



MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Original Wasco County Courthouse Preservation Corporation to preserve the Original Wasco County Courthouse; to collect, exhibit and interpret items related to the governmental/legal history of Wasco County; to provide a venue for presentations of local historical interest; and preserve and make available Educational & research materials.

A Word From Your President...

Now that it's the tail end of summer and our busy open season is about over, we can relax a little and think about wintering in the museum, before planning the next round of the February history programs. Program suggestions are welcome! We are also thinking about additional ways to engage our community and bring more visitors into the Original Courthouse, maybe something like live musical performances?

As always, the board continues its work to keep the place shipshape and viable. We now have new signs directing folks our way from both east and west on 2nd Street, This new signage is thanks in large part to the efforts of Sheila Dooley and Phil Swain, the Chamber of Commerce and the Urness family, who let us hang signs on preexisting posts, and Optimist Printers who helped with design and production. These signs should really help folks find us!

That is about all for now, wishing everyone a great Fall!

Eric Gleason, President

Elvis Has Left The Building...

Once again, by the time your gaze falls upon this issue, we will have wrapped up our summer season for this year. We still have no word from the cruise line about getting back on their Hop On/Hop Off circuit and we are working hard to find other ways to increase our visitorship to the museum. On another front, we have finished the Zimmerman shed/carpentry shop exhibit and are submitting the finished project for approval from The Oregon Cultural Trust. If you missed a chance to see this new exhibit during our summer season, it will be open to view during the Saturdays of our February Forum. Leave yourself a few minutes after the presentations to check it out.

See you in February...

ON THE STREET WHERE YOU LIVE...

Now days Union Street divides our numbered streets into east this or west that. But in 1860 Union was the outer western edge of the city. Then along came Victor Trevitt, who subdivided his parcel of land to the immediate west and created what would be called the Trevitt Addition. The western edge of this new addition would eventually be named Lincoln Street after the man who would become our 16th President the following year... Eventually.

Victor Trevitt was a “get 'er done” kind of guy, a bit of an iconoclast, but mostly a conservative. It was the lead up to the Civil War, political lines were pretty clearly drawn and this was a time when Republicans were the liberals and the supporters of federal government and Abraham Lincoln. The south was full of southern Democrats and states rights. Into this mix comes Mr. Trevitt and his addition.

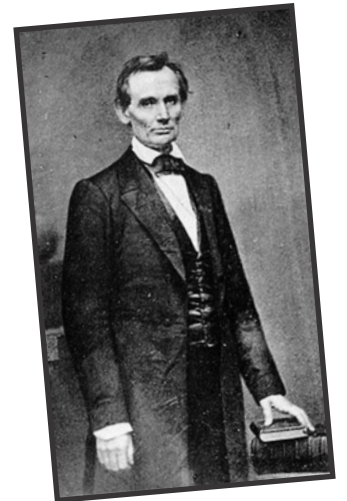
Well, it seems that in the official plat map he filed, he had just extended the numbered, east/west streets that already existed in town but had somehow neglected to put down names for the new, north/south streets. Having moved on to his next project, he couldn't be bothered so he told the city planners to fill them in as they saw fit. The problem with this approach centered upon this large political rift... to play a joke on Democrat Trevitt, his Republican friend on the planning commission named them Liberty and Lincoln, thus forever immortalizing the republican campaign slogan of "Lincoln, Liberty & Union" into the Trevitt addition. I don't know about you but I miss these kind of shenanigans in our politics.

(now I know that some of you have been around so long that some of the local history seems like yesterday's news, but there are some of us who are late incomers to the area and we love stories like this ... so bear with us.)

Also, it should be noted that although the Courthouse Museum is located in the Trevitt Addition (*if you wish to pick this particular nit...*) the area should be called something like the Trevitt Addition Addition. The original plat, filed in 1860 only went as far west as the lots along Lincoln Street. In 1878 Trevitt filed an extension which included the land from Lincoln Street clear to the banks of Mill Creek. This facilitated the creation of a new street named after Robert Pentland who operated a flour mill at the end of West Third Street along the banks of the creek, and laid out the first water system in The Dalles. Starting around West Fourth and Pentland, The Dalles and Sandy Wagon Road headed west to the Portland area. Oh, and John Jacob Zimmerman purchased the lots at the beginning of West Second Place, where our Museum now resides.



*Victor Trevitt
leaning to the right*



*Abraham Lincoln
leaning to the left.*

Just A Reminder...

In the next (January) issue we will feature the lecture list for the upcoming February Forum. God willin' and the creek don't rise. Don't forget... if you missed an earlier February forum talk, want to see it again or share it with a friend, they are now available online. Just go to **YouTube.com**, enter **Original Courthouse History Forums** and click on the video you want to watch.

Also remember if this seems intimidating, like me, you probably know a 10 year old grandchild who can help you through the process...

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