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## ONGOING RESEARCH, RELATED TO TIM GOODALE (OH YES)! EDITOR

For the first time in several years the weather in Idaho has prevented any trips out on the Trails in the months of December and January, lots of wet, cold days! However, what an opportunity to use the otherwise-idle time to continue to pursue one of the favorite subjects of this rut-nut and writer, *Tim Goodale and his Cutoff*. As for finding Tim and where he spent up to 30 years of the rest of his life, after the 1864-65 Brownlee Ferry days, he yet remains one of the west's most hidden secrets. There are many mysteries turning up, some of which may never be solved, but good progress is supplying a team of researchers some rich, human interest accounts about Tim's family! And Tim is appearing more and more to be one of the most important, versatile, and experienced guides, trappers, and mountain men the west ever had traversing its soil.

Internet Photo



**JOHN METCALF'S FERRY 1869, POSSIBLY BROWNLEE SITE --TWO OF HIS RAN AT MINERAL, ID., & BROWNLEE**

(Tim led his Wagon Train to the new ferry at this location in 1862, and they built the roads to access the crossing on both sides of the Snake River. Many historians thought that after John Brownlee left his second ferry in 1864, that no service was available for some years. Tim

was back and took over from Brownlee 1864-65. Records have been found that show there was probably continuous ferries there until the waters of Brownlee Reservoir covered it in the 1950's. Joint I-OCTA and NWOCTA field trips this year will search for the "zig-zag" road up Oregon side, and, hopefully, verify, map and mark the remaining trail! **(More information later.)**

In somewhat of a follow-up to the December 2005, *Trail Dust* short story, "Tim Goodale's Family," we here add to the facts and correct some, which more research has proven. The first correction is that now it appears that Tim lived up into the 1990's, apart from wife and child!

As our concentration has been focused upon Tim's daughter, Winona, the biggest payoff has come in finding reasonable amounts of information about her life and early descendents. As we recently wrote in one email to others who are assisting:

Now we know for sure that Tim Goodale is not dead, but lives on through. . .some following generations! Now maybe we can find some [living] descendents who may never know that they are directly related to Tim Goodale! I think that would be an honor to find out, especially when [we finish] writing about him, and people will know how much he contributed to America in the west, probably for 50-60 years [of his life] or more!

In the last *Trail Dust* we had shared the marriage of "Mrs. Jennie Goodale" and Jacob Highbarger, found

with six year old Winona, Tim's daughter, on the 1870 Census, and also on the 1880 Census with four more children. Finding descendents of the Highbarger boys was not difficult, but Winona was more elusive. Only by January 17, did a final piece of evidence give us Tim's girl's identity, and info up until the time of her death.

One first evidence was that in 1897, the Washington State Census put Winona with the family at age 22, but there she was named as "Mary W.," and using the name Highbarger. But for weeks of research she vanished again with no evidence of a marriage or new name! In tracing the half brothers, Perry and *Amos*, we found on Amos's obituary, November 21, 1957, Spokane, that he had a *nephew*, Ralph Hanson, and a *niece*, Margaret (Maggie) Bostrom. Mary Winona's half sister, *Maggie* (a hint), had died at age 14, in 1886. With no other living sisters it then appeared that these were probably Mary's children. Had she become Mary W. Hanson?

The many details of finding Mary Winona are here unimportant, and it is sufficient to share that Mary Hanson finally appeared in 1900 with two of her own children and a husband, William. On the 1900 Spokane Census Mary Hanson had a daughter, Kattie, and a *son*, *Amos*! One baby had died. By 1910, in Valley, Stevens County, WA, there were 4 children, adding Maggie and Ralph!

In some sadness, however, we found that the four children were then living only with William, and he was a "Widower!" Mary had died between Ralph's birth in 1902 and 1910! She died before the age of 40, and only 7-8 years after her mother, Jennie had died in Spokane, *possibly having been age 55 or more, not 52.*

Mary's tragic life and story was compounded when her "Katherine" died at age 20, in 1916, and the two rest together in Forest Center Cemetery, Springdale, WA! But *Mary Winona Goodale Highbarger Hanson*, and thus also Tim Goodale, have left behind many direct descendents. One of Winona's grandsons, Dick Bostrom has now contacted us!

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**DOWN EAST BROWNLEE CREEK WHERE THE GOODALE CUTOFF PASSED TO ARRIVE AT BROWNLEE FERRY—THE RESERVOIR CAN BE SEEN IN THE BACKGROUND**

## I-OCTA NOW PLANNING FOR 2006

[President Doug Jenson has called for suggestions and input for the planning of 2006 projects, fieldtrips, and activities. Contact him at [jensondd@ida.net](mailto:jensondd@ida.net) ED.]

"Hi folks,

Well, here it is 2006. The trails are probably still a bit on the muddy side just yet, but the outdoor season will be upon us before we know it. Within the past couple of days several people have been asking about the schedule of activities for the upcoming year. I've been procrastinating as usual, but the time has come to do some planning for the year.

Officially, thus far we have scheduled the spring general membership meeting for **April 29 in Twin Falls**. The national convention will be **Aug. 7-12 in St. Joseph, MO**. Other than that, we're pretty much open to suggestions. To be more precise, your suggestions and ideas are needed. What would you like to do or see this year? What portions of trail need marking, or remarking? [Suggest] other preservation or mapping or monitoring efforts. What piece of trail do you know well enough that you could help others enjoy it? What have you always wanted to see?

Please send me your ideas, by the end of January. Be as specific as possible, giving locations, potential dates (considerations of elevation/road conditions, etc..) trip leaders, reasons for going there (the fact that it exists is probably sufficient here,) what kind of vehicles would be needed, etc. Within reason, there can't be too much information.

I will compile the suggestions, and put together a preliminary schedule of events, which we will then refine into a final version. Let me hear from you! This organization belongs to all of us, and we need to share the knowledge."

Regards, Doug Jenson, President

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## PATRICIA LARSEN, 71, SUCCOMBS

On New Years day, 2006, Patricia Larson—for the last few years a member of I-OCTA and a busy member of Owyhee County Historical Society—passed away. Not many members of I-OCTA ever met Pat because she had been for several years rather incapacitated by severe Rheumatoid Arthritis. But she enjoyed our *Trail Dust*, and she did come out on part of the first Utter Disaster trip 3 years ago! Some I-OCTA members met her then.

This writer met Pat, an unknown neighbor living only a few miles away and raised in the Nampa, ID, area, only after doing research on the Champagne Stage Station in Butte County—for the book about that station. During that research on the internet a Timothy Gladwin in Washington State had responded to a query about Bill

Noyes who was murdered at that stage station in 1881!  
Tim was the great-grandson of Bill Noyes.

During our communications, when Tim discovered that Patti and I lived in Nampa, he sent me to Pat, who *lived right on the South Alternate Oregon Trail in Owyhee County!* Pat Larsen was Tim's cousin, and a great-granddaughter of Bill Noyes. Pat and Tim supplied our book with the photos of Bill's wife and two daughters, the youngest of which was Pat's and Tim's grandmother.

**Goodwin-Larsen Historic Photo**



**LILLIAN NOYES, PAT'S AND TIM'S BEAUTIFUL GRAND-MOTHER AS A YOUNG GIRL, PROBABLY IN 1880-90'S**

When we eventually discovered the actual grave of Mr. Noyes in Butte County, with the large flat rhyolite slab, probably engraved by Adolphe Champagne in 1881—Bill's partner—Pat and Tim were the first to get a photo. (The stone had been laying flat on top of the grave, and the grave lost in the thick sage brush for more that 100 years.) We shared our station-days information with the remaining family, none of whom knew much about what had happened to Bill Noyes!

Pat and Tim became our good friends, also on a common spiritual level, and we shared a lot of historical interests. Before our second book, *Big Butte Stage Station*, was published—which also finished the known information about Bill Noyes, Champagne Station and the owner, Adolphe Champagne—Tim had suffered a tragic hiking fall, had several brain operations and finally died. Now Pat has left her dear husband, children and grandchildren and joined Tim, Lillian, and the other loved-ones who have gone into eternity ahead of her. **John Larsen, thank you for allowing us to share you deep sorrow!**

### **ILLINOIS OCTA MEMBER-REG DUFFIN**

Hi Jim: You may recall that a while back we did correspond regarding the Utter Massacre. You were most helpful. If I may prevail upon you again, just a little out

of your Idaho territory, but to Vale, Oregon . . . with a question on the John D. Henderson grave died August 9 1852.

As you may know to the south of the gravesite there is a marker with a poignant trailside burial painting together with a script which generalizes cholera etc., but is specific on two points stating, "Henderson an immigrant of 1852 died of black measles and like many others he lies beside the trail, a blacksmith in Henderson's party chiseled his name and the date on a large rock near the grave." [It says he died of thirst only yards from a river!] The text is credited thus: The project is partially funded by the Oregon Lottery through the Oregon Economic Development Department.

I understand black measles to mean smallpox. Was smallpox a problem on Idaho-Oregon Trail routes in August 1852? This together with a specific statement (identification) of a blacksmith inscribing the epitaph on a rock . . .any credence here? [That inscription is there!] Would you have any idea of the source or credibility of the black measles/blacksmith statement?

Ezra Meeker was in Vale, Oregon, on April 29, 1906. On that date he wrote: "At 4 o'clock went out on the old Trail to photograph an inscription on a ledge of rock half a mile from the Malheur River.....John D. Henderson Aug, 8 1852" I wonder did Ezra take that photograph, is it in print, or in the archives somewhere? **Reg P. Duffin**  
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[Thanks Reg! This Editor does not know much about the subject of diseases on the trails, which Reg asked about. We share this letter so that others can respond and answer these questions if possible. OK you experts!]

### **TRAIL-RELATED PRESENTATIONS**

As a part of the Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month in May some presentation sponsored by the Canyon County Parks Department—with cooperation by the Canyon County Historical Society—will feature historic trail's information. **Donald Shannon** will share part of his vast knowledge about the 1854 Ward Massacre, at 10:00 am, Saturday May 13, 2006, **Ward Park** SE of Middleton, ID, on Lincoln Road.

On Saturday, May 20, at **Celebration Park** (Snake River site near the 1896 historic railroad bridge), at 10:00 am, **James McGill** will present some of the story of the Utter Disaster. Participants will be able to look across to the Owyhee County side of the river, and see where those desperate survivors to the upriver, Henderson Flat attacks passed along in August 1860.

Info/directions: **Sharon Plager**  
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## EZRA MEEKER IN IDAHO IN JULY 2006

During July 2006, on his way from Washington State to the National OCTA Convention at St. Joseph, MO, Ezra Meeker returns from the early 1900's! He revisits his way along several Oregon Trail routes, which he marked in various places way back then! He will stop in Idaho with his oxen and wagon in **Boise, July 27**, Three Island Crossing Park, **Glenns Ferry, July 28**, **Fort Hall/Pocatello, July 29**, and **Soda Springs, July 30**. There may also be a stop in Montpelier on his return in mid-August. This tentative schedule may be altered, and information will be shared ahead of time if the dates and places are changed.

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“In 1852, Ezra Meeker and his young bride and their 7 week old son left Eddyville, Iowa, to join the throngs of emigrants heading west over the trail to the Oregon Territory - the Oregon Trail. The trip took about six months and was both arduous and momentous.

Some 50 years later as early pioneers were being lionized by their fellow residents in the states of Washington and Oregon, then 70 year-old Ezra Meeker was convinced that the physical trail itself, and the history of this huge west-ward movement was being forgotten. Single handedly he took on the task of marking and remembering the Oregon Trail.

In 1906, at the age of 76, he left his home in Puyallup, Washington, with a small entourage, a yoke of oxen a wagon and a dog, and began a trip, which was to take two years, and carry him to the White House and notoriety, if not fame.”

Andy Anderson Photo



**EZRA MEEKER MANSION, PUYALLUP, WASHINGTON**

“He kept a diary and wrote a book, but the meat of the expedition is contained in boxes of correspondence now stored in the archives of the Washington State Historical Society. Meeker Society and Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) member Dennis Larson has laboriously transcribed these letters, combined them with the diary and the book, and written [many] articles about the adventure.” From [www.meekermansion.org](http://www.meekermansion.org)

### **Ezra Meeker Historical Society**

In the summer of 2006 a dozen members of these two organizations (EMHS and OCTA) will retrace part of

Mr. Meeker's journey, with one of the Meeker wagons, from Puyallup Washington to Saint Joseph, Missouri, to coincide with the opening of the National OCTA convention on the 8th of August. We will be joined by an **ox drover and a yoke of oxen at Boise**. At each location there will be performances by “Mr. Meeker” and the telling of the story of the expedition, in addition to programs organized locally.

### **2006 Schedule**

**Jul 21** Puyallup, WA -- **Jul 23** Tumwater, WA --- **Jul 23** The Dalles, OR --- **Jul 24** Pendleton, OR --- **Jul 25** Durkee, OR --- **Jul 26** Flagstaff Hill/Baker City, OR -- **Jul 27** Boise, ID **Mark Baltes-organizer,**

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**Jul 28** Three Island Crossing /Glenns Ferry, ID --- **Jul 29** Fort Hall/Pocatello, ID --- **Jul 30** Soda Springs, ID --- **Jul 31** Rock Springs, WY --- **Aug 1** South Pass, WY --- **Aug 2** Casper, WY --- **Aug 4** Scotts Bluff, NE --- **Aug 5** Kearney/Fort Kearny, NE --- **Aug 6** Alcove Spring, KS -- **Aug 7** In St. Joseph, MO --- **Aug 8-12 OCTA Convention** --- **Aug 10** Independence, MO --- **Aug 16** Fort Bridger, WY --- **Aug 19** Walla Walla, WA --- **Aug 21** Puyallup, WA. (From Andy Anderson)

Dixon Ford Photo



**DIXON FORD'S GRANDCHILDREN--THOR & ZEUS, OXEN**

## INTERCOMMUNICATION HIS. GROUPS

As this Editor has worked also with the Canyon County Historical Society in Nampa, ID, we have developed an intercommunication group, for now termed **ICHG**. It is simply an email contact-list of groups that have some common interests in history, preservation of artifacts and historical sites, and related efforts to help share and educate the public about the remnants of history that are all around us.

This is the beginning of the *kind of cooperative efforts that OCTA officers and members have been recommending* for some time should be developed with like-minded groups and agencies!

It began with only a few groups, mostly in the Boise Valley, but as the word has spread we have had contacts from other groups reaching out further into the State of Idaho and eastern Oregon. Almost weekly we have added other groups to the list. (Cont. next page)

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(Cont.) For the time being this Editor is also sending out an *informal email paper* periodically, sharing announcements and activities of other groups. We hope that this can be a means of reaching out to others with whom we would not normally have any contact, announcing common historic related presentations, offering and sharing historic site and artifact viewing availabilities, and research sharing opportunities.

As an I-OCTA member we have linked several members to this collective group, and the invitation is open for all individuals or group representatives to be placed on the history sharing list. Send to: [jwmcgill@pobox.com](mailto:jwmcgill@pobox.com)

**Groups now participating or being emailed are listed.**

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**To be placed on the list for information, activities, etc., for all these groups send your own email today.**

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**I-OCTA Photo-History CDs are available from Peg Cristobal or Jane Willey** Jane would like the instructions to be printed for use. This includes opening the CD with **Windows Picture and Fax Viewer** program (Windows XP) for viewing as a slide show of all the images. This is a photo-documented and yearly history of I-OCTA since its beginning Charter.

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### ***TRAIL DUST ON CD***

**The CD will be available from this Editor with the *Trail Dust* issues from December 2002 through December 2005. The reader can order in either Word File or PDF format. The progress of the Utter Project in marking all the historic sites of that tragedy can be followed through the issues, and the progress and work on the research, identification and mapping of Goodale's Cutoff NW of Boise—leading up to date—can be discovered. Articles on trail information, marking, field trips, and other activities can also be accessed, with multiple trail colored photos.**

**Besides all issues in order there is a Table of Content file for all, and an alphabetized Index of stories, authors, trails, sites, and other information about Idaho and other States that have been included in the Paper.**

**Five dollars for each CD ordered can be sent to this Editor, or to Bill Wilson, I-OCTA's Treasurer. All the received funds will be used for more trail preservation and I-OCTA work. ED.**

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