Gray. She moved with her family to Portland and was united in marriage in Portland to Albert L. Parker November 14, 1900. Mr. Parker was the first white child born in the Vernonia area and, following their marriage, they moved to Vernonia where they lived for the next 40 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker then lived at Clatskanie from 1940 until 1960, moving thence to Gladstone. They celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary before his death here in 1967.

Mrs. Parker was a charter member of, and helped organize, the Vernonia Grange in 1901-1904. She likewise helped organize and was a charter member of the Marshland Grange near Clatskanie in 1943. She later transferred to the Abernathy Grange at Oregon City in 1962 and was later named Abernathy's Grange Mother. She was also named Columbia County Centennial

Queen in 1954 and had been a longtime active member of the Evangelical church at Vernonia.

Surviving are two sons, Alvin L. Parker, Gladstone and Veldon A. Parker, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Senita Wilma Condit in 1945.

Also surviving are three grandchildren, Delilah Pyle, Sacramento, California; Janet and David Parker, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and a great-grandson, Edward Condit of Sacramento.

Robert Theis was soloist at the services with Mrs. Lloyd Thomas, organist. Concluding rites and vault interment were at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery with Claude Parsons, Everett Wood, Homer Gwin, Pat Moser, Walter Thomas and Walter Mathews serving as pall bearers.

The people of this vicinity paid their respects to Herbert Marion Condit at his funeral service at the Evangelical church, July at 2 p.m. Mr. Condit will be remembered as a friend and as devoted father and husband to his family.

The Rev. Jt. Vierhei, Portland conducted the services. Interment followed at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

Survivors of Herbert Condit are his wife, Ida; the children Earl of Portland, Edwin of Clatskanie, Ralph of Renton, Washington, Isabel Wallace of Nestor Calif., Lillian Buchanan of Portland, Grace Mathews of Mist and Ruby Clark of Vernonia and eight grandchildren.

Herbert Marion Condit was born June 14, 1874 in Little Sioux, Iowa. Eight years after he moved west by covered wagon to Cassia County, Idaho. Married to Ida Powers in 1900, he purchased a farm in Sublett, Idaho. Eight children were born to the couple, seven of whom are living.

In the spring of 1920, Herbert Condit moved his family from the Idaho country to western Oregon. Vernonia and its surrounding country were incredibly beautiful to him. The great trees and naturally green setting impressed him as "God's country."

The Condit family ranch, ten miles below town occupied much of his time and effort. Yet many ways he found opportunity for public service. School welfare and educational matters were of close concern, and he sought education for his own children. Various civic duties came his way, all of which were carried out faithfully.

After the children had married and left home, Mr. and Mrs. Condit moved to a small house in Riverview. Here he lived until his death, June 30.

Herbert Condit counted friendship the greatest asset and this he knew great success. Those who knew him mourn his passing, remember his charm and sorrow how mark off another chapter in the life story of his best loved town, Vernonia, Oregon.

2 powers  
sisters

(Maud + Ida)  
married

2 Condit  
brothers





Condit Family Home Maeta Idaho  
? Aunt Pearl + Rena

Grandpa + Grandma Condit  
Leonard U.C.





Leonard Condit





Leonard  
Condit

Carmelia



Mary Carmelia



Leonard







Back Row  
 Jim Handy, Uncle Arthur, U. Leon, Grandpa,  
 Dad, Uncle James, Aunt Rena  
 Aunt Pearl, Aunt Viola, Aunt Mary, Grandma  
 Leo Ella Ray  
 Mother Aunt Edna Harry, Hyrum  
 Isabel Emma

Children

Acel Irene Uncle Fred Earl, Ed, Elma





*Itha Condit*

*Herbert Condit*



George  
Wallace



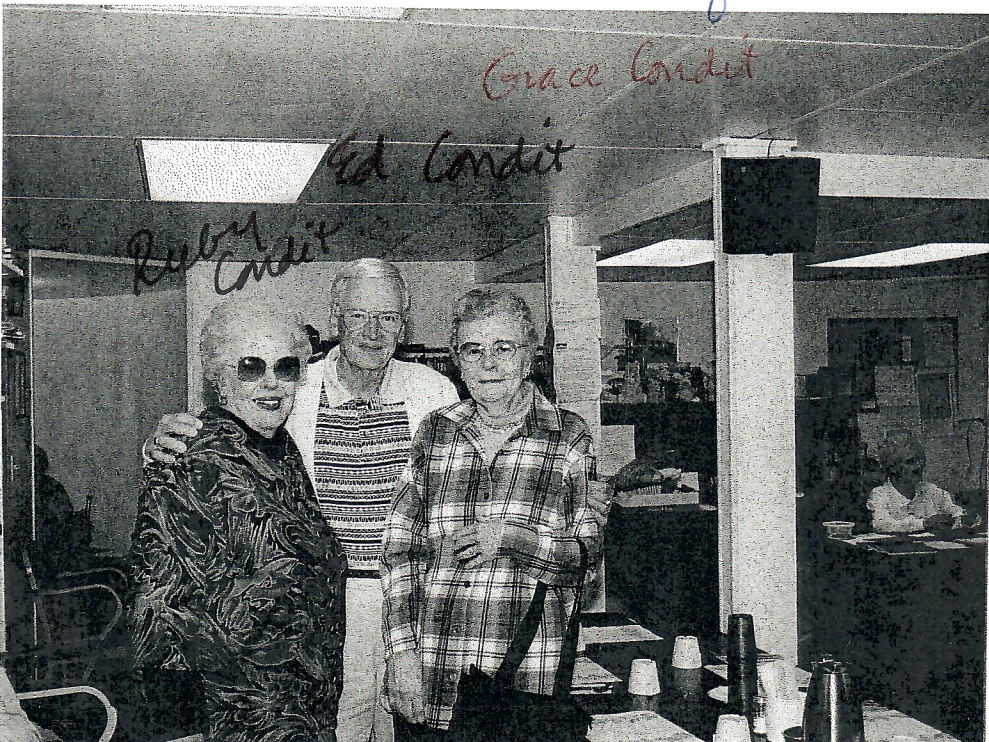
Isabel  
Condit  
Wallace



Ed Condit 1st wife Genita

All children of Herbert

Lillian Condit



Grace Condit

Ed Condit

Ruby  
Condit

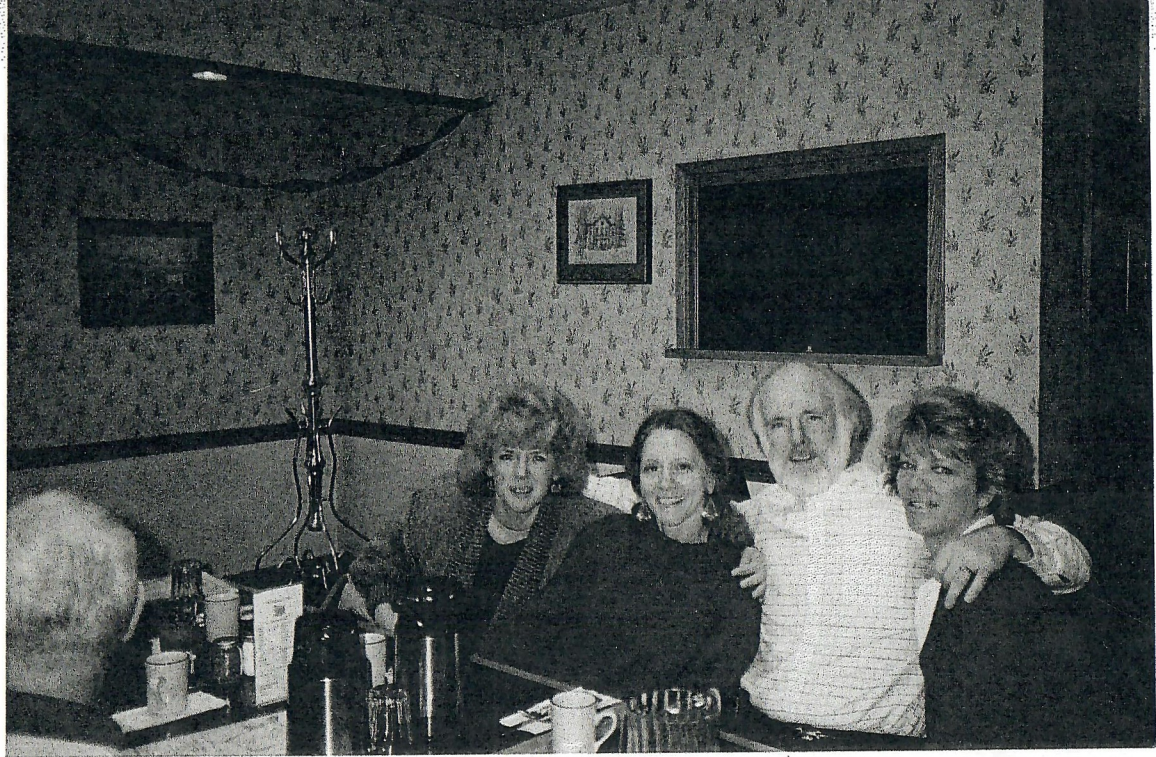






Ruby Condit Clark  
my mom -  
taken during  
the war to  
send to dad -  
in the Seabees!





Linda Marian Dan

Dan's wife  
Sony

Condit Cousins



Rena  
Condit



Anne Powers Rena Condit and Ethel Hall.





Isabel Lillian Grace Isabel's daughter  
daughters of Donna  
Herbert  
Condit



Condit Cousins

Approx 1953



Greg

Marian

Cora  
Lee

Bill

Linda

Dan

~~DORÉ~~





Bob  
Condit - son of Harry  
Condit



Pearl Condit  
Handy

Herbert  
Condit



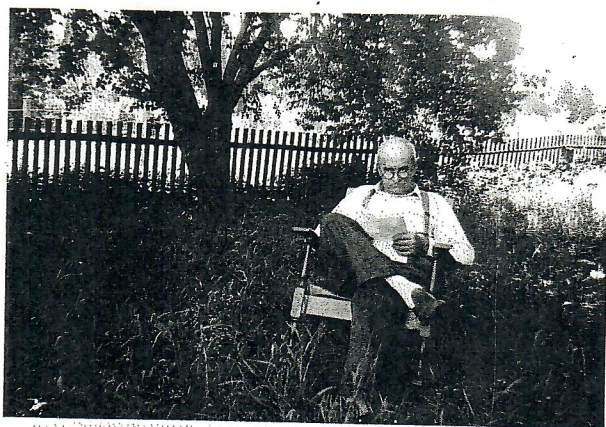
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